

**AP United States History
Summer Reading
2008-2009**

Read the Following:

American Vistas 1877-Present

Edited by *Leonard Dinnerstein and Kenneth Jackson*

Pages 3-127

The American Political Tradition: And the Men Who Made It

Richard Hofstadter

Pages 177-264

A People's History of the United States

Howard Zinn

Pages 211-295

Following the Civil War rapid changes took place throughout all aspects of American society. Discuss the political, social and economic developments at the end of the 19th century and how they affected the United States going into the 20th century. Include the above text to support your thesis.

Your essay should be 5-7 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 5th

If you have any questions you can email me at crya@rutherfordschools.org

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

Mr. Ryan