

To: 9th Grade U.S. Perspectives Students
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Re: Summer Reading
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All students enrolled in Honors United States Perspectives will read one of the following books. Books may be purchased in any format [mass market, trade paperback, or hardback], in any edition [Dover Thrift, Penguin, Norton Critical, etc.], and from anywhere [Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble, Borders, Waldenbooks, etc.].

Option A:

- Harriet Jacobs Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl by Harriet Jacobs

Option B:

- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass

For your choice [A or B] from the required selection, each student will complete the following assignment:

- **A During Reading Response Journal**
 - After each chapter, record your initial response, your thoughts and feelings about the events and ideas in the chapter. For example, you can discuss unusual, memorable, striking, bothersome, confusing, illuminating language, events, characters, or ideas; simply interact with the text. Your response may be as long as a page or as short as a 2-3 sentence paragraph.

(DO NOT JUST SUMMARIZE THE PLOT, WRITE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT EACH CHAPTER)

- **A Vocabulary Journal**
 - Document at least 20 words that are new to you and for each word
 - Write the Definition that goes with how the word is used in the story
 - And the Part of Speech (Noun, Verb, Adjective, etc.)

In addition to the required reading, each student will read a book of your choice. You will write an ECR of 2 handwritten pages (1 typed page) that will do the following:

- Identify the Author and Title
- Summarize the story;
- Explain why you chose the book, what made you interested in it, and if it lived up to your expectations.

Be prepared to turn in your response and vocabulary journal for the required selection and your ECR for your personal choice book the first day of school. Then, at the end of the first week, you will take a comprehensive exam on your required reading selection [Harriet Jacobs or Frederick Douglass].

“It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.”

Theodore Roosevelt