

# AP History Courses

## Cabot High School

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# What to Expect

- Who are we?
- Common misconceptions of AP History Courses
- What we expect from students
- Why are AP courses valuable?



# Who are we?

- Ashley Cooper
  - AP World History
- Shelly Elliott
  - AP World History
  - AP Art History
- Janet Sumler
  - AP US History
- Victoria Wadley
  - AP Government and Politics (Odd Years)
  - AP European History (Even Years)



# Current Courses Offered

- AP US History
  - 10th Grade
- AP World History
  - 11th Grade
- AP Art History
  - Elective
  - 11th or 12th Grade
- AP Government and Politics
  - Meets Civics requirement
  - 11th or 12th Grade (Alternates with AP European History)
- AP European History
  - Elective
  - 11th or 12th Grade (Alternates with AP Government)



Why AP History?

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- **Improve Reading Skills!** AP will challenge students to improve their reading skills and comprehension in a variety of styles including college-level textbook reading and reading primary and secondary historical sources.
- **Improve Writing Skills!** AP will challenge students to improve their writing skills through regular practice in argument development, evidence analysis, and writing conventions.
- **Improve Reasoning Skills!** AP will challenge students to improve their reasoning skills through regular practice in analyzing a variety of sources and assessing the validity and usefulness of those sources.

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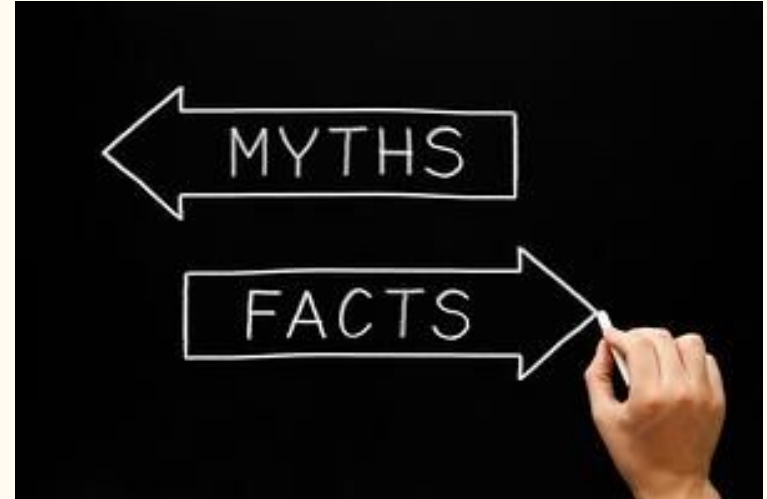
- **Improve Problem-Solving Skills!** AP will challenge students to go beyond merely “finding answers” and into the realm of “creating solutions” by regularly forming and supporting original interpretations of historical events and applying them to the modern world.
- **Improve Understanding of History!** AP will challenge students to rethink their understandings of history and of history’s place/purpose in society by delving deeper into the details, nuances, and changing interpretations of the subject.
- **Build Intellect, Confidence, & Character!** The ultimate goal of AP is to help to build a firm intellectual foundation for students, establish confidence in students’ ability to do college-level academic work, and enhance the habits of character that will lead to future academic success.

# Common Misconceptions



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- Each student is different
- Workload
- Applicable for all students



What are our  
expectations from  
students?

# What are our expectations from students?

- Rigor
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - Analysis and Synthesize
- Attend class
- Active participation
- Be prepared
- Self-directed

# Courses Offered

# AP US History

- Advanced Placement U.S. History is a college-level introductory course which examines the nation's political, diplomatic, intellectual, cultural, social, and economic history from 1491 to the present.
  - A variety of instructional approaches are employed and a college level textbook is supplemented by primary and secondary sources.
  - The class is taught in accordance with the AP U.S. History curriculum framework designed and published by College Board, and is intended to prepare students for the AP U.S. History Exam.

# AP World History

- AP World History: Modern
  - Students will investigate significant events, individuals, developments, and processes from approximately 1200 C.E. to the present, across the five major geographical regions of the globe: Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Oceania.
    - Reading of Primary sources and the Textbook
    - Quizzes, Assessments, projects
    - Writing, Writing and more Writing

# AP Government and Politics

- Content Coverage
  - Foundations of American Democracy
  - Interactions Among the Branches of Government
  - Civil Liberties and Civil Rights
  - American Political Ideologies and Beliefs
  - Political Participation
- Alternating Course
  - 2019-2020 - AP Government and Politics
  - 2020-2021 - AP European History
  - 2021-2022 - AP Government and Politics
- Satisfies Civics requirement for high school graduation
- “Test Out” - Earning 3 or better on the exam



# AP European History

- Modern European History
  - Renaissance to the Cold War and Contemporary Europe
- AP European History is an introductory college-level European history course.
- Students will analyze:
  - Historical sources and learn to make connections and craft historical arguments as they explore concepts like interaction of Europe and the world;
  - Economic and commercial developments;
  - Cultural and intellectual developments;
  - States and other institutions of power;
  - Social organization and development;
  - National and European identity;
  - Technological and scientific innovation.





# AP Art History

Intro to AP Art History

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