

ADVANCED PLACEMENT UNITED STATES HISTORY SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Over the course of the summer you will be reading the FIRST HALF of... A Little History of the United States by James West Davidson to develop or refine your knowledge of American history to utilize this content in the Advanced Placement United States history course next year. As you read you will complete 3 tasks for different sections of the book. I broke the first half of the book into the sections outlined below...

SECTION 1: Chapters 1-6: Geography, Native Americans and Europeans and the Collision of Civilizations.

SECTION 2: Chapters 7-10: Early English Settlement & Development and Equality in the Colonies

SECTION 3: Chapters 11-14: The Rise to Colonial Rebellion and the Beginning of the Grand Experiment

SECTION 4: Chapters 15-17: The Critical Period for the Fledgling Country through the Age of Andrew Jackson

SECTION 5: Chapters 18-20: Regional Identities, Transformations and Reforms, and Expansion into the Frontier

SECTION 6: Chapters 21-23: The Crisis of the Union, the Civil War between the States, Reconstruction Era

Tasks for Each Section

1. From each section, select 5 people, events, places or ideas that are especially significant to the historical era being examined by the author and briefly define/describe the role/significance of that historical development.
2. For each section, define a central idea/development/theme of American history (Americans creating an identity...Americans challenging traditional ideals...the breakdown of American politics...Americans getting involved in World Affairs, etc.).
3. For each section, choose 2 pieces of historical content/events that you found interesting and discuss why you found it interesting.

Below is an Example Format of the Assignment...

SECTION 1 (Chapters 1 – 6)	SECTION 2 (Chapters 7 – 10)	SECTION 3 (Chapters 11 – 14)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5 Significant Events/Developments/ People/ Places/ Ideas etc. and explanation. 2. The Central Idea/Theme of the Section Related to American History 3. 2 Specific Historical Details/Events Found to be Interesting and explanation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5 Significant Events/Developments/ People/ Places/ Ideas etc. and explanation. 2. The Central Idea/Theme of the Section Related to American History 3. 2 Specific Historical Details/Events Found to be Interesting and explanation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 5 Significant Events/Developments/ People/ Places/ Ideas etc. and explanation. 2. The Central Idea/Theme of the Section Related to American History 3. 2 Specific Historical Details/Events Found to be Interesting and explanation.
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