

**Westfield High School – 2011**  
**Required Summer Assignments for All Rising Juniors**

**All juniors have a required summer reading assignment. Your history course selection determines that summer reading assignment.**

**If you are a rising junior taking AP United States History, please see the assignment for AP courses listed in a separate tab. If you are taking APUSH, you will NOT complete the assignment listed below. You have a separate assignment.**

**If you are a rising junior taking AP English Language and Composition, please see the assignment for AP courses as you have another reading assignment in addition to the history assignment below.**

**All juniors NOT enrolled in APUSH will complete the following summer reading assignment:**

**There are two parts of the United States and Virginia History Summer Reading Assignment:**

**1. Read the following articles and complete the accompanying questions. (pgs. 2-4) These will be collected on the *first day of class*.**

Inventing America by Richard Brookhiser

○ <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1615175,00.html>

Captain John Smith by Bob Deans

○ <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1615180,00.html>

Mad About You by Bob Dean

○ <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1615189,00.html>

Jamestown at 400: Jamestown's Buried Secrets

○ <http://www.historynet.com/jamestown-at-400-jamestowns-buried-secrets.htm>

**2. A quiz on the material will be given within the first week on school**

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Summer Reading Questions: **TO BE COLLECTED THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**

1. Why were the earliest years at the Jamestown settlement the most difficult for the newcomers?

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2. What was the winter of 1609 known as? Why?

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3. Define the term 'cash crop.' What was the Jamestown settlement's first and most important cash crop?

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4. Why was the native attack on March 22, 1622 so significant in the lives of the new Virginia settlers and the native population significant?

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5. How did Smith's personality get him in trouble as he headed towards America?

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6. How did Smith help the initial Jamestown colony survive?

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7. What was the real story behind Pocahontas and John Smith?

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8. What eventually happened to Pocahontas?

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9. Why did William Kelso believe that Jamestown needed to be 'rediscovered'?

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10. What was an unexpected discovery in the current archeological excavation of the Jamestown site regarding Native Americans and where they lived?

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11. Why did the colonists send back an entire ship of dirt back to England?

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12. What were the conditions under which the Jamestown Fort was built?

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13. How did Jamestown help build American independence long before the American Revolution?

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14. Provide some reasons why Jamestown ultimately declined in importance as the colony of Virginia grew and expanded.

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15. Why do many people believe Jamestown failed? Why are they wrong?

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