

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

**STUDY!** – Use notecards, review notes - quiz yourself. Many students who are not passing their lesson tests are actually not studying. In-class activities work to reinforce homework and understand the topics we are learning about.

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

**Lesson Games** – Lesson Games are available to you on TCI to help you prepare and review for your tests. Complete them online as we progress in the lesson. These are not counted for credit, BUT it helps you prepare for the test as they are test-type questions. Why would you complete something that you don't receive grade credit for? It helps you to prepare for the test and attempt to earn a higher score!

**DO your Homework!** – Homework is assigned on a weekly basis, Wednesday to Tuesday. *Weekends are family time, so plan to complete your homework to avoid working on the weekend.* Homework is note-taking/outlining between 1-3 Lessons in the TCI textbook. **THIS MEANS THAT YOU HAVE AN ENTIRE WEEK TO COMPLETE 1-2 OUTLINES!** All outlines are due on the day of the lesson test, so that students may use them to help them on the test – **Lesson tests are open-note.**

**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.

**Field Trips** – Students are given a list of museums to visit and a couple of movies to see that have to do with topics that we study during the semester. They can choose 2 out of a possible 9 options, that I have selected, that they would enjoy experiencing. Students are given a handout in class and it is posted on my homepage. Options change each semester.

## **Tutoring Options**

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

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)



**CVHS website** – gusd.net/cvhs. There is a page for my U.S. History class (under Contact tab) where information is posted. There is also a links page of which many may be helpful. Explore the sites to see what may best suit you.

**Review** – Students can come into room 2312 before & after school and during snack & lunch, review their previous lesson tests. Due to test security, tests are not open to everyone online. Students are expected to do this on their own time.

**PRACTICE!** – Take some online or paper review tests. Athletes, musicians, entertainers don't just pick up a ball or microphone and start playing well – THEY PRACTICE! So should you!

**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.

**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.

## ***Now what?***

Use all of these suggestions to become a good, well-rounded student and good test-taker. These are the same suggestions that will assist you when you get to college or any post-high school career. Want your driver's license? I'm sure that you will study for that test! Do it for your education as well! Learn them now to make your life easier later.