

Advanced Placement United States History. Summer Assignments

Welcome to Advanced Placement U.S. History. The course explores U.S. history from the pre-Columbian era through current events. Our Christian perspective is very much incorporated into our studies. We begin our historical journey with two summer assignments. The first concerns an analysis of U.S. presidents. (The second is a summer reading book. See summer reading requirements site on the W.C.S. website.)

Assignment #1 Presidents' Cards

Project value – two quiz grades

– due on any day in September

Objective: To make study cards on presidents and significant events:

(Cover all the presidents, and make sure you create two cards for Cleveland since he has odd circumstances.)

1. Purchase index cards.
2. On the **front** of each card, write a president's name and his dates in office.
3. On the **back** write his political party
4. On the **back** write three **significant** items about our history under his administration. *Administration* means during his time as president – not before or after. **Therefore do not put Declaration of Independence for Jefferson as that took place before he was president. Also do not put details about his family or personal life. We are studying the events side of his administration.**
(Do not use deaths except for William Henry Harrison. Since Harrison was only a month in office, he's the one we struggle with the most.)
5. Place cards on a ring, with a ribbon, or in a notebook in order of time.
6. Write your name on a clean first card. That will be your title card.

Example: **Front** - Abraham Lincoln 1861-1865

Back - Republican Party (first term), Union Party (second term)

1. Issued Emancipation Proclamation to free slaves in rebellious states
2. Won the Civil War in 1865
3. Proposed a "soft" reconstruction plan for the defeated South

Quizzes, Tests, and Reviews on presidents and facts may occur.

This overview will be invaluable for the future discussions and tests.