

BOOK REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

1. The student must choose a non-fiction book of their choice that deals with a person, event, or time period in U.S. History. The student may obtain their book from the library or a bookstore.
2. The student must read the book over the course of the summer.
3. The student must then write a 500-750 word book review.
4. Writers must be clear that a book review is never contented with merely “telling the story.” Papers which do nothing beyond this will receive at best, a “C.” You are expected to not only give evidence that you have read the contents of the book, but you must go beyond that to focus on such aspects as:
 - ❖ What in the author’s background perhaps explains his/her interest in this subject?
 - ❖ What other possible interpretations are justifiable for this topic?
 - ❖ Is the author’s writing style on a par with his evidence or conclusions?
 - ❖ Is it possible that the author’s past or the time in which he wrote the book affected the contents?
5. Hand in a typed book review the first day of class.