

AP US History
Summer Reading

Welcome to Advanced Placement US History. My name is Mr. Caulfield and I look forward to working with you over the next year. The following are your summer reading assignments with the corresponding due dates. Failure to submit the appropriate assignment on time may lead you to being dropped from the course or being docked one letter grade. Therefore please hand in your assignments on time. You may submit your assignments before the due dates. If you wish you may drop off the assignments at the main office or you may email them to me at jcaulfield@stbernardhs.com.

Film-*Grapes of Wrath*

Due-June 29th

Please view the 1930s film classic in its entirety and write a three page paper answering the following queries. Your essay should be in narrative form

1. How does the writer/director perceive American capitalism? Cite relevant examples.
2. What impact did American capitalism have on the poor/working class? Cite relevant examples.
3. What solution does the writer/director propose as a means to solve the Great Depression? Cite relevant examples.

Read-*The Puritan Dilemma* by Edmund Morgan Due July 13th

Please read the above text and write a riveting narrative that takes into account the following questions.

1. Describe the role religion played in Puritan society in colonial America.
2. How did the Puritans attempt to deal with the problem of religious pluralism?
3. According to Morgan what lessons does the Puritan Dilemma teach American society?

Read- *The American Revolution* by Gordon Wood Due August 3rd

Please read and write a three page paper pertaining to the above book which was written by the teacher of your favorite US History instructor. For those of you who are not following that would be me! (Whether you like it or not)

1. According to Wood, what were the major causes and events of the American Revolution? Explain how these two factors are interrelated. Cite relevant examples.

2. What was the British perspective regarding the behavior of the Revolutionaries?
Cite relevant examples.

Each essay must be well constructed and use specific examples to prove your points. Because this is college work, grammar, spelling and punctuation should be flawless. Essays need to be double spaced in size 12 font with Times New Roman or Arial font.