

AP Social Studies Summer Assignments 2014  
American History  
Psychology  
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#### American History

- There are three books that you are to read for this summer. They are:
  - *Bloody Crimes, The Chase for Jefferson Davis and the Death Pageant for Lincoln's Corpse*, by James Swanson.
  - *George Washington and Benedict Arnold, A Tale of Two Patriots*. By Dave. R Palmer
  - *Five Came Back, A Story of Hollywood and the Second World War*. By Mark Harris
- For each book you are to write a 3-5 page summary of the book. This should include:
  - The thesis of the book (what is the point to the story?). Be sure to read the introduction or prologue to each book to determine this.
  - Three of the best chapters of the book that help to expose the thesis.
  - And a summary of how affective the author was at proving his major points.
- The three papers are all due our first full day of class, September 5<sup>th</sup>

#### Psychology

- *A First Rate Madness*, by Nassir Gahemi
- After reading this book, you are to write a 5-7 page analysis of the book. In this analysis be sure to include the four areas of psychology that the author identifies in his book. These are symptoms, genetics, course of illness and treatment.
- For each major theme area of the book: Creativity, Realism, Empathy, Resilience and Mental Health, identify one of the individuals that Gahemi writes about. Explain how they fit his notions of psychology and how the four areas apply to this individual.

#### Format:

- For both classes, the papers are to be written in proper MLA format and typed. The font should either be 10 or 12. Paragraphs are to be single-spaced; while the gap between paragraphs is to be double spaced.

