

APUSH Summer Reading Assignment

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Assignment Directions: This Summer you will read the Joseph Ellis, Pulitzer Prize winning novel, ***Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation***. This book is available from various booksellers, libraries, and can be purchased used through Amazon or through Kindle and other e-readers. Feel free to e-mail with any questions. Rest assured I will respond even if it's not immediately.

The book's preface ("The Generation"), which will help provide some context. Read the rest of the book and address each prompt below in journal/essay format. Each journal entry should be approximately 200-300 words typed (double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt font)

- **Ch. 1: "The Duel"**

Discuss the significance of the duel as it related to the young, fledgling nation. Why does Ellis spend an entire chapter on it? Why is it the first chapter?

- **Ch 2: "The Dinner"**

Describe the "sharp differences" dividing the leadership of the revolutionary generation.

- **Ch 3: "The Silence"**

Explain what the census of 1790 showed regarding slavery. Contrast the arguments of the North and the South on the issue of slavery.

- **Ch. 4: "The Farewell"**

Explain what Washington had in mind when he composed the Farewell Address.

- **Ch. 5: "The Collaborators"**

Ellis indicates that "the truly effective centers of power were located in two political partnerships based on personal trust." Explain and discuss this statement.

- **Ch. 6: "The Friendship"**

Adams and Jefferson had conflicting visions of the American Revolution. Explain the essentials of this difference.

Grading: Your grade will be based on the extent to which you adequately answered each question with clear explanations, writing chapter summaries is not an acceptable response. I would encourage you to make notes and highlight as you read information relevant to each chapter's prompt.