

United States History & Government (Honors)
Summer Assignment: 2010
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“We all declare for liberty; but in using the same word we do not all mean the same thing. With some the word liberty may mean for each man to do as he pleases with himself, and the product of his labor; while with others, the same word may mean for some men to do as they please with other men, and the product of other men’s labor. Here are two, not only different, but incompatible things, called by the same name-liberty. And it follows that each of the things is, by the respective parties, called by two different and incompatible names-*liberty and tyranny.*”

-Abraham Lincoln, 1864

Part of the U.S. History Honors course is understanding different viewpoints. We will discuss certain events/topics & you will be expected to not only form your own opinion, but to examine the different opinions of scholars/historians. To do this, you will be required to write several papers where you will evaluate the different viewpoints and take a stand on the issue. This reading assignment will prepare you for the first of five papers that you will write throughout the year.

Summer Reading Assignment:

Compare and contrast the essay by Timothy Breen and Stephen Innes’ (pgs. 114-126) to the essay written by A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. (pgs. 126-136).

- Summarize both essays.
- Be certain to identify the **thesis** for both essays.
- Discuss 2 examples of **evidence** (quotations, statistics) for each essay that the historians provide to support their thesis.
- Evaluate the similarities and the differences.
- Cite your sources using the MLA style.

Paper is due on the first day of class. Late papers will be marked down 10 points for each day (not class) of lateness.

Format for Papers and Other Written Work

All written work must be submitted on paper. No electronic submissions will be accepted.

All papers must be typed, in 12-font size (Times New Roman), be double-spaced, have standard margins (1-inch right and left, 1-inch top and bottom), and be stapled in the upper left-hand corner.

Your paper must have a Title Page filled out as shown below:

Center of the paper = Full title of the paper
Name of school
Student Last name, first name
Name of teacher
Name of the course, section/
Period
Date

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Plagiarism is presenting work and/or ideas not your own. All words not within quotation marks must be your own. Be certain that you cite, even if you are *paraphrasing* someone else's idea. Anyone who allows someone else to copy their work will be subject to the same penalties as the plagiarist. You will be required to rewrite any plagiarized assignment. If you have even the slightest doubt about what constitutes plagiarism, consult me.