This course is challenging yet rewarding and focused on 20th Century American history, which includes the history of the United States, Canada, and Latin America. Taught at a college level, and with a college pace, it is important that students complete a good deal of work on their own (as will be in college). We need to balance the IB and NJ State curriculum; therefore, it is imperative you complete the summer assignment listed below.

**Summer Work Directions:**

**Readings** (from AP U.S. History Crash Course): Pages 71-87
- The Old West 1865-1900
- Industrial America 1865-1900
- Populism and Progressivism 1890-1917

**Videos**
- You may access the videos below:
  - America The Story of US, Episode 6: Heartland
  - America The Story of US, Episode 7: Cities
  - America The Story of US, Episode 8: Boom

- Use the attached *Episode Study Guides* as a reference/guide to how you go about taking notes based on the videos that you can use as a study guide/reference for the essay prompt you will be responsible for answering upon your return to school.
- You may choose to answer the discussion questions associated with each episode OR take your own notes on the videos (THIS WILL NOT BE COLLECTED)

**Final Thoughts**
- Be prepared for an FRQ Essay on the information covered through this summer work on the first week of school.

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