



**The Catholic High School of Baltimore  
Summer Reading List**

**Teacher's Name:** Mr. Planamente

**School Year:** 2017-2018

**Grade Level:** 10

**Course No.:** 245

**Course Name:** AP United States History

**Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA):** AP

**READING:**

**1. A Short History of the United States, Robert V. Remini HarperCollins Publishers, 1st edition 2008. ISBN: 978-0-06-083145-5**

**2. 10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America, Steven M. Gillon Broadway Books, 1st edition 2006. ISBN: 978-0-307-33934-8**

**ASSIGNMENT:**

1. Read *A Short History of the United States* by Robert. V. Remini. It is a perfect overview of America's entire history that will familiarize you with key names and events that we will study throughout the year. As you read, take notes on the main individuals, ideas, and themes from each of the 11 chapters. ***I will supply you with a note sheet that you will fill out and turn into me the first day of school. Please make sure to get that from me before you leave for summer!***

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2. Read the following from *10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America*:

1. Introduction
  2. 2 of the first 4 chapters (your choice)
  3. 3 of the last 6 chapters (your choice)
  4. Total of 5 chapters required with 2 of them from the first 4 chapters and 3 of them from the last 6 chapters, but I encourage you to read more if your time permits.
  5. Epilogue. (The total required reading for the entire book is only about 130 pages.)
1. Write one to two paragraphs summarizing the key ideas of the introduction. Gillon introduces major themes for the book in this section. Please be sure to include these themes in the summary.
  2. Write one to two paragraphs summarizing the key ideas of the epilogue after reading the chapters. Some of the themes Gillon discusses in the introduction and develops in the chapters are returned to in the epilogue. Be sure to look for any discussion about conflicts between ideals and actions.
  3. For each of your selected 5 chapters, summarize the key events of the day (1-2 paragraphs) and explain why that day was so significant in our nation's history (2 paragraphs). Look for the event/events it triggered or the pattern of future behavior it set in place as discussed by the author, Gillon. Be sure to read the entire chapter as often the cause and effect with significance is discussed in the last part of the chapter. For example in Chapter 1, "Massacre at Mystic", pages 7-18 describe the events, and then Gillon discusses the significance of the events in pages 19-28 with particular emphasis on significance in pages 25-28.

**ASSIGNMENT DUE DATE:** First Day of School or Earlier via Email.

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