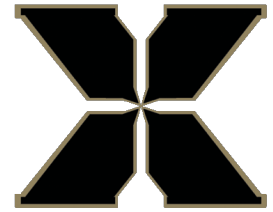


**Xavier College Preparatory High School
Honors United States History (HUSH)
2023 Summer Preparation (2023 - 2024)
Mr. Hunter Room A-6**



Welcome to Honors US History (HUSH)! Our journey through the history of our nation will be a very challenging yet, hopefully, rewarding one. We will obviously focus on the events, people, and ideas that have shaped the U.S., but do so with an analytical eye towards perspectives, bias, and credibility of sources. You will have **three sets of reading assignments per week to prepare in advance for each class of approximately 5-8 pages** (sometimes more), which will require focused and sustained attention – careful annotations and/or definitive notes are vital to real comprehension. Students are expected to come to class not only having read the material in advance, but also be prepared for quizzes, lectures, discussions, and/or writing prompts. In short, you must truly dedicate yourself to these tasks in order to be successful. More specifically this means:

1. Completing the nightly readings (it's a rather grueling schedule, at times); approach the study of history from factual and analytical perspectives (know extensive details about topics and be able to explain/critique themes they concern);
2. Review independently - unfortunately our time together flies by, so you will do most test/quiz review on your own; and, seek assistance if you struggle - I am happy to work with students individually (e.g., content review, reading/note-taking strategies, test tips, etc.), or form a study group... or both!!!

You will obviously need to do some preparation before school begins in August. The purposes of these summer assignments are to orient you to the workload and type of work you will have next school year, to accelerate your study of the content (with so much information to cover, we need all the time we can get!), and to help you consider the analytical approach used in constructing history (evidence? reliability? interpretation?). You are therefore expected to complete the following tasks by the dates provided

REQUIRED SUMMER ASSIGNMENTS

TASK #1:

1. Know the 50 states, along with their capitals.
2. Know the location of the Mississippi River, Missouri River, Colorado River, Columbia River, Rio Grande, Ohio River, St. Lawrence River, Hudson River, Great Lakes, Great Salt Lake, Salton Sea, Yellowstone Lake, Gulf of Mexico, Atlantic Ocean, and the Pacific Ocean, the Appalachian Mountains, the Black Hills, the Allegheny's, the Sierra Nevada's, the Cascade Range, the Brooks Range, the Alaska Range, the Boston Mountains and the Rocky Mountains

NOTE: Students will be expected to label preselected states, their respective capitals, and the important geological features above, on a blank outline map **on Thursday, August 24**. A second optional Quiz for a better grade will be announced for later in the first Quarter.

TASK #2: You can find your Textbook at **Openstax.org**. It will be under Humanities in the Subject pull down menu. Download the dark blue edition **U.S. History**.