**Advanced Placement United States History 2**

**Summer Assignment**

Welcome to the Advanced Placement U.S. History course. This is a challenging

course, requiring a good deal of work from you, both in class and out. The material in

the course is too deep to cover everything in class; therefore, preparation outside of

class is essential. You are required to complete the following summer assignment, due

on the first day of class. It will be worth 200 points (two test/essay grades) so start the

year off on the right note. Failure to do so will NOT be considered grounds to drop the

course, although it probably will result in a low grade for the first marking period. You

can only drop the course with the permission of the principal, which isnʼt very likely. If

you have questions or need help, my email is ricej@springfieldpublicschools.com. Use this anytime that you need to contact me. Good luck.

Summer Assignment:

Read ONE of the following books:

a. *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson

b. *How the Other Half Lives* by Jacob Riis

c. *Johnny Got His Gun* by Dalton Trumbo

d. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Alex Haley

e. *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair

All of these books are considered classics, and can be found in libraries and used book

stores. **After reading the book, write a 2-page essay describing the book's**

**portrayal of the time period in terms of one of the following themes that we will be**

**working with this year: Politics and Power; Identity; Work Exchange and**

**Technology; Migration; America in the World; Environment and Geography; or**

**Ideas, Beliefs and Culture.**