

**AP United States History  
Summer Reading  
2010-2011**

**Read the Following:**

Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation by Joseph J. Ellis

**Essay Question:**

Did the founding fathers write the Constitution to fulfill their democratic ideals OR was it to protect their own economic interests and maintain power?

Base your essay on Founding Brothers and your knowledge obtained during your year of Honors US I. Outside sources may also be used.

Your essay should be 4-5 pages in length.

Use parenthetical citations when necessary in MLA format

I am looking for quality not quantity, make each word count!

**Essays are due Friday, September 9th**

If you have any questions you can email me at [crya@rutherfordschools.org](mailto:crya@rutherfordschools.org)

I am looking forward to a productive and enlightening year. Good luck!

Mr. Ryan