



AP US History – “7 Events” Summer Reading

Throughout the history of any nation, there are certain events that shape a people and its future without most people even noticing that something significant happened. In American history, events like the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address and landing on the moon are all events that the majority of the world would point to as key turning points in our history.

In his book ***7 Events that made America America***, Larry Schweikart takes a look at a series of events that were no less turning points in our history. They just don't always get the press that other events do, like V-E and V-J in 1945 ending WW II.

One of the key thinking skills emphasized in AP history is the idea of turning points. Why are these events turning points? What changed and even what stayed the same are of paramount importance as we work our way through American history.

**** Each paper should be single spaced, 12 point font, Times New Roman font.**

This assignment must be emailed to Mr. McNamar by July 1 at mmcnamar@victory.com for full credit. There will be a 10% deduction for each day late. The score you receive will be figured in the first quarter grade. Failure to complete the assignment could mean your removal from the class.

Your assignment:

1. Purchase a copy of ***7 Events that made America America***, ISBN number **9781101433027**.
2. Read each chapter and create a 10-item, annotated timeline of the key events in the chapter. Annotation means that you not only provide an event such as “the Supreme Court denied Dred Scott any right to bring a case before the Court,” you also have to explain why that even is so important that you have included it in the timeline. This must be chronological since it is a timeline. **150 points**
3. Create a SCAR for each event.

S – The event

C – Short and long term causes of the event

A – What happened

R – Short term and long term results and ramifications of the event. **100 points**

4. Choose your own turning point event in American history that is not included in the book. Create your own annotated timeline and your own list of evidence that defends your event's value as a turning point worth mentioning. **50 points**
5. Choose the two most important events in your opinion and create a Venn diagram for those two events. That involves creating a merging circle. In the common area you place the similarities and the rest will be for the particular differences for each event.
50 points

350 possible points