

Advanced Placement United States History Summer Assignment

Welcome to the Advanced Placement U.S. History course. This is a challenging course, requiring a good deal of work from you, both in class and out. The material in the course is too deep to cover everything in class; therefore, preparation outside of class is essential. You are required to complete the following summer assignment, due on the first day of class. It will be worth 200 points (two test/essay grades) so start the year off on the right note. Failure to do so will NOT be considered grounds to drop the course, although it probably will result in a low grade for the first marking period. You can only drop the course with the permission of the principal, which isn't very likely. If you have questions or need help, my email is coachjrice@comcast.net. Use this anytime that you need to contact me. Good luck.

Summer Assignment:

Read ONE of the following books:

- a. *Narrative of a Slave* by Frederick Douglas.
- b. *How the Other Half Lives*, by Jacob Riis.
- c. *Johnny Got His Gun*, by Dalton Trumbo.
- d. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, by Alex Haley.

All of these books are considered classics, and can be found in libraries and used book stores. **After reading the book, write a 2 page essay describing the book's portrayal of the time period in terms of one of the following themes that we will be working with this year: Politics and Power; Identity; Work Exchange and Technology; Peopling; America in the World; Environment and Geography; or Ideas, Beliefs and Culture.**