**AP US History Summer Reading Assignment**

Welcome to APUSH. We have to go from the earliest civilizations in the Americas to President George W. Bush in one year. To get us off to a good start you will have some reading to do over the summer. You can space it out over the summer so that it is almost painless or you can do it all the week before school starts – your choice. See you in August.

**Read:** *American Pageant,* Chapters 1 – 3 (Go to tbrittonoe.weebly.com and go to the “MORE” heading at the top right-hand corner of the page, click the drop down menu and go to “TEXTBOOK.”) The chapters will be posted by June 1st.

**Assignment:** At the end of each chapter, there is a chapter review section with “Key Terms” and “People to Know.” For each of the terms/people please take notes and identify the following to the best of your ability:

* + Date of the event/person
	+ Definition of the event/person/idea
	+ Historical importance - Why is it important? What does it cause, represent or influence?

One of the keys to success in this class is writing a good definition. This is the Goldilocks scenario. If the definitions are too brief, they will be of little value in understanding the material and preparing you for exams (not to mention the AP exam in May). If the definitions are a half a page in length, then you might as well have copied the book. However, if you can find the happy medium (the important points and historical significance) your notes will be JUST RIGHT.

YOUR NOTES OVER THE PEOPLE AND TERMS ARE DUE THE DAY OF THE FIRST TEST. THE FIRST TEST WILL BE ON THE WED/THUR BLOCK, AUGUST 31ST/SEPTEMBER 1ST. THIS TEST COMES VERY QUICKLY. YOU WILL FIND IT VERY DIFFICULT TO BE PREPARED WITHOUT HAVING GOOD NOTES ON WHICH TO RELY!!

If you have any questions you may try to contact me via email. My email address is tbrittonoe@olatheschools.org. I will be traveling on and off during the summer and I may not be able to check my email on a regular basis, so don’t be alarmed if I don’t respond immediately.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you next year.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Britton