

12th Grade Required History Summer Reading

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Please note there are 2 required readings.

All Quiet on the Western Front

By Erich Maria Remarque

The second semester of the 11th grade history examined significant developments in the 19th Century: nationalism, democratization, industrialization. In class you studied how these changes affected the **government, economy, religion, military and social structure** (GERMS) in Europe and the U.S.

As you read *All Quiet*, consider the following question: How does Remarque critique each of those aspects of German society in his novel? For **each** element (government, economy, religion, military, and social structure), write a strong paragraph with specific examples. This assignment will be collected the first day of class.

The Future of Freedom: Illiberal Democracy at Home and Abroad

by Fareed Zakaria (you are only required to read the introduction and chapters 1, 2, & 4)

At the beginning of the school year we will discuss the introduction and chapters 1, 2, & 4. Answer the questions below using active reading. When you reference the book, please note the page number in a parenthetical citation. Your answers to the questions will be collected the first day of class. Your answers must be typed; bullet points are acceptable, except for question #8. We will be discussing the book during the first cycle.

1. Define the following terms and give examples of each:
 - Liberal democracy
 - Constitutional liberalism
 - Illiberal democracy
2. Why does Zakaria think that too much democracy can be bad? Do you agree?
3. Explain how, according to Zakaria, each of the following contributed to the emergence of liberty in the West:
 - The Roman Catholic Church
 - Feudalism
 - The Reformation
 - The Enlightenment
 - Capitalism
 - The American Revolution
4. Why can liberty and democracy clash?
5. Explain Zakaria's view about where and why democracy will spread.
6. Explain Zakaria's argument about the connection between economic development and democratization.
7. Explain Zakaria's argument about the significance of Nasser for the "Islamic Exception."
8. Relate Zakaria's argument about democratization to the recent rise of new powers in Asia and in Latin America. Will globalization spread liberal democracy?

Optional but Recommended:

Dr. Zhivago by Boris Pasternak
Leuchtenberg
The Armies of the Night by Norman Mailer
Inventing America by Garry Willis
Hiroshima by John Hersey
Going after Cacciato by Tim O'Brian
Passage to India by E.M. Forster
Out of the Shadows by Rose Cohen

The Perils of Prosperity by William
Only Yesterday by Frederick Lewis Allen
Explaining America by Gary Willis
Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut
Is Paris Burning by Collin & LaPierre
The Grades of Wrath by John Steinbeck
The Fixer by Bernard Malamud