Are you prepared to teach the New AP US History Course in 2014?

Ben Franklin stated that there are “only two sure things in life- death and taxes.” He was wrong. He should have said – death taxes and educational curricular change”. As educators we know this to be true and thus we need to be prepared to tackle the challenges presented by College Board curriculum changes to take place for the school year 2014 -2015 and the re-designed US History Exam to be administered in May of 2015. The purpose of this week is to acquaint you with those changes and to give you time to tweak your existing class OR learn about the AP US History program. There will be time to plan out your syllabus for the year, as well as develop lesson/unit plans. Additionally, we will examine pedagogies directed at teaching the historical skills expected on the new AP Exam. All AP US History teachers will also need to submit a new syllabus for the AP Audit; this week will give you time to take care of that task. We will also engage in discovering the most applicable websites for our course. Active learning activities and the sharing of professional ideas will be the cornerstone of why this week-long institute will be invaluable to participants. You are encouraged to bring as many of your curricular materials as possible (textbooks, favorite resources, websites, laptops, activities, etc). In sum, participants will be prepared well prepared to teach their AP students for the upcoming school year.

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