

# AP US HISTORY 2010 SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**  
**Nelson Mandela**

This assignment is a mandatory prerequisite in order to enter the course. Any student who does not complete the assignment on time, or does not complete the assignment at a level of quality consistent with AP standards, will be removed from the class roster and placed in a College Preparation US History course- NO EXCEPTIONS. This assignment is due on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. This assignment needs to be turned in at the **Bishop front office by 12:30 PM on the due date.**

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## **Summer Assignment in Detail:**

**Purchase** A People’s History of the United States: 1492- Present, by **Howard Zinn**.

You may purchase this book from any local or online book retailer. It is usually in stock. The book tends to run between \$14-\$18. ISBN# 0-06-052837-0

**Read** each chapter (25 total) and interact with the text by “marking-up” your book with a pencil as you read.

- Write your own thoughts or questions in the margins
- Highlight or underline words or phrases that you know or think might be important (names, dates, events, etc.)
- Check (✓) or star (\*) text that you find interesting or want to come back to.

**Write** a *chapter summary* after you finish each chapter from the text (there will be 25 when you are done). Each summary must follow the prescribed format, and include the specified information. Each new chapter summary must be started on a new page. Chapter summaries must be written by hand in blue or black ink, and must be written on copies of the format sample or a similar type of format. Each chapter summary must be in your own completely original work. \*See separate handout for format sample.

**Turn in** all 25 chapter summaries and analysis in a ½ inch three-ring binder. Summaries must be in numerical order (1-25). Following information must be displayed on the cover of your folder.

- Your first and last name printed clearly
- A phone number where you may be reached
- Title of the class: AP US History

**Chapter Summary**  
**Don't wait until the last minute!!!**

Name:

Title:

Chapter number:

**Main Ideas**

List a minimum of 3 main ideas presented by Zinn in the chapter. Each main idea should be described in 1-3 complete sentences.

<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>

**Key Names and/or Terms**

List and describe a minimum of 6 key names/ or terms presented by Zinn in the chapter (complete sentences)

1. Name/ or Term: Complete sentence description:
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

**Your Thoughts & Ideas**

Choose a golden line from this chapter that struck you in a unique way. Then write a paragraph describing why you choose this golden line.

<b>Golden Line &amp; page #</b> (a word, phrase, sentence, paragraph)	<b>Why did you choose it?</b> Did it surprise you, interested you, did you disagreed with it, made you think twice, made you angry, or made you want to discuss this issue with someone else... this is up to you!

