## What Can I Do To Pass AP U.S. History?

**STUDY!** – Use notecards, review notes, quiz yourself. Many students who are not passing their unit tests, short answers, or essays are not studying.

**READ!** – You must read your textbook to help you be successful in class.

**DO your Homework!** – Homework is assigned on a weekly basis, Monday to Sunday. Weekends should be for family time, so plan to complete your homework by Friday to avoid working on the weekend. Homework is note-taking/outlining one chapter a week in America's History AND completing a Chapter Guide assigned at the start of each week. You submit the Chapter Guide for a grade, BUT NOT the chapter outlines.

<u>Create a Study Group</u> – This is the place to question, quiz, research, and assist to understand class material. Students are also able to meet with other students in other APUSH periods outside of class. Students have the freedom to create their own study groups outside of class, like college. Struggling students would especially find Study Groups useful.

**FOS Board** – Freedom of Speech board regarding a current issue. This is done entirely in class. This is a weekly extra credit assignment. 2 points per week for participation. Must be present to explain opinion.

**CVHS** website – gusd.net/cvhs. There is a page for my APUSH classes (under Contact tab) where information is posted. There are also APUSH links to helpful resources across the country. Use it to find what best fits your learning style.

**APUSH review book** – Purchase on your own. Study with it individually and/or in study groups. Find a review book that fits you best. *HIGHLY suggested: United States History (Amsco), 2018 Edition or newer. You can look for older editions on eBay or other similar websites.* 

## **Tutoring at CV**

CVHS Tutor Matching App – <a href="https://cvhstutors.herokuapp.com/">https://cvhstutors.herokuapp.com/</a>
or Scan QR Code to the right →

GUSD Super Tutors – contact Mrs. Amber McGuire at CVHS for more information amcguire@gusd.net

Academy of Science & Medicine - Monday - Thursday - 3:30-4:00 PM (Library)

**AP Classroom** – AP students also have access to use AP Classroom.

**Review** – Students can come into room 2312 before & after school and during snack & lunch to review their previous unit tests. Due to test security, tests are not able to be given to students to take home. Students are expected to do this on their own time.

**PRACTICE!** – Take some online or paper review tests. Practice writing thesis statements and essays. Practice DBQ topics are available online and in the AMSCO study guide. Athletes, musicians, entertainers don't just pick up a ball or microphone and start playing well – THEY PRACTICE! So should you!

**GOOGLE it!** – Still don't understand? Go online and do some research to figure out the causes and effects, the in's and out's, compare and contrast...

**GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP & EAT BREAKFAST!** – It is recommended that teenagers get 8-9 hours of solid sleep. Research also shows that students learn better when they eat breakfast. California and GUSD pushed school start to 8:30 am so students can get more sleep.

## Now what?

Use all of these suggestions to become a good, well-rounded student and good test-taker. This is a college-level course. These are the same suggestions that will assist you when you get to college. Learn them now to make your life easier later.

