

W. T. Woodson High School
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AP US History

Reading Assignment

Each student must read ONE of the following books. Be sure to take notes and summarize the main characters, events and issues. Students will be required to answer several short questions unique to their book as well as general historical questions during the week of September 21st. *Prices listed are from the Barnes and Noble website; the page numbers may vary based on the edition of the book.*

Adams vs. Jefferson: The Tumultuous Election of 1800, John Ferling, 260 pages, 2005
(ISBN: 0-195-18906-X) Paperback - \$15.95

Becoming America, The Revolution Before 1776, Jon Butler, 248 pages, 2000
(ISBN: 0-674-00667-4) Paperback - \$16.00

Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation, Joseph Ellis, 248 pages, 2000
(ISBN: 0-375-70524-4) Paperback - \$14.00

Revolutionary Characters, What Made the Founders Different, 274 pages, 2006
(ISBN: 978-0-14-311208) Paperback - \$16.00

Rise to Rebellion, Jeff Shaara, 536 pages, 2001; (ISBN: 0-345-45206-2) Paperback \$7.99

The Glorious Cause, Jeff Shaara, 704 pages, 2003 (ISBN: 0-345-42758-0) Paperback \$7.99

Before selecting your book go online and read the summaries and reviews. Also, check the prices - sometimes specials are being offered or you can purchase a used copy.

When choosing your book, consider the topic and your interests. Does the book address an issue or person(s) that you want to learn more about? Do not base your decision on the length of the book or what your friend is reading. Use this assignment as an opportunity to develop or expand your knowledge of American history.

Books can be purchased online or at a book store. Some may be available at the public library and you can check with one of last year's students who may be willing to sell or loan you their book. All of the books can be found in paperback edition and all are price under \$20.

Suggested websites for previewing the books are: www.barnesandnoble.com and www.amazon.com (teamed with Borders Books). New copies can be purchased online at either store; used copies often can be purchased online.

*The AP U.S. History teaching team also recommends that students buy *AP Achiever, AP Exam Prep Guide* by Jason George and Jerald Brown (McGraw-Hill) which is correlated with our text book, *American History* by Alan Brinkley, and/or *United States History: Preparing for the Advanced Placement Examination* (AMSCO Publication) or to use during the year. The cost is around \$20 for each.