

**AP United States History
Summer Assignments 2009
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Assignment # 1

Read and outline Chapter 1 in *American History: A Survey*, by Alan Brinkley. The outline should be thorough and incorporate the meaning, effect, and impact of specific people and events.

- Ex.** I. America Before Columbus
- A. The Civilizations of the South
1. Over time, small nomadic bands began to organize into powerful civilizations.
 2. South/Central America had the most elaborate societies
 - a. Mayans of S. Mexico/ Cen. America had written lang., numerical system, calendar, adv. agriculture.
 - b. Aztecs of Cent. Mexico had complex administrative, educational, and medical systems. Also participated in sacrifice
 - c. Incas of Peru had complex political system, paved roads and a single ruler.

The outline should reflect your understanding of the topics addressed in the chapter.

Assignment # 2

Read and outline Chapter 2 in the same way that you completed Chapter 1.

- **Both assignments are due on the first day of school, no exceptions.**
- **You may pick up a textbook in the Main Office during the summer.**