

U.S. HISTORY 2009-2010 SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

Dear future juniors,

You have **two assignments** for your summer preparation for U.S. History.

1. Novel:

In order to give you a feel for our nation in its formative years, your summer assignment is to read The President's Lady by Irving Stone.

This historical novel focuses on the personal and political life of our first western president, Andrew Jackson. (1828-1836)

When we return in August you will have an exam on the novel. **This exam will take place on the second or third day of your U.S. History class.**

You will check out a copy of the book from your teachers. Please take good care of it, as it is currently out of print and difficult to find. **Do not write in or highlight the book.** *If you lose or damage the novel you will need to pay a \$10 replacement cost.*

2. Textbook:

When we return in August you will do a **research paper** on the American Revolution. In order to prepare for your paper you should read and learn a little about some of the important issues that led to the war.

Read the following pages in your U.S. History textbook – The Americans -and take notes in your preferred style:

- Chapter 3 pages 66-70 and 80-87
- Chapter 4 pages 94-106

These notes will be collected on the first day of class. There might also be a pop quiz.



This assignment is designed to give you a general review of the causes of the American Revolution; you will be doing a lot more in depth research for the paper itself.

Enjoy the book, relearn a little about the causes of the American Revolution, and have a wonderful summer, we'll see you in August,

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Ms. Townsend

