

Mano Koa Enterprises AP US History Curriculum

Mahalo nui loa (thank you very much) for buying Mano Koa Enterprises' AP US History curriculum. Before you teach the curriculum please read the following FAQs.

Question 1: What are express notes?

Answer: Express notes are a collection of the most vital pieces of information on the lesson topic collected from the following six textbooks.

- Newman's *AMSCO: United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination*
- Kennedy, *American Pageant*
- Henretta, *America's History*
- Brinkley, *American History: A Survey*
- Berkin, *Making America: A History of the United States*
- Fraser, *By the People*

Instead of having students read all those books, they can use their own researching skills to answer the questions. The curriculum you purchased covers most of these terms already. These notes were intentionally designed to cater to student athletes or students who work.

Question 2: Can Express Notes be graded?

Answer: Yes, 5 points per lesson is the recommended rate. If students only show you stuff covered in class, 3-4/5 points can be awarded depending on the quality of their work.

Question 3: How do I grade materials without having students hand in materials?

Answer: Great question. Each Mano Koa Enterprises APUSH lesson is built in with some work time which will allow teachers to float around the room for notebook checks. Generally, two days are optimal for getting through a class of 25-35 students. If a student doesn't have the materials on request during the first day, there's a reprieve. During the second day, for bookkeeping purposes the teacher puts down a 0 in the grade book and your late work policy applies. Mano Koa Enterprises recommends two weeks.

Question 4: What are TAG/fun activities?

Answer: Because the CollegeBoard curriculum can be mind-numbingly dry, Mano Koa Enterprises has invented some "fun activities" designed to develop the same skills but without the pretentious academic overtones. These fun activities (debates about alien contact, Terminator puzzles, Assassin's Creed missions, multiverse debates etc.) are given out with almost every lesson.

These TAG/Fun activities are a blend of differentiation (specifically concerning content understanding) while also providing TAG (Talented and Gifted) students an outlet for higher order of thinking skills.

Question 5: How can I grade TAG/Fun Activities?

Each activity can be redeemed for **two extra credit points** (1 for completion and 1 if skill is met) if **a legible photo** is emailed to teacher **with the title of the activity as the subject**. Points will be awarded within two weeks of the lesson. These extra credit points can really help get helicopter parents off your back because if they are on the bubble, the accumulated extra credit they can earn from doing these activities will push them “over the line.”