

**United States History II Honors  
Summer Assignment  
2011 - 2012**

The summer assignment for United States History II Honors is worth 3 test grades in the 1<sup>st</sup> marking period. I encourage you to expand your knowledge and interests by reading books and viewing films for the summer.

**Submission and Grading:**

- \* The due date for the summer assignment is September 6, 2011.
- \* The reading and viewing portions of the assignment are mandatory.
- \* The assignment will not be accepted if it is incomplete. (No reviews = no grade.)

**Reading and viewing schedule:**

In order to encourage students to precede with the summer assignment in a timely manner the following schedule is given:

**1st assignment: on or before July 26**

**2<sup>nd</sup> assignment: on or before August 23**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at [jcorbin@agawamteachers.org](mailto:jcorbin@agawamteachers.org) Please include United States History II Honors summer assignment in the subject area, or I will delete suspicious e-mails and not read them.

Write a minimum of a five paragraph book/movie review only if you read and saw it in its entirety. In the first paragraph, begin with a quote from the book or film that you thought was interesting and discuss it. Then critique the book and film and rate it using a scale of 1 to 4 stars (\*\*\*\* = Enjoyed it greatly, \* = Didn't enjoy it at all).

In the remaining paragraphs, choose three specific facts (or people) that you felt were important to understanding the story and analyze them, react to them, and discuss them.

**Assignment #1. Written Book Review**

1. Uncle Tom's Cabin, H. B. Stowe
2. Common Sense and the Crisis, Thomas Paine
3. The Federalist Papers, J. Madison, A. Hamilton, J. Jay
4. Walden, Henry D. Thoreau
5. A Century of Dishonor, H. H. Jackson
6. Looking Backward, E. Bellamy
7. The Influence of Sea Power Upon History, A. T. Mahan
8. How the Other Half Lives, J. Riis
9. Life & Times of Frederick Douglas, F. Douglas
10. Maggie, Girl of the Streets, S. Crane
11. The Octopus, F. Norris
12. The Souls of Black Folk, W. E. B. Dubois
13. The Jungle, U. Sinclair

14. An Economic Interpretation of the Constitution, C. & M. Beard
15. The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald
16. The Grapes of Wrath, J. Steinbeck
17. The Sun Also Rises, E. Hemingway
18. Native Son, R. Wright
19. An American Dilemma, G. Myrdal
20. The Affluent Society, J. K. Galbraith
21. The Other America, M. Harrington
22. Silent Spring, R. Carson
23. The Feminine Mystique, B. Friedan
24. Profiles in Courage, John F. Kennedy
25. The Organization Man, William H. Whyte

## Assignment #2. Video Review

Watch four videos from the following list. One video from each time period. All of these are available for either rental in local video stores, netflix, or at the public library. Please choose videos that you have not seen before. Also choose movies that your parents will not object to you viewing. Some of these are very graphic and can be upsetting.

### Period 1 Through the 18<sup>th</sup> Century

The Buccaneer 1492	1776 Jefferson in Paris	Last of the Mohicans Three Sovereigns for Sarah	The Patriot
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### Period 2 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Gone with the Wind Glory The Molly Maguires Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid	Roots Little Big Man Oklahoma	Gettysburg Dances with Wolves Not for Ourselves Alone	The Alamo Beloved Amistad
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### Period 3 Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Far and Away Reds Mr. Smith Goes to Washington All Quiet on the Western Front Rise and Fall of the Third Reich Bridge Over the River Kwai	55 Days to Peking The Great Gatsby The Longest Day The Green Berets Saving Private Ryan Patton	In Love and War Bonnie and Clyde Citizen Kane The Untouchables A League of Their Own	Cabaret The Sting South Pacific Midway Ragtime
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### Period 4 Late 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Apollo 13 The Killing Fields Mississippi Burning Coming Home	All the President's Men 13 Days Forrest Gump Eyes on the Prize	Apocalypse Now JFK American Graffiti	Malcolm X Silkwood Norma Rae
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