



11th Grade American Literature and AP Lang Summer Enrichment Activity

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe:

In preparation for the year, students are *encouraged* to read *Uncle Tom's Cabin* over the summer and write a 750-1,000 word typed essay.

Enrichment Activity Directions:

Write a 750-1,000 word typed essay in response to the following prompt:

In what ways does Stowe present the incompatibility of slavery with the Christian ethic of love and tolerance? How do the novel's Christ figures underscore its basic Christian messages? Cite specific textual evidence as support to your claims.

All essays should be typed, adhering to APA formatting standards, and include specific evidence to support claims. This essay should be an analysis of the text with a defensible thesis that is supported throughout the body paragraphs; this essay should not be a summary of the story or a character's action(s).

Important Details:

- **Due date:** First Day of School
- **Submission:** You will turn in your assignment in accordance with the expectations set forth by your teacher. This will be detailed on the class syllabus that you will have access to prior to the start of school.
- **Grading:** The assignment will be reviewed for completion. Teacher(s) may provide feedback to students at their discretion.
- Teachers will be using the summer readings during the first weeks back to school and teachers will be requiring the text be brought to class. Therefore, at a bare minimum, your student would benefit from completing the summer reading to prepare for the discussions that will ensue upon our return.



11th Grade US History and AP US History Summer Enrichment Activity

Summary of *The 5,000 Year Leap* by W. Cleon Skousen:

In *The 5000 Year Leap: A Miracle That Changed the World*, you will discover the **28 Principles of Freedom** our Founding Fathers said must be understood and perpetuated by every people who desire peace, prosperity, and freedom. Learn how adherence to these beliefs during the past 200 years has brought about more progress than was made in the previous 5000 years. These 28 Principles include *The Genius of Natural Law*, *Virtuous and Moral Leaders*, *Equal Rights--Not Equal Things*, and *Avoiding the Burden of Debt*. This assignment will give AP United States History students a jump start and overview of many of the concepts and ideas that are germane to our country's founding and continue to be critical to the perpetuation of a free people.

Enrichment Activity Directions:

- Read *The 5,000 Year Leap*
- Obtain a 70-page spiral bound notebook that you will use as a response journal for this book.
- You will have 30 total entries in your notebook. Start each new entry on the front side of a separate piece of paper in your notebook, making sure there is a heading for each new entry.
 - Write a one paragraph response to the Introduction of the book.
 - Write a one-page response to Part 1 of the book.
- Part II of the book consists of 28 chapters, each espousing a central principle of the founders. After reading each chapter, write at least a one-paragraph response in your journal.

Think of your response journal as a conversation with yourself. You can record what you already knew, what you found interesting, what you feel passionate about, what you still do not completely understand, questions that you may have for your teacher when you return to school, etc. In depth responses will also reflect on the reading in light of the current state of our society. Do you see these principles in action today? Are we in danger of losing these principles altogether? Have fun with your responses and THINK DEEPLY! Do not just summarize the reading – your teachers know what it says; we want to know what you think after digesting these concepts.

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