

HONORS U.S. HISTORY
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OUTSIDE READING

The Outside Reading requirement is that you read a book about *American* history or society - past, present or future.

Four non-fiction books are required for outside reading, one each quarter. The books may not be on *any* BMHS reading list and must be grade appropriate (for example, they may not have appeared on my son's middle school reading list). Some guidelines for acceptable book:

Your book should be

- At least 250 pages long (in almost all cases)
- Deal with America or Americans
- Not be an anthology or collection of shorter works.

All books must be submitted for approval, and your written response must be on the book that was approved. I reserve the right to reject any book - for example, I will *not* approve In Cold Blood, or Silent Night, will not be accepted. If the book is not approved, you may resubmit as many times as necessary; once a book is approved full credit will be considered earned provided the first submission was on time.

Due Dates:

Book sign-up will be done online by completing a Google form posted on Google Classroom
Completed report due date will also be posted on Google Classroom

To receive full credit for this assignment, your submission must satisfy all of the following requirements, as detailed below. ***Be sure to follow the instructions.*** The rubric is attached.

THIS REPORT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO TURNITIN.COM!!!!

1) For all genres, make a cover page with:

Your name
Date
Class Period
Type of book
Title
Author
Number of pages
Number of chapters

NO ART WORK!

2) Inside:

- Write a *brief* general summary; no more than half a page is necessary.

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3) QUESTIONS: Answer the questions in the order they are asked. Write the question and then answer it.

Questions for Non-fiction other than Biography or Autobiography

- What is the subject of the book?
- How is the book organized?
- Discuss (do not just list) three things you learned from this book.
- What is the author's thesis? Do you agree? Why/Why not?
- Would you recommend this book to others interested in the subject? Why?
- Did you like the way the book was written? Why?
- Are there specific places mentioned in the book for a purpose? Why?
- Would the material be helpful to most students? Why?

Questions for Biography or Autobiography

- What would you say was the theme of the book? Give examples.
- Why was the book written?
- Was the writing style interesting? Give examples.
- Why did you want to read about this person?
- Would you recommend this book to a classmate? Why or why not?
- Does the book cover the complete life of the subject? Would you like to learn more about this person?
- What was this person's greatest achievement and greatest failure?
- What is the author's view of the person? Do you agree? Why/Why not?
- You are a talk show host and have arranged for an interview with this person
Make up five interview questions you would want to ask the them. Then answer the questions as you would expect the person to.

OUTSIDE READING REPORT

Objectives	Possible Score					Earned Points
Report properly executed	1 point Directions not followed	2 points Directions somewhat followed - errors in form and format	3 points Directions generally followed - errors in form and/or format	4 points Most directions followed - minor errors in form and/or format	5 points All directions followed - form and format correct	
Punctuality	1 point More than 4 days late	2 points 2- 4 days late	3 points 2 days late	4 points 1 day late	5 points On time	
Mechanics of Language	1 point Errors in grammar and/or spelling interfere with expressing ideas.	2 points Many errors in grammar and spelling. Incomplete or incorrect sentence structure.	3 points Some errors in grammar and/or spelling. Awkward and/or confusing sentence construction.	4 points Minor errors in grammar and/or spelling. Sentences clear.	5 points No errors in grammar or spelling. Sentences and paragraphs are well constructed.	
Content	2 points Incomplete.	4 points Summary acceptable, and attempts at answering all questions are evident.	6 points Summary adequate, and all questions are answered.	8 points Summary is clear and concise. Questions are answered completely. Summary and answers show care.	10 points Summary is articulate and complete. Questions are answered thoughtfully. Summary and answers show insight.	
MAXIMUM SCORE IS 25					Score:	