

# Summer HW for AP African American Studies

Course description: Advanced Placement African American Studies (APAAS) is a college-level course, with high school-level support. In this class you will be given a study guide for each of the four units. At the beginning of the year, we will use the content material from the summer homework videos to develop the interdisciplinary skills needed to succeed in this course.

The nature of the summer assignment: The goal is NOT “busy work” but for you to learn the content and some of the skills necessary for success in a college-level course and for the APAAS exam in May. The purpose of this summer homework assignment is to begin to prepare you for the Unit 1 exam. You are responsible for knowing the material on the study guide (which will be handed out when school starts). You are expected to watch all the APSlides videos for Unit 1 found at : <https://www.apushslides.com/afam/unit1>. Print out the PDF for each lesson (1.1, 1.2, etc.) and fill in the blank spaces. You are NOT to fill in the answers on a device!!!! You are also to answer the short free response questions at the end of each lesson. You will have quizzes on the content of these when school begins. Please read this entire document before you start the summer homework.

Summer homework activities:

1. Print out the PDFs for each key from Unit 1.
2. Watch and fill in the blanks for each video.
3. Answer the short answer response at the end of the lessons.
4. Here are the lessons:
  - #1 – 1.1 What is African Americans Studies
  - #2 – 1.2 The African Continent: A Varied Landscape
  - #3 – 1.3 Population Growth and Ethnolinguistic Diversity
  - #4 – 1.4 Africa’s Ancient Societies
  - #5 – 1.5 The Sudanic Empires: Ghana, Mali, and Songhai
  - #6 – 1.6 Learning Traditions
  - #7 – 1.7 Indigenous Cosmologies and Religious Syncretism
  - #8 – 1.8 Culture and Trade
  - #9 – 1.9 West Central Africa: The Kingdom of Kongo
  - #10 – 1.10 Kinship and Political Leadership
  - #11 – 1.11 The Global Africans

Recommended **options** for going “above and beyond” summer HW:

1. Quizlet (online resource). I have not created one but simply do a Google search for “AP African American Studies” Unit 1 (example = <https://quizlet.com/827815224/ap-african-american-studies-unit-1-flash-cards/>)
2. Gilder-Lehrman website: <https://www.gilderlehrman.org/ap-african-american-studies#unit-1>. (Make sure to hit “expand” button for more content.)
3. If you have extra time, I would suggest watching movies that deal with the African American experience. Here is a list of excellent movies:

<u>Movie</u>	<u>Topic</u>
12 Years a Slave	Slavery
Glory	Black regiment in Civil War
42	Jackie Robinson and the integration of baseball
Selma	Civil Rights Movement
Hidden Figures	NASA and space race/exploration
Black Panther	Superhero relates to Afrofuturism (we'll get there...)

- Also, you may want to watch documentaries in the "American Experience" series.
- Yet another option ... If you love sports (like I do) you can watch episodes of "30 for 30," the ESPN documentary series that deals with sports. Many of these are also excellent history.
- The basic premise behind the recommendations is to immerse yourself into history, study topics you find interesting. The more interested you are in the topic, the more you will learn!
- Advice: Your attitude toward your education (in this class and others) will affect your ability to learn. Do not view the summer homework (or schoolwork generally) as something you must do, but instead as **a learning opportunity**, a chance to gain insight into the human experience, and an opportunity to develop your personal philosophy.