

The 2018 summer reading assignment for students enrolled in United States History 1 and United States History 1 (Honors) is as follows:

Students are asked to read selected chapters from Harriet Beecher Stowe's antebellum abolitionist classic Uncle Tom's Cabin. Since you will be skipping chapters of the book, we are providing you with plot details that will help you understand the later chapters. Please e.mail Mr. DiFalco ([fdifalco@morriscatholic.org](mailto:fdifalco@morriscatholic.org)) if you have any questions. Thanks

Uncle Tom's Cabin Reading Assignment:

A) Read Chapters 1 - 5 in order to get introduced to the main characters, the writing style, and the main plot feature that sets the story in motion (the selling of the protagonist slave, Tom)

B) Read Chapter 10 (The Property is Carried Off)

C) Read Chapter 16 (Tom's Mistress and her Opinions) NB: Before you read this chapter you need to know that Tom has been sold to Augustine St. Claire and now lives on his farm in Louisiana. Augustine is a reasonably kind owner who is not a strong supporter of slavery, but does not have enough conviction to free his own slaves. Please be aware of the following new characters:

Marie St. Claire: Augustine's wife

Eva St. Claire: Augustine's daughter

Ophelia St. Claire: Augustine's cousin from Vermont who now lives in his house

D) Read Chapter 29 (The Unprotected) NB: Before you read this chapter it is important to note that Augustine had promised to free Tom and was beginning to put together the paper work required to do such a thing. However, before Tom is legally freed, Augustine was accidentally killed trying to break up a fight in a tavern. His affairs are now to be run by his widow, Marie

E) Read Chapters 44 - 45 (The Liberator; Concluding Remarks) NB: Before reading these chapters, please be aware that Marie did not free Tom and he was sold to a very unkind slave owner named Simon Legree. Legree punishes all of his slaves who do not do as he pleases. When Tom refuses to punish a slave on Legree's behalf, Legree punishes Tom so severely that he passes away. George Shelby, the son of Tom's original owner, had come to purchase Tom from Simon Legree but arrived too late. In these final two chapters the author speaks to the readers imploring them to join the abolitionist cause.

Please complete all of this reading before the first day of school. During the first week of school you will discuss the novel in your History class and you will be asked to take a quiz on the reading you were assigned.

Thanks and good luck