

AP U.S. History Summer Assignment
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The College Board, which administers the AP Exam in May, divides American History into 9 periods, which are listed below:

1. 1491-1607
2. 1607-1754
3. 1754-1800
4. 1800-1848
5. 1844-1877
6. 1865-1898
7. 1890-1945
8. 1945-1980
9. 1980-present

For each period students will gather the following information and assemble it in an orderly, typed document to be turned in on the first day of class (Thursday September 6th during lunch):

- 1. Major Events/Elections/Eras** that triggered the beginning and end of each period. In other words why are the periods set up the way they are? Find at least one reason for the beginning and end of each and explain it in 2 or 3 sentences.
- 2. The nickname(s)/term(s)** used for the period with a 1 or 2 sentences to explain the cause of each nickname. If a nickname only applies to part of the period include the relevant dates. These may overlap somewhat with number 1, the goal being to better understand the logic behind this outline of U.S. History.
- 3. The U.S. Presidents** who served during the period (following the ratification of the U.S. Constitution) with the exact dates (Month/Day/Year) of their term(s), their political party and how they become president (i.e. elected, previous president died/assassinated, etc.). If the dates overlap periods please list the president twice.
- 4. The states** that entered the Union during the period with their exact statehood date (Month/Day/Year) and if they entered before the Civil War ended, include whether they were originally a slave or free state.

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