

Advanced Placement US History
Advanced Placement Language & Composition
Summer Reading
Ms. Stewart / Mrs. Zanfini

The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Thirteen Days A Memoir of the Cuban Missile Crisis by Robert F. Kennedy

AP U.S. History

Directions: Read and complete a summary for each of the above titles over the summer. Each summary must be **two (2) typed pages** (size 12 font, standard 1" margins, double-spaced). Failure to follow this format will result in deductions. All four (4) summaries are due the first week of school and will be given an assignment grade.

After studying the period of time covered in each book, you will reflect on the historical significance and then complete a historical connection page. You will receive directions for this part of the assignment after we begin class in August. Each of these assignments will be weighted as a test grade.

AP Language & Composition

Directions: *There are two parts to your assignment aside from the US History requirements. Please be sure to follow all instructions for each course carefully.*

1.) Synthesis:

To begin to create a foundation of examples and ideas to support the arguments you will be asked to make, you need to read *The New York Times* and either *Time*, *Newsweek*, or *US News & World Report* throughout the summer. Other publications are also acceptable, such as *The Onion*, *The New Yorker*, etc.

The "Week In Review" section of the Sunday *New York Times* provides a great look at the main events and arguments of the week and is available online using the subscription service. Students leaving for the summer should find a newspaper or magazine, written in English, and complete the assignment from that.

Please read and respond with a one page discussion of each article. This does not have to be typed. Each page should consist of 250 words approximately and must be legible if not typed. Discussions can range from opinions to historical connections. Please think academically, looking at the pros and cons of every article.

- Students can use collection of opinion-editorial pieces from *The New York Times*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and other newspapers or magazines, as well as informative, political, and satirical articles .
- Students must bring all articles and responses to the first full day of class.

You must have a minimum of 20 articles!

This assignment should be completed WEEKLY! Students should be finding at least two articles per week for this project.

What to do if you are going to be away for the summer and will not have any access to a national or international newspaper or magazine written in English:

1. Use the public library before you go and when you get home. They keep back issues for a certain time period.
2. Ask a friend or family member to buy and save several issues of *The Sunday New York Times* for you to read when you come home.
3. Subscribe to a news magazine **BEFORE** you leave and catch up reading when you get home.

2.) Analysis:

This portion applies to the books listed from the Advanced Placement US History course, The Jungle, The Grapes of Wrath, and Thirteen Days: A Memoir of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

- You need to pick two of the books from the list.
- For each work you will pick two quotations that are somehow significant and that you feel are connected to something in the second work. Include why you selected these particular quotations.
- FOR FULL CREDIT: You must make thoughtful and insightful connections between the works that extend beyond obvious and trite commentary.
- All entries must be typed, font size 12, and double-spaced in order to receive credit.
- You will need to write a minimum 2-page response to the pair of books chosen. You are looking to show a connection between the books, through the quotations. Responses should not be a summary of the reading.

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Please note: Plagiarism for these or any other assignments will not be tolerated – this includes the use of Cliff Notes or Sparks Notes. Students who plagiarize will receive a zero for the assignment.

If for any reason you are unable to purchase the above titles, please let us know before the last day of school.