

To: Students enrolled in AP US History II 2018-2019

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We are so pleased that you have enrolled in AP US History II. To keep your skills sharp and build your content knowledge over the summer, please read **BOTH** of the following two books and complete their related assignments. On the first day of school -- Tuesday, September 4, 2018 -- you will take a test on each book. Be sure to bring to class your written assignment for The Jungle and your annotated copy of Lies My Teacher Told Me.

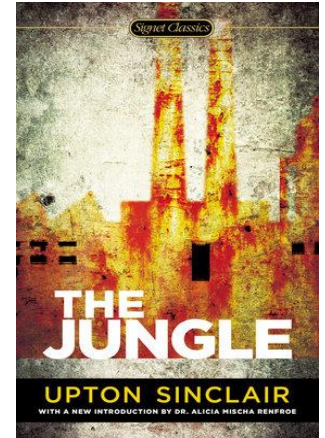
Book #1

Summer Reading Assignment: The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

DUE DATE: FIRST DAY OF CLASS – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 (no exceptions)

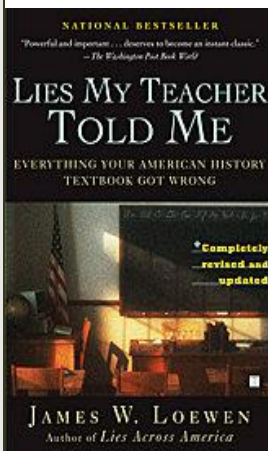
ASSIGNMENT: Read The Jungle in its ENTIRETY, all 31 chapters (just like Baskin-Robbins flavors). It is readily available online via the internet. Make certain you fully understand the terms MUCKRAKER and MUCKRAKING.

For EACH & EVERY chapter, do the following: Create a brief and clever title, followed by a 3-4 sentence summary of what took place. The summary does not need to be lengthy or detailed, rather it should include all relevant incidents that are significant, memorable, or strikingly important (bullet point summaries are acceptable). Stay focused as you do this work; it will help you when we use the book in the future.



Book #2

Read Lies My Teacher Told Me *WITH A PEN IN YOUR HAND*. Annotate throughout (highlight, underline, ask questions and make notes in the margins). If your family is not in a position to purchase the book, please contact jaronson@epsd.org ASAP and one will be provided for you.



High school students hate history. When they list their favorite subjects, history always comes in last. They consider it the most irrelevant of twenty-one school subjects; bo-o-o-oring is the adjective most often applied.

In response, James W. Loewen has written Lies My Teacher Told Me, in part a telling critique of existing books but, more importantly, a wonderful retelling of American history as it should - and could - be taught to American students. Beginning with pre-Columbian American history and ranging over characters and events as diverse as Reconstruction, Helen Keller, the first Thanksgiving, and the My Lai massacre, Loewen supplies the conflict, suspense, unresolved drama, and connection with current-day issues so appallingly missing from textbook accounts.

A treat to read and a serious critique of American education, Lies My Teacher Told Me is for anyone who has ever fallen asleep in history class.

Questions? Please email shanson@epsd.org or jaronson@epsd.org

One of us should be able to answer your email within 2 or 3 days.

GET STARTED NOW!