

AP U.S. History Application

Instructor: Paige Naylor

School Year: 2026-2027

AP U.S. History is a college-level course that requires strong reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. Students should be prepared for consistent homework, independent reading, and analytical writing.

Please complete this application thoughtfully. The application is due March 27, 2026.

Student Information

Name: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Current Social Studies Teacher: _____

Current English Teacher: _____

Academic Background

1. What is your current overall GPA? _____
2. What grade are you currently earning in Social Studies? _____
3. What grade are you currently earning in English? _____
4. Have you previously taken an AP or honors course? If yes, list the course(s) and your final grade(s).

Short Answer Responses

(Please answer in complete sentences. Thoughtful responses are required.)

1. Why do you want to take AP U.S. History?

2. APUSH requires nightly reading (20–30 pages at times) and frequent analytical essays. How will you manage your time to keep up with the workload?

3. Describe your strengths as a student (study habits, writing ability, organization, participation, etc.).

5. What does “academic integrity” mean to you? Why is it especially important in an AP course?

Writing Sample – Print Out

In one well-developed paragraph (8–12 sentences), respond to the following prompt:

To what extent did the Civil War fundamentally transform the United States?

Support your answer with specific historical evidence.

Commitment Statement

By signing below, I understand that:

- AP U.S. History is a college-level course.
- I am expected to complete all readings and assignments on time.
- I will uphold the highest standards of academic integrity.
- I will take the AP Exam in May.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

AP HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

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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

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