

AP United States History Summer Assignment & Texts (For rising 11th graders who have signed up for this course)

Rationale: The summer assignment provides students the opportunity to survey the colonial & founding periods of American history. This assignment will expose you to the level of reading and writing you are expected to complete in the course, and if you find the assignment is beyond your abilities, you may want to consider switching to Accelerated U.S. history.

Required Text for Assignment: *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation* by Joseph J. Ellis

I would encourage students to buy a gently used copy or you may check it out from your local library. <https://www.amazon.com/Founding-Brothers-Revolutionary-Joseph-Ellis/dp/0375705244>

Strongly Recommended Text for the Year: *5 Steps to a 5 AP US History*

This is a great book for helping students study throughout the course and particularly prepare for the AP exam. Students can pre-order the 2018 edition that will be released in August or use the 2016 and 2017 editions. <https://www.amazon.com/Steps-AP-U-S-History-2018/dp/1259862771>

Due Date & Submission Instructions: All assignments must be submitted through Turnitin.com by 11:59 on Friday, August 18th

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- Use the link above to create a new student account if you do not have one already (select student near the bottom of the page)
- Join AP US History by using the ID and password below

Class ID: 15239932 **Class Enrollment Password:** RamNation

- Upload your submission to the class

Assignment Value: The summer assignment will be students' 1st summative assessment grade (30%) of the semester and is the equivalent to a test grade. **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT.** The course will go much smoother for you starting off the semester with an A and not an F.

Cheating/Plagiarism: Plagiarism, the act of taking credit for the work or ideas of someone else, will not be tolerated. Whenever you are asked to write in this course, it is under the expectation that the work you do is your own. This particular assignment is based entirely upon what you read in the book and no other sources should be used. You may quote and paraphrase *Founding Brothers*, but use of any other materials will result in a 0 as well as a referral to the administration for academic dishonesty.

Please note that Turnitin.com automatically checks your submission for plagiarism against all published materials, websites, and other assignments submitted through the site.

Assignment Directions: Read the *Founding Brothers* preface (“The Generation”), which will help provide some context. Then read the rest of the book and address the prompts below in essay format. Each essay should be approximately one to one-and-a-half pages typed (**double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt font**) for a total of six to ten pages.

Ch. 1: “The Duel”

Discuss the significance of the duel as it related to the young, fledgling nation. Why does Ellis spend an entire chapter on it? Why is it the first chapter?

Ch 2: “The Dinner”

Describe the "sharp differences" dividing the leadership of the revolutionary generation.

Ch 3: “The Silence”

Explain what the census of 1790 showed regarding slavery. Contrast the arguments of the North and the South on the issue of slavery.

Ch. 4: “The Farewell”

Explain what Washington had in mind when he composed the Farewell Address.

Ch. 5: “The Collaborators”

Ellis indicates that "the truly effective centers of power were located in two political partnerships based on personal trust." Explain and discuss this statement.

Ch. 6: “The Friendship”

Adams and Jefferson had conflicting visions of the American Revolution. Explain the essentials of this difference.

Grading: Your grade will be based on the extent to which you adequately answered each question with clear explanations, writing chapter summaries is not an acceptable response. I would encourage you to make notes and highlight as you read information relevant to each chapter’s prompt.

Questions or concerns can be directed to me at elizabeth_heys@dekalbschoolsga.org (I may not check email on a regular basis over the summer but will certainly get back to you before the school year begins)

See you in August!
Ms. Heys