

AP US History
Summer Assignments

Summer Reading-Introduction

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. Therefore, please hand in your assignments on time. You may submit your assignments before the due dates. You may leave them at school or you may email these papers to me at my school address. If you have any questions come by and see me.

Film- Grapes of Wrath- Due June 28

Please view the 1930's film classic in its entirety and write a two to three page essay answering the following questions.

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 John Winthrop – Due July 12th

Please write a 2-3 page paper about the Puritan Dilemma and include the following in your essay:

1. According to the text what are the basic precepts of Puritanism? Cite relevant examples
2. What is the Puritan Dilemma and how should Puritans overcome this “dilemma?” Cite relevant examples.
3. How do the Puritans deal with dissenters? Cite relevant examples.
4. What is the “City on the Hill?” How should this concept applied? Cite relevant examples.

Read – The American Revolution- by Gordon Wood- Due August 2nd

Please write a 2-3 page paper incorporating the following:

1. What were the major events that served as a pretext to the American Revolution?
2. What were the major events of the American Revolution?
3. What were the major themes and philosophical ideas that facilitated the Revolution?