

Summer Reading Assignment for AP U.S. History

Students,

What follows is your summer reading assignment. While short in length, I cannot overstate its importance in the upcoming course. Everything that we learn will be predicated on an understanding of these documents. Your assignment is:

Read: ***The Declaration of Independence***

Read: **Federalist Paper #10**

At the bottom of this page is a link which will take you to free .pdf copies of the documents.

At the beginning of the Fall Semester, we will take a quiz on the documents, followed by a harkness discussion of their meaning. You **MUST** arrive prepared with an understanding of the documents. To guide you in this understanding, please bear the following questions in mind as you read the document:

1. What are the key ideas which guided the authors as they worked to create these documents (Biblical, Enlightenment, scientific, etc.)?
2. What are the tangible components of the declaration which are laid out by the authors?
3. Why would so much emphasis be placed upon the Declaration, from 1776 to the modern day?
4. What was the purpose of the Declaration of Independence?
5. Who is being addressed in Federalist paper #10?
6. What is the thesis contained within Federalist #10?

Link to the Declaration of Independence:

<https://docs.house.gov/meetings/GO/GO00/20220929/115171/HHRG-117-GO00-20220929-SD010.pdf>

Link to Federalist Paper #10:

<https://billofrightsintstitute.org/primary-sources/federalist-no-10>