

## **AP Summer Institute 2018**

Have you enrolled in an AP history course for the first time? Do you want to learn more about what you're getting yourself into and feel prepared for the start of the new school year?

Advanced Placement history courses expect students to be able to integrate social, cultural, political, diplomatic, economic, and intellectual history into the narrative of the human experience. The AP Summer Institute at Hopewell Valley Central High School can help ease your anxiety about both course expectations and the exam that you will take in the spring. This three-day course will center on developing students' analytical thinking such as recognizing cause and effect, drawing inferences, dealing with conflicting viewpoints, and tracing the evolution of themes throughout history. Students will engage with various primary sources in an effort to develop critical reading strategies essential to their understanding of the historical experience.

The course will provide an in depth focus on the necessary skills related to the AP exam. Students will learn how to synthesize evidence as well as contextualize trends, developments, and specific events in various historical eras. Emphasis will be placed on thesis development and essay structure, with an eye towards preparing students for both types of essay questions they will see on the AP exam in May.

The Institute will be instructed by AP-certified history teachers from CHS. Students have the choice of registering for one of two session offerings, **June 26-28** or **July 10-12**. The program will run from **9am until 3pm** at Central High School. The AP Summer Institute is recommended for students that are signed up for the following courses and who have not taken an AP history course in the past:

- AP World History (the AP Summer Institute is strongly recommended for freshman students as they transition to high school)
- AP United States History I
- AP United States History II
- AP European History

**Students may register with Mrs. Molly Lytle in the High School Counseling Services Office by Friday, June 1. Payment of \$260 (check made payable to HVCHS) is due at registration. Availability for summer courses may be limited. As a result, registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.**