



# Pocono Mountain School District

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## *Honors Modern United States History Summer Reading Assignment*

Dear Honors Modern US History Student:

Congratulations on your enrollment in the Honors Modern United States History course. This course has been designed to develop analytical skills and allow students to acquire a thorough knowledge of United States History. The course content is based upon “big ideas” in American history and will focus on the following concepts: identity, peopling, work, exchange, technology, politics, power, environment, geography, ideas, beliefs, culture and America in the world. The course will also assess the development of student communication skills through the writing of coherent, analytical essays.

There is a mandatory summer reading and related writing assignment required for all students enrolled in Honors Modern US History. Students will have a choice in reading assignments. The choices are from sections within The Federalist Papers. Students must select one of the sections to read. The Federalist Papers have been in publication for many years and can be viewed online at <http://www.foundingfathers.info/federalistpapers/fedindex.htm> or purchased from local bookstores.

Upon completion of the selected reading assignment, students will complete the related writing assignment using the attached directions. This assignment will be worth 10% of your first marking period grade and is due by Friday, September 11, 2020.

Sincerely,

Amy Buffington  
Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Federal Programs  
Pocono Mountain School District