

**US II Honors
Summer Reading Assignment 2018-2019
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Brands, H.W. *The Reckless Decade: America in the 1890s*. Chicago: U of Chicago, 2002. Print.

Available through Amazon and Barnes and Noble

**We will be using this book for additional readings so please buy this book, do not rent it.*

I. Turner's Frontier Thesis

Read Frederick Jackson Turner's essay *The Significance of the Frontier in American History*.

<http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/pds/gilded/empire/text1/turner.pdf>

II. The Reckless Decade: America in the 1890s

Read the following selections from H.W. Brands' book *The Reckless Decade: America in the 1890s*.

Prologue: Coming of Age or Coming Apart?

Chapter 1 – The Lost Frontier

Chapter 2 - In Morgan We Trust

Chapter 3 – How the Other Half Lived

III. Textbook References

Use the following textbook chapters for further clarification if needed.

* Newman, John , and John Schmalbach. *United States History*. New York: Amsco, 2010. Print.

Online textbook can be found at:

<http://ma.lvlhs.org/ourpages/auto/2012/4/12/58446259/TOP%20REVIEW%20TEXTBOOK.pdf>

Chapter 16 – The Last West and the New South 1865-1900

Chapter 18 – The Growth of Cities and American Culture 1865-1900

Chapter 19 – National Politics in the Gilded Age 1877-1900

IV. Assignment

Write a 3-4 page essay answering the following question:

How did the closing of the West affect the American psyche? What political, social and economic effects did America face as a result of the closing of the frontier?

Cite Turner and Brands (parenthetical citations) and incorporate outside sources when applicable. Maintain formal writing style throughout essay.

- Times New Roman
- 12 point font
- 1 inch margins
- MLA format
- Works cited page

Due: Thursday, September 6, 2018 (quiz grade)