

AP US HISTORY Summer reading assignments (there are 2!)

Bayshore Christian School – Mrs. Conley
2023-2024 school year

#1: Choose ONE book from the following list to read in its entirety

The Autobiography of Frederick Douglass, Frederick Douglass (AUTOBIO, SLAVERY)
The Joyluck Club, Amy Tan (BIO, CULTURAL ISSUES)
Warriors Don't Cry, Melba Patillo Beals (BIO, CIVIL RIGHTS)
Voices from Vietnam, Barry Denenberg (PERSONAL NARRATIVES, VIETNAM WAR)
The Help, Kathryn Stockett (FICTION, CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUES)

While reading, complete a reading journal for each chapter. You can use a spiral notebook, composition book or notebook paper stapled together and in a folder. Entries should be HANDWRITTEN and include the following (number each response as indicated below):

1. Name of the chapter or number
2. At least 1-paragraph summary
3. Personal feelings about the chapter content – likes and dislikes, agreements and questions
4. Discuss the historical significance or connections of (in) the chapter. What happened that changed the course of the story or narrative? What broader historical meaning can you assign to the chapter – if any? What connections can you make to broader historic issues or events?

#2: Read the book *10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America* by Steven Gillon

For each chapter, HANDWRITE the following (see above assignment for acceptable journal types):

- Two paragraphs summarizing the key ideas of the introduction. Be sure to mention the major themes the author introduces.
- For each chapter, summarize the key events of the day and explain why the day was significant in the nation's history. Analyze the cause and effect of each event.
- Conclude with 2 paragraphs explaining your favorite day and why it was your favorite.

Journal and response for #2 will be due the first FRIDAY after start of school (August 11, 2023).
Students who enroll in AP US HISTORY later than August 2 will need to contact teacher for alternate due dates.