***Top Ten DO’s:***

1. **DO SUMMER WORK**—Actually DO it…thoughtfully and thoroughly. This assignment is meant to give you the material necessary to begin work on day one. This is considered “assumed knowledge” and often content that the teacher will not teach in the classroom. Hence, failure to complete it will put you behind from the start.
2. **DO START STRONG**—Show up on day one with all required materials and ready to begin work. The reason for this is two-fold. First, it is very difficult to catch up when you fall behind in an AP class. If you perform poorly in the first few units, you may have already blown your chances for an A or B in the course. Second, it is often very difficult to reverse a negative first impression. Instructors are more likely to give you the benefit of the doubt later on if they know you to be a dedicated and responsible student.
3. **DO READ**—Read everything! Read for UNDERSTANDING! Even if you believe that you understand a passage or a section, there may be subtleties that can only be detected through careful reading.
4. **DO STAY ORGANIZED**—Have a system and adhere to it. For example: *“I punch holes in every single handout, homework, unit outline, returned quiz, review sheet, etc and put it in my binder in order by unit.”* When the time comes to review for midterms, finals, and AP exams, you will want to find specific concepts quickly.
5. **DO ASK FOR HELP**—Your instructor WILL help you. Find out their office hours, website, and recommended resources (Blackboard, Edmodo, etc). Communication with your instructor is crucial!
6. **DO HELP YOURSELF**—Contrary to popular belief, the internet is not just a portal for social media. That said, there are tons of resources on every concept you may encounter. Having trouble integrating polar functions? Youtube it! Can’t seem to remember vocabulary associated with human migration? Search Quizlet!
7. **DO HONORABLE WORK**—Your work should ALWAYS be your own. It is not only disrespectful (and punishable) to copy the thoughts and work of others, but also detrimental to your own learning. Make sure you understand the Husky Honor Code and how it applies to all types of assignment: homework, quizzes and tests, papers and projects.
8. **DO HOMEWORK AND LABS**—Complete your homework EVERY night. Complete EVERY lab or project. Yes…it is a lot, but so is the payoff. The homework allows you the opportunity to practice the concepts and become comfortable applying them. Often, there are variations of the material in these lessons that are not covered in class. If you have no homework, review your notes and resources.
9. **DO PLAN TO TAKE THE AP EXAM**—If you are going to sit through the class for four months, it makes sense to try to get college credit. Even if you do not earn credit towards your college degree, you will be better off when you see the material in college. Plus, this provides you with personal incentive to perform at a high level.
10. **DO LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES**—It is easy to get discouraged when you are handed back a test or paper that you performed poorly on. Students often make the mistake of crumpling this assignment up and trying to forget that chapter or topic. A successful AP student will take this assignment to their instructor during office hours or Husky Help and ask for detailed feedback, listening attentively and taking notes so that the errors are not repeated. This feedback is not personal and is meant to be constructive.