

**Advanced Placement United States History 2018-2019**  
**Summer Homework Assignment**  
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Welcome to AP U.S. History! The following is your 2-part summer homework assignment. If you are going to type it please use 12-point Times New Roman font (double-spaced, MLA format) and if you are going to hand-write it, please use a dark blue or black pen.

**Part 1:**

Watch and take notes on a movie relevant to U.S. history (see list of movies attached).

***Instructions:*** answer all parts, using complete, academic sentences. You should write at least two typed pages using double-spaced lines and 12-point Times New Roman font. No more than 3 pages.

***Requirements:***

**Introduction paragraph:**

Provide an explanation of historical context for the film (2-3 sentences) including where and when it takes place, who's involved, what's happening around the plot, etc. Also provide a brief summary of the plot of the movie (2-3 sentences).

**Body (spend most of your time on this):**

The body paragraphs should be your analysis (What did you learn about the topic and U.S. history from watching the movie? What was confusing? What questions does it bring up?).

**Conclusion:**

- \* What was your favorite part and why? (No more than 2 sentences)
- \* What part(s) do you think might be historically inaccurate and why? (No more than 2 sentences)
- \* Would you recommend this film to your classmates? Why or why not? (No more than 2 sentences)

**\*\*\*Please get a parent/guardian signature for any Rated R movies you choose for this assignment. Attach the permission slip to your review for credit. (Also attached to assignment)**

**Possible Choices of Movies:**

Settlement to Reconstruction (1600's - 1860's):

*The Last of the Mohicans (1992) R*

*The Patriot (2000) R*

*Roots (1977)*

*Amistad (1997) R*

*12 Years a Slave (2013) R*

*Glory (1989) R*

*Lincoln (2012)*

*Gettysburg (1993)*

*Gone with the Wind (1939)*

*Dances with Wolves (1990)*

*The Civil War – Ken Burns (1990)*

*The West – Ken Burns (1996)*

Birth of Modern America (1860's – 1910's)  
*Into the West (2005), TNT TV Mini-Series*  
*3:10 to Yuma (2007) R*  
*There will be Blood (2007) R*  
*Legends of the Fall (1994) R*  
*Gangs of New York (2002) R*  
*Rough Riders (1997)*  
*Prohibition – Ken Burns (2011)*  
*Teddy Roosevelt: An American Lion*

1920's & 1930's

*The Great Gatsby (new version or old version)*  
*The Grapes of Wrath*  
*Road to Perdition (2002) R*

World War II

*Saving Private Ryan (1998) R*  
*Enemy at the Gates (2001) R*  
*Thin Red Line (1998) R*  
*The Tuskegee Airmen (1995)*  
*Windtalkers (2002) R*  
*Tora! Tora! Tora! (1970)*  
*Flags of our Fathers (2006) R – American Perspective*  
*Letters from Iwo Jima (2006) R – Japanese Perspective*  
*A League of Their Own (1992)*  
*Life is Beautiful (1997)*  
*Schindler's List (1993) R*  
*Band of Brothers - TV Mini-Series*  
*The Pacific -TV Mini-Series*  
*The War - Ken Burns (2007)*

1950's

*Separate but Equal (1991)*  
*Pleasantville (1998)\**  
*Truman (1995)*  
*Dr. Strangelove (1964)*  
*The Good Shepherd (2006) R*  
*Eyes on the Prize (1987)*  
*The Long Walk Home (1990)*  
*October Sky (1998)\**

*The Right Stuff (1983) R*  
*Good Night and Good Luck (2005)*

1960s

*4 Little Girls (1997)*  
*Ghosts of Mississippi (1996)*  
*We Were Soldiers (2002) R*  
*Thirteen Days (2000)\**  
*Malcolm X (1992)*  
*Manchurian Candidate (1962)*  
*Mississippi Burning (1988) R*  
*The Help (2011)*  
*Full Metal Jacket (1987) R*  
*The Butler (2013)\**  
*Selma (2014)\**  
*Freedom Riders (2010)*  
*Hidden Figures (2016)\**  
*The Vietnam War - Ken Burns (2017)*

1970s

*Apollo 13 (1995)\**  
*Apocalypse Now (1979) R*  
*All the President's Men (1976)*  
*Frost/Nixon (2008)*  
*Deer Hunter (1978) R*  
*Argo (2012) R*  
*Cesar Chavez (2014)*

1980s

*Red Dawn (1984)*  
*Wall Street (1987)*

1990s

*The Insider (1999)*  
*Jarhead (2005) R*  
*Black Hawk Down (2001) R*  
*The Siege (1998)*

2000's

*Zero Dark Thirty (2012) R*  
*13th (2016) - Documentary*  
*Welcome to Leith (2015) - Documentary*

## *The Lavender Scare - Documentary (2017)*

If there is another movie OR A BOOK you think is relevant come talk to me or send me an email and I can see if it is relevant and is eligible for the assignment as well.

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### **Part 2:**

You will need to read Chapters 1 and 2 from the textbook “America’s History” and complete the following information. The material covered here should be a review from 8<sup>th</sup> grade so it is not the 1<sup>st</sup> time you’ve seen it, but it may have been a while. This assignment is due on the 1st day of school and you will have a short test on the material. We have 9 units to cover in the course and we will not spend much time in class on the first one so it is essential that you do the reading!

#### 1 – Reading notes

- see separate page for more detailed instruction on my expectations for reading notes
- notes should include key concepts, events, and people
- the vocab bolded in the book is a good place to start but that doesn’t mean you should skip over other important content

2 – Questions (review, analysis): you do not need to write down the question; just label your answer with the page and question number

- page 14 – Questions for Analysis #1-2
- page 27 – Analyzing the Evidence #1-3
- page 33 – Questions for Analysis #1-3
- page 37 – Review Questions #1-5
- page 38 – Making Connections #1-2
- page 51 – Analyzing the Evidence #1-4
- page 57 – Questions for Analysis #1-2
- page 69 – Questions for Analysis #1-3
- page 72-73 – Review Questions #1-4
- page 73 – Making Connections #1-2

Some suggestions for reading and beginning to prepare for this AP class and exam:

- Read the chapters in sections, not all at once, taking frequent breaks
- Read through the chapter once first without taking notes, and then go back and take notes the 2nd time
- Be sure you understand what is happening in a section before moving on to the next section
- Do not wait until the last minute to do the assignment. Spreading out the material over a period of days and weeks will help you retain much more of the information than if you cram the few days before school starts in August!

These assignments will count in your grade, and there will also be a unit exam on the material from the textbook when you get back.

This is your first intense exposure to United States History. With these assignments, you will be initiating an in-depth study of American history. Please try different study techniques to start determining which works best for you. Please email me with any questions you may have throughout the summer – I will get back to you as soon as possible. Enjoy and good luck!

**I understand that \_\_\_\_\_ is rated R and agree to give permission for my student to see it.**

Student name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

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