

SUMMER READING LIST FOR A.P. U.S. HISTORY

You must choose **ONE** of these book to review. Instructions on writing this review are on the back.

The Federalist Papers by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, and John Jay

The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers by Paul Kennedy

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan

The Autobiography of Malcolm X by Alex Haley

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Silent Spring by Rachel Carson

A Century of Dishonor by Helen Hunt Jackson

Profiles in Courage by John F. Kennedy

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

Up From Slavery by Booker T. Washington

The Souls of Black Folk by W.E.B. DuBois

Democracy in America by Alexis d'Tocqueville

The Age of Jackson by Arthur Scheslinger Jr.

The Influence of Sea Power by Alfred T. Mahan

Eisenhower by Stephen Ambrose

The New Deal by Arthur Schlesinger Jr.

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings by Maya Angelou.

My Antonio by Willa Cather

Sister Carrie by Theodore Dreiser

Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison.

Rappacini's Daughter by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Farewell to Arms by Earnest Hemingway

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Tender is the Night by F. Scott Fitzgerald

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving

Born on the Fourth of July by Ron Kovic

Main Street by Sinclair Lewis

The Autobiography of Malcolm X edited by Alex Haley

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

A Good Man is Hard to Find by Flannery O'Connor

The Fall of the House of Usher by Edgar Allen Poe

Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand

Walden by Henry David Thoreau

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams

Other books on the various eras of U.S. History are acceptable. Students should e-mail me the title and author and I will respond. A copy of the textbook should also be checked out before the end of the school year. It is advisable to read as much of the textbook as possible in preparation for the course.

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Paper Requirements for each book:

1. Summary of the book: include main idea, key events, characters and historical period discussed in the book. (30%)

2. Summary of the Author's message: What is the author trying to convey to you. Were they successful in conveying the message? Why or Why not? What did they do well? What could they have done differently? (25%)

3. Personal Thoughts: What impacted you the most? Would you recommend this book to someone else? Would there be conditions on your recommendation. Explain why. (Please don't say this is "boring." What's boring to you might be fascinating to someone else. Be specific in your reasoning. I am looking to see how you can defend a position.) (35%)

4. Literacy and Mechanics: Use spell check. Be sure you write in complete sentences. (I want an organized report, not the spewing of information in no logical order.) (10%)