

AP United States History II: O'Neill
Summer Reading 2018: ASSIGNMENT (revised 5/23/18)

- Rationale:
 - The AP United States History curriculum is organized into nine periods. You have studied periods 1 through a portion of period 7 in Pre-AP US History I. In AP US History II, you will focus on a portion of period 7 through period 9. This summer assignment is designed to provide you with greater depth of understanding of a portion of Period 7: 1890-1945. In particular:
 - Key Concept 7.1.II: “In the Progressive Era of the early 20th century, Progressives responded to political corruption, economic instability, and social concerns by calling for greater government action and other political and social measures.”
 - See the relevant sub points of this Key Concept on pp. 75 of the *AP U.S. History Course and Exam Description*:
<http://media.collegeboard.com/digitalServices/pdf/ap/ap-us-history-course-and-exam-description.pdf>
 - If you would like to preview the entire scope of the material you are expected to know for the exam, please explore the key concepts for all nine periods, beginning on p. 21 of the above PDF.
- Summer assignment:
 - Please **read and annotate** the following text: Walter Nugent’s *Progressivism: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2010). The book is available new and used in hard copy through Amazon, Barnes and Noble, ABE Books, and other sources. It is also available as an ebook. If you prefer to borrow a copy from the school and make annotations on post-it notes or on separate paper, see me in 306.
 - I would strongly recommend taking notes in the margins, on the order of 1-3 notes per page. However, if you prefer to take notes on separate paper, you may do so.
 - Annotations/notes should serve as a tool to improve your comprehension of the text and to help you discuss and write about the content. Annotations often serve to summarize the content, but can also ask questions, make connections, offer analysis, and the like.
 - Points available for annotations: 30
- What to expect in early September:
 - In the first week of school, we will engage in discussion of--and in writing to-- Progressive-era prompts that are similar to those you can expect on the AP exam in May 2019. These will include multiple choice questions, short answer questions, long essay questions, and document-based questions. We will explicitly apply the College Board’s AP History Disciplinary Practices and Reasoning Skills to the content of the book. You may preview the skills here: <https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/courses/resources/ap-history-disciplinary-practices-and-reasoning-skills>
- Questions:
 - You may email the teacher, Mr. O’Neill, at oneillj@warrenhills.org
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