

ADVANCED PLACEMENT US HISTORY

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Purpose of Assignments:

To provide background information on the first topic studied in the course

Please purchase or borrow from the library, the book *The Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. In addition, it is highly recommended that you purchase an AP Review book at the start of the course as it will help you prepare for the AP exam in May, and for class assignments throughout the year. Please make sure that the review book you get is for the NEW format exam.

DUE DATE: Second Thursday upon return to school in September

Required Assignment:

The Gilded Age: *America was on the threshold of the twentieth century—a time of widespread violence, fantastic wealth, political corruption, dismal poverty, growing labor unrest and financial panic. At a time when men and women as diverse as Jane Addams, Theodore Dreiser, Thomas Edison, Samuel Gompers and Frank Lloyd Wright—could all gaze in wonder at the magnificence of the White City, but there were many serious flaws beneath the opulent surface of American society. The World’s Columbian Exposition came at a time when both our country and the American people were undergoing a profound shift from an isolationist, small-town, agrarian nation into a mobile, activist, and urban and mobile population.*

Using both Erik Larson’s *Devil in the White City* and some outside research as the answer following essay question in a 3-4 page essay, double-spaced,

To what extent was the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair a watershed event in American of contemporary American lives, while at the same time serving as a transitional event converging forces creating a blueprint for an emerging industrial, military, and economic entering the 20th century?

Scoring Rubric: See the following

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The essay will count for 30 points and I will be using the periodization rubric
