

APUSH: 2009-10
Summer Assignment
Ms. Brown

1. Familiarize yourself with the textbook and online materials provided by the publisher at www.bedfordstmartins.com/henrettaconcise. There are several helpful materials on this site including Defining Terms, Map Activities, Quizzes, Documents and Visual Activities which will help you fully understand and learn the required material.
2. Read and take notes or outline chapter 1 of the text ***America A Concise History*** by James A. Henretta. This should incorporate the main ideas from the chapter, including explanations of the bold faced words and answers to the review questions throughout each section which are highlighted in yellow in the margins of the text.
3. Read ***Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong*** by James W. Loewen which is available online or at many local bookstores. You will want to underline, highlight, or take notes as you read in order to be able to cite information within the writing portion of this assignment.

The author examines twelve leading high school American History textbooks and argues that the books misrepresent several historical events. The intention of this assignment is to not only expose you to Loewen's argument, but also to help you think more critically about history.

Please write a reaction to your reading. What did you learn? What did you find most interesting? What was shocking? Do you agree/disagree with Loewen? Why or why not? What conclusions did you arrive at after reading this book?

Your response must be typed, double-spaced, size 12 standard font and MLA format. Be sure to reference specific examples in your answer. Be prepared to discuss the book in detail upon arrival to class.

Due date: August 19, 2009 (the first day of school!)

If you have any questions you can reach me by email: jbrown@ndsion.edu