

May 1st, 2009

Dear Advanced Placement United States History Student,

We are so excited that you have chosen to take Advanced Placement United States History course next year. We want you to know that you are amongst a very special group of young men and women. According to your teachers and your academic track record, you are among the very best students that the Class of 2011 has to offer. Congratulations on your successful entry into this course of study.

You will find that our AP US History class is challenging, but very rewarding. We will spend the school year examining nearly every facet of United States History. The course is divided into 12 separate units of study that range from the Age of Exploration to the Presidency of Barrack Obama. Our main goals in this class are to watch you grow as students in the realm of American History, to demonstrate that American History can be fun, and to help prepare you for the National AP Exam offered in May of 2010.

Over the course of the summer, we are requiring you do the following things (All enclosed in the packet):

1. Read the book, How The Other Half Lives by Jacob Riis. You **DO NOT** have to purchase this short story book. It is available for free on line at <http://www.authentichistory.com/postcivilwar/riis/contents.html> . During the first week of school, you will have a **paper** to write over the book. **Reading this book is a requirement. If you fail to read this book over summer break then you should not take this course for the 2009-2010 school year. It will also be a requirement for AP English class as well.**
2. Memorize the list of Presidents and their terms in office in numerical order. You will have a quiz on these periodically throughout the school year. The list is also enclosed.

Once again, we are so excited to have you in our AP class for the upcoming school year. We have heard many wonderful things about you and are looking forward to seeing you in August for the start of the school year. Have a wonderful summer and take care!

Sincerely,

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The American Presidents:

Their Terms In Office

<u>President:</u>	<u>Term's Served:</u>	<u>Term In Office:</u>	
George Washington	Elected For Two Terms	1789-1797	
John Adams	Elected For One Term	1797-1801	
Thomas Jefferson	Elected For Two Terms	1801-1809	
James Madison	Elected For Two Terms	1809-1817	
James Monroe	Elected For Two Terms	1817-1825	
John Quincy Adams	Elected For One Term	1825-1829	
Andrew Jackson	Elected For Two Terms	1829-1837	
Martin Van Buren	Elected For One Term	1837-1841	
William Henry Harrison	Elected For One Term	1841	Died While In Office
John Tyler		1841-1845	
James Polk	Elected For One Term	1845-1849	
Zachary Taylor	Elected For One Term	1849-1850	Died While In Office
Millard Fillmore		1850-1853	
Franklin Pierce	Elected For One Term	1853-1857	
James Buchanan	Elected For One Term	1857-1861	
Abraham Lincoln	Elected For Two Terms	1861-1865	Died While In Office
Andrew Johnson		1865-1869	
Ulysses Grant	Elected For Two Terms	1869-1877	
Rutherford Hayes	Elected For One Term	1877-1881	
James Garfield	Elected For One Term	1881	Died While In Office
Chester Arthur		1881-1885	
Grover Cleveland	Elected For One Term	1885-1889	
Benjamin Harrison	Elected For One Term	1889-1893	
Grover Cleveland	Elected For One Term	1893-1897	
William McKinley	Elected For Two Terms	1897-1901	Died While In Office
Theodore Roosevelt	Elected For One Term	1901-1909	
William Howard Taft	Elected For One Term	1909-1913	
Woodrow Wilson	Elected For Two Terms	1913-1921	
Warren G. Harding	Elected For One Term	1921-1923	Died While In Office
Calvin Coolidge		1923-1929	
Herbert Hoover	Elected For One Term	1929-1933	
Franklin Roosevelt	Elected For Four Terms	1933-1945	Died While In Office
Harry S. Truman	Elected For One Term	1945-1953	
Dwight D. Eisenhower	Elected For Two Terms	1953-1961	
John F. Kennedy	Elected For One Term	1961-1963	Died While in Office
Lyndon Johnson	Elected For One Term	1963-1969	
Richard Nixon	Elected For Two Terms	1969-1974	Resigned
Gerald Ford		1974-1977	
Jimmy Carter	Elected For One Term	1977-1981	
Ronald Reagan	Elected For Two Terms	1981-1989	
George Bush	Elected For One Term	1989-1993	
Bill Clinton	Elected For Two Terms	1993-2001	
George W. Bush	Elected For Two Terms	2001-2009	
Barrack Obama	Elected For One Term	2009-?	