

SUPA American History

Summer Reading 2024

Please complete the assignments in the order presented, and be prepared to discuss them the first week back in school.

Book

Changes in the Land: Indians, Colonists and the Ecology of New England by William Cronon (New York: Hill and Wang, 1983: 2003, 20th anniversary edition). You will be given a copy of this book in June. We will be focusing on this book the first few weeks of the school year and your first paper will be on this text. **When you read the book do not get caught up in minutiae Cronon offers to support his thesis.** Our focus will be on the “big picture” and how Cronon’s interdisciplinary study augments our understanding of American Colonial history. **It is strongly suggested that you highlight and/or take notes as you read.** *Please **do not** read the afterword (pp. 171-185).*

Book Chapter

You must also read the following book chapter (attached):

- 1.) “The Strange Death of Silas Deane” taken from *After the Fact: The Art of Historical Detection* by James West Davidson and Mark Hamilton Lytle.

The chapter will also be posted on the SUPA American History 2023-2024 Google Classroom webpage (class code to join:**uokdwvd**). We will be discussing the chapter on the **first day of class**.