

2018 Summer Assignment

AP US History

Grayson High School

The assignments you will be completing over the summer will give you some introductory information to start the course off:

1. Geography

There will be a quiz during the first week of school covering the political and physical geography of the United States. Use the geography worksheet as a guide to study.

<https://online.seterra.com/en>

2. Film Review

In order to get some historical background through film. We will discuss the use of film as a way to interpret and represent history throughout the school year. For this assignment, you will choose THREE films from the list to view and analyze. The directions for the film review assignment are in a separate attachment.

3. AMSCO Reading

Read the PDF titled AMSCO Ch. 1. This is a summary of the first major time period we will discuss. There is a Reading Guide that will help you identify the essential information. Having this completed before school starts will be helpful. The link below is of the 2010 AMSCO book. You do not have to read the introduction, Chapter 1 starts on page 33.

<https://ma.lvhs.org/ourpages/auto/2012/4/12/584446259/TOP%20REVIEW%20TEXTBOOK.pdf>

Here is a link to the Reading Guide: [Chapter 1 AMSCO Reading Guide](#)

4. Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*

We will be using this as a supplemental resource text during the school year. You will also answer some questions regarding the content of the chapter as well as the author's point of view. The questions will be attached below.

You will be reading [Chapter 1](#) of the book, which can be found online. This book is also available in public libraries. The link for Chapter 1 is below.

<http://www.historyisaweapon.com/zinnapeopleshistory.html>

5. Schweikart's *A Patriot's History of the United States*

You need to read Chapter 1 of the book, and answer the questions on the worksheet. The link to the reading is below.

<http://ready4itall.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/A-Patriots-History-of-the-US-Ytsewolf.pdf>

This is the link to the document that you will use as your guide, as you read Zinn's and Schweikart's chapters.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V-IsEWyefQyaKkzu-KwDw8MOAEvxIdIc/view?usp=sharing>

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Film Review Directions

Complete the following questions for EACH film you view. Each film response should be on a separate sheet of paper. Please be aware that some films may have a rating of PG-13 or R and you might not feel appropriate watching the content. Please read background information at www.imdb.com (Internet Movie Database) to make sure the film is a good choice.

Name Date Film Title

Year Produced

1. What type of motion picture? (War Movie, Comedy, Drama, Historical, etc)

2. List the name of 5 characters in the film and some adjective phrases to describe each.

3. Synopsis of the plot (3-5 sentences)

4. What is the historical event portrayed by the film?

5. List 3 basic concepts or ideas that you saw in the film. (e.g. patriotism, civil disobedience, racism, etc)

6. What underlying message(s) does this film contain? Explain.

7. List 5 facts that this motion picture tells you about life in the US during this time period.

8. How does this film deviate from the historical facts or what inaccuracies did you find in the film?

9. How would you rate the movie (1 – Terrible, 10- Outstanding)? Explain.

Film List

Across the Universe
All Quiet on the Western Front
All the President's Men
A League of their Own
Amistad
Apocalypse Now
Apollo 13
Band of Brothers (HBO Miniseries)
Blackhawk Down
Bowling for Columbine
Casablanca
Cold Mountain
The Color Purple
Dances with Wolves
Elizabeth
Fences
Flags of Our Fathers
Forest Gump
Gettysburg
Glory
Gone with the Wind
Good Morning Vietnam
Grapes of Wrath
The Great Gatsby
It's a Wonderful Life
John Adams (HBO Miniseries)
Letters from Iwo Jima
Lincoln
Lonesome Dove
Malcolm X
Master and Commander
Mississippi Burning
Modern Times
Newsies
Norma Rae
Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?
Patton
Pearl Harbor
Platoon
Pleasantville
Quiz Show
Roots
Saving Private Ryan
Selma
The Joy Luck Club
The Help
The Last of the Mohicans
The Pacific (HBO Miniseries)
The Patriot
The Red Badge of Courage
The Manchurian Candidate
Their Eyes Were Watching God
Thirteen Days
Tora! Tora! Tora!
We Were Soldiers Once
Windtalkers
12 Years A Slave
1776