AP/ACP AMERICAN HISTORY

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PART 1: PERSONAL HISTORY

I) First, watch this video for an introduction and some ideas:
   Summer reading introduction

II) Read and take notes:
   a) “Why Do Historians So Often Differ?”
   b) “Knowing History and Knowing Who We Are”

III) Write personal history (500 words minimum, 650 words max)

Your personal history should:
   a) Not be a summary of what you read, it should focus on analyzing and connecting the ideas somehow. There are many different ways to do this; you are not expected to pick up on some “hidden meaning” or try and guess what Mr. Westlake wants you to find.
   b) You need to incorporate ideas from both articles. Somehow, use the ideas from the article to talk about, and analyze your personal history.
   c) Have one main idea for each paragraph
   d) 500 words minimum, 650 words maximum
   e) Include specific evidence from the book, with page numbers in parentheses like this: “blah blah blah (4).” Do not use any quotes longer than one line.
   f) Free of major grammar and spelling mistakes

Grading:
   a) Analysis: Do you analyze your own past? Do you explore your own identity?
   b) Connecting ideas: Do you connect ideas from what you read to yourself?
   c) Grammar/spelling: Do you show you made a conscious effort to do your best work, making sure you have minimal grammatical and spelling errors?
   d) Citations: Do you cite ideas that are not your own?
   e) Word length: Do you stay within the required length?

PART II: UNIT I READING

Read and take notes on the following from These Truths:
Introduction and Chapter 1 of These Truths

Quiz:
There will be a quiz on the first full day of class over both of these readings. You will respond to a question about each reading in a well-written paragraph.

**The copy you need of These Truths is not the book from last year. You need one with the white cover**