

Advanced Placement Skills for Success Summer Seminar

DATES: August 24 and 25, 2009 **TIME:** 9 a.m. to noon **LOCATION:** Preble High School

TEACHER: Michael J. Wittig, Preble High School Social Studies Teacher

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

“Hard times are the crucibles in which character and leadership are forged. The habits of a vigorous mind are formed by contending with difficulty and it is not in the still calm of life or the repose of a pacific station that great characters are formed.” ---Abigail Adams in a letter to son John Quincy Adams in 1780

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are college-level courses taught in our high schools. Students in AP classes will be challenged in many different ways and asked to consistently demonstrate maximum effort while also demonstrating college-level skills. The immersion into the AP arena can be a challenging moment for any student, as for many they will be stepping out of their comfort zone. It is in these moments of the student’s journey that a student can reach new heights of achievement. The key elements of achievement in such a course are not only having a mastery of the college-level content but also having the ability to adapt/learn fundamental student habits necessary for success in a college-level course.

- Students will learn the SQ3R method to help in the process of breaking down a college-level textbook
- Students will learn a fundamental strategy for collecting the historical evidence from primary documents, known as S.O.A.P.S. strategy
- Students will learn the difference between a primary and secondary document.
- Students will learn how to analyze the evidence collected from the primary documents which in turn will be use to make historical interpretation that can be supported with specific information.
- Students will learn the basics of how to write a well-structured essay.
- Students will be introduced to study and test taking techniques to help improve achievement on college-level multiple-choice tests.

ELIGIBLE STUDENTS:

Students who have registered for an AP course in the social sciences that will require advanced reading of a college textbook and eventual demonstration of an upper level thesis that is supported with sophisticated and substantial factual evidence. These courses are AP Government and Politics: U.S., AP Human Geography, AP Economics, AP U. S. History, and AP World History.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Interested students must complete the registration form and return it by June 19. Cost is \$13. (Fee waived for students on free or reduced lunch.)

**Green Bay Area Public School District
2009 Summer School Registration**

Mail to Pam Jaklin, Green Bay Public Schools, 200 S. Broadway, Green Bay, 54303 by June 19.

Each course has a \$13.00 enrollment fee unless student is eligible for a fee waiver.

Student Information: Please Print

_____		_____		_____	
Last Name		First Name		Middle Initial	
_____		_____		_____	
Green Bay - Student ID Number		School Attended In 2008-2009		Grade Level In 2008-09	
_____		_____			
Parent/Guardian Name		Parent/Guardian E-mail Address			
_____		_____		_____	
Street Address		Zip Code		Home Telephone Number	
_____		_____		_____	
				Alternate Number (Cell or Work, If Desired)	

Emergency Contact (if no one is available at home number from above)

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone Number _____

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_____ _____ Check _____ Money Order (Please make your \$13 per-course check or money order payable to GBAPS or Green Bay Area Public School District.)

Amount Enclosed
The enrollment fee is non-refundable unless the class is canceled due to low enrollment. **Please do not send cash.**

Initial here if eligible for fee waiver _____

Parent Approval: the student named above has my permission to attend this class .

Signature

Print Name