

Your final project for AP U.S. History is to listen to a minimum of **four** episodes of a podcast series. You will then write a short summary of the episodes you listened to and connect the episodes to what you have learned in AP U.S. History. The goal of this assignment is to expand your knowledge of a number of the events & themes we've studied this school year.

Procedure

1. Choose from the podcast series described below. Links to each podcast series are included. You can listen to the podcasts via your MacBooks or download them to your phone via the podcast app on your phone. All series are free.
 - a. **"1619"** – "An audio series from The [New York] Times observing the 400th anniversary of the beginning of American slavery." There are five total episodes. <https://www.nytimes.com/column/1619-project> (NOTE: You will need to add one episode of another series to earn a score of 50/50.)
 - b. **"White Lies"** – from NPR (National Public Radio); "In 1965, Rev. James Reeb was murdered in Selma, Alabama. Three men were tried and acquitted, but no one was ever held to account. Fifty years later, two journalists from Alabama return to the city where it happened, expose the lies that kept the murder from being solved and uncover a story about guilt and memory that says as much about America today as it does about the past." There are seven total episodes.
<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510343/white-lies>
 - c. **"Bagman"** – from MSNBC; "Is it possible for an American Vice President to carry out a criminal enterprise inside the White House and have nobody remember? To have one of the most brazen political bribery scandals in American history play out before the country while nobody's paying attention? In her first original podcast, MSNBC's Rachel Maddow goes back 45 years to dig into a story that got overshadowed in its day." This podcast details Spiro Agnew's fall. There are seven total episodes.

(NOTE: Scroll down a bit to get to the podcasts – unless, of course, you want to purchase the book, too 😊). <https://www.msnbc.com/bagman>

d. **“Slow Burn” Seasons 1 & 2** – from Slate:

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/slow-burn/id1315040130>

(NOTE: Seasons 1 & 2 appear at the end of the episode list. Just keep “adding more episodes.”)

- i. **Season 1 – Watergate**: “It took two years for the Watergate scandal to unfold—for a break-in at the Democratic Party's headquarters to go from a weird little caper to a constitutional crisis that brought down a president. What was it like to experience those two years in real time?” Hosted by Leon Neyfakh. An eight-episode podcast series.
 - ii. **Season 2 – Clinton Impeachment**: “The saga of Bill Clinton’s impeachment is rich with forgotten characters, surprising subplots, and opportunities to reflect on just how much America has changed over the past 20 years. Whether you’re well-versed in the tale of Clinton and Monica Lewinsky, or you’re fuzzy on the details, this season of Slow Burn will take you further into the story than you’ve ever been. From its origins in the Whitewater real estate controversy, the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit, and the suicide of Vince Foster, Clinton’s near-removal from office was the culmination of a process that remains poorly understood—and continues to reverberate through our political system today.” An eight episode series.
 - iii. NOTE: Choose EITHER season 1 or season 2.
- e. **“Blindspot: The Road to 9/11”** – from WNYC Studios: “While the devastating images of the 9/11 attacks are seared into our national collective memory, most of the events that led up to that day took place out of public view. Over eight episodes, “Blindspot: The Road to 9/11,” brings to light the decade-long “shadow struggle” that preceded the attacks.” <https://www.wnycstudios.org/podcasts/blindspot-road-911>
- f. **“Throughline”** – from NPR (National Public Radio): “The past is never past. Every headline has a history. Join us every week as we go back in

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- time to understand the present. These are stories you can feel and sounds you can see from the moments that shaped our world.” Choose four episodes to listen to... but all of the episodes you select **MUST** be on a U.S. History topic. <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510333/throughline>
2. Fill out an analysis form for each of the episodes you listened to (see following pages). Please make a copy of the podcast analysis form for each episode you choose.
 3. The number of episodes you listen to and successfully analyze will determine your grade on this final project. There are 50 possible points on this final project.
 - a. Listen to four episodes of one podcast series and successfully complete four analysis forms = 40 out of 50 points (80%)
 - b. Listen to five episodes of one podcast series and successfully complete five analysis forms = 45 out of 50 points (90%)
 - c. Listen to six episodes of one podcast series and successfully complete six analysis forms = 50 out of 50 points (100%)

*** Please note that the failure to turn in a minimum of four analysis forms will result in a 0 out of 50 points on this final project. There is no partial credit on this project. ***
 4. All of the analysis forms are **due by 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.**
 5. You will have class time from May 17–25 to work on this project, as well as your final exam period on Wednesday, May 26.
 6. Questions? Ask Ms. Schrag

(Analysis form on the next page. If you are reviewing more than one episode, please make a separate copy of the analysis form for each podcast episode you listen to.)

Podcast Response & Analysis Worksheet

Complete the following worksheet and questions after you have listened to your chosen podcast episode.

Your name:

Date:

Podcast Title:

Episode Title:

What was the topic/main idea of the episode? **Write a 5 sentence summary of the episode.**

List 5 **ideas** from the podcast you found interesting or enlightening. Explain why you found these ideas interesting.

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

How does this episode connect with something you learned in AP U.S. History this semester? Explain the relationship/connection between the episode and what you learned in class.