

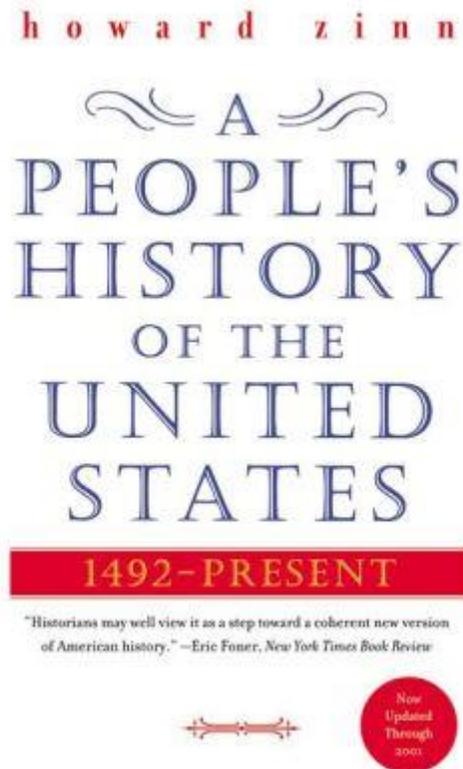
APUSH

2015-2016

Summer reading assignment

I want you to buy (or borrow) your own *2003 edition* of the following book:

A PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES by Howard Zinn.



Read and enjoy the book (it begins with Columbus and ends with a chapter on the 2000 election and the “war on terrorism” – that is, all of US history!).

What I want you to think about as you read is why Zinn calls it a “people’s” history? How is his approach to telling the story of our country different from the history texts you learned from back in grades 6 and 8????

As you read Zinn's book, I want you to keep a *Response Journal* on regular binder paper (so that the journal can be part of your notebook next year).

For each chapter pick one statement by the author that strikes you as being particularly *controversial* (tip – look up the definition of this word).

Copy the statement onto the left side of your journal, then to the right of it write a brief “response” to the statement in which you express your opinion of Zinn's point of view. For example:

Chapter 16 – A People's War?

“The whole Bay of Pigs affair was accompanied by hypocrisy and lying.”

This affair was both a mixture of hypocrisy and trying to keep democracy intact. It did violate the Charter of the Organization of American States, but what would have happened if it didn't intervene?

This journal is due the day school begins. On the second day of class I am going to assign you an in-class essay on APHOTOS. The journal and essay will be worth about 5% of your first trimester grade.

Have a relaxing, productive summer. If you wish to contact me, my email address is *rjohnfranklin@gmail.com*

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