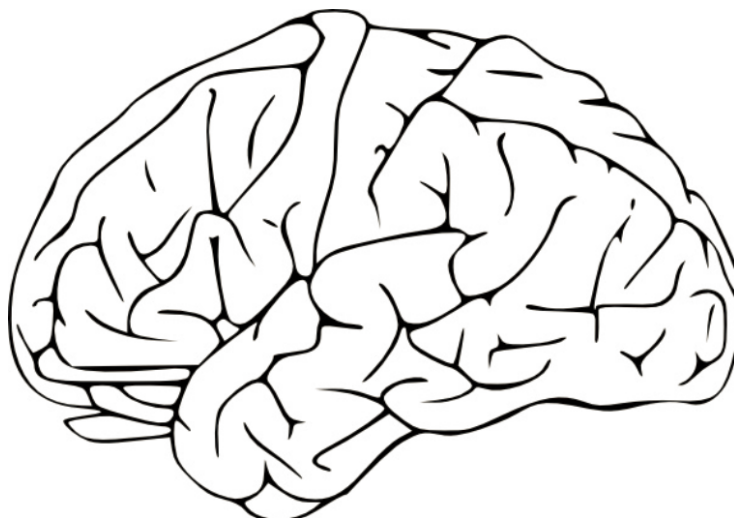


Advanced Placement United States History

Summer Thinking 2018



Welcome to AP US History. Our goals for this summer are that you stay engaged in current issues and begin to think historically about their development. Over the summer, please choose an American issue or current event (political, economic, or social) that interests you. Follow the issue throughout the summer. To keep informed, you should consult various (5-7) sources that provide multiple perspectives on the issue. These sources can be articles or other texts as well as lectures, videos, exhibits, or other sources you encounter. Keep a notebook with both your thoughts and questions on your issue and the sources you examine. Your notebook should be a record of your thinking and an exploration of your issue. It should not be extensive. It should support your learning.

Questions that should drive your note taking and thinking: What are the roots of this issue? What's happening and why is it happening now? What are the areas of agreement and disagreement on this issue? Do experts agree? Why or why not? Why do people support various positions? Is this issue similar to other things that have happened or are happening? What impact is this having on daily life? Is this issue new or a continuation of past issues we've struggled with as a nation?

What should you be prepared for on the first day? Bring your thoughts on your issue and be prepared to discuss them, your notebook, and the two sources you found most useful in understanding or thinking about your issue.

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