

AP US History Application

*Student: Complete all components of this application and submit by **Monday, February 28th** to Mr. Rich. This application process does not guarantee your position in this course. All final decisions are made by Mr. Rich, who takes everything into consideration, including the mandatory summer assignments. * Completing work in a timely fashion is critical in AP classes. The first test of your ability to manage due dates is turning this application in on time. Late applications will not be accepted.

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Parent name and email: _____

Are you frequently absent from school?

___ Yes ___ No If yes, what are your reasons for these absences? _____

Would you consider yourself a strong writer and reader? Why do you think that?

___ Yes ___ No Explain: _____

AP courses are very demanding and rigorous; they also require a lot of independent work/ study. Are you willing and able to devote 1-2 hours each day outside of school to be successful in this course?

___ Yes ___ No

Have you taken an AP course before? (Your answer is only for my information in course planning).

___ Yes ___ No. If yes, please tell me which course(s): _____

By taking an AP course you are required to take the AP US History exam & the FSA EOC Exam at the end of the school year. Passing the AP US History exam could result in college credit. Are you willing to do all that you can in order to be successful on this exam? _____ Yes ___ No.

Are you planning on taking any other AP courses next year?

___ yes ___ no. yes no If so, what ones? _____

Are you planning on being involved in extracurricular activities and/or sports next year?

___ yes ___ no. yes no If so, what ones? _____

First semester grade in current history class _____

Why would you be a good candidate for AP World History? What will you add to the classroom?

*I understand that AP is a year long, rigorous commitment that requires a lot of attention and work. I am willing to put in the work needed to be successful in this course if I am accepted.

Student Signature: _____

*I have discussed the demands and responsibilities of AP US History with my student and we have decided that we are willing to take this journey together.

Parent Signature: _____

Complete the tasks below on a separate sheet of paper, staple them to your application, and turn them in to Mr. Rich.

Task 1:

Answer the question below. There is no writing length requirement/expectation.

Critical thinking brainteasers have been created to assess candidates on the following key skills...

- **Problem Solving.** Can you at least attempt to solve problems on your own?
- **Analysis.** Can you look at the big picture and analyze all the available information to find a solution?
- **Creativity.** Do you think outside the box? Sometimes, all it takes is a little bit of creative thinking or looking at things in a different way.

Question: "If you were a pizza delivery person, how would you benefit from scissors?"

Task 2:

Historical Context Assessment

*You must complete the AP Assessment. The essay must be typed and stapled to this application when it is turned into Mr. Rich. Please read the assessment carefully and follow all directions.

This question is designed to test your ability to think critically in a historical context. This should be 3-4 paragraphs.

Evaluate the cause, as well as the positive and negative effects, of your favorite event in history. Make sure you tell me about the event and analyze key details. You can use source material but make sure you document your sources.

Tip- Do not tell me WHY it is your favorite event, explain it in such a way that I will come to the conclusion on my own.

AP US HISTORY RECOMMENDATION

* High School History Teachers: please complete this form honestly and return to Mr. Rich. The student will NOT see this form or be advised as to what you have recommended. Also be aware that the final decision is made by Mr. Rich, who takes all recommendations into consideration.

Student's Name _____

Please consider the following characteristics of the candidate in making your recommendation:

- Commitment to intellectual pursuits
- Ability to deal with abstract concepts
- Self-expression in writing and speech
- Capacity for independent study
- Ability to accept and apply constructive criticism
- Exemplary attendance
- Overall dedication and commitment to academics
- Always exceeding expectations

Recommendation:

Highly recommended

Recommended

Recommended with reservation

Not recommended

Comments

History Teacher's Signature: _____