

Advanced Placement United States History Book Report-- Non-Fiction

The book report should be 3 to 4 pages long and be written in a simple, concise, clear style.

Don't simply copy pages out of the book or quotes from the cover or pages from an internet web page, as some students may wish to do. The report must be typed, double-spaced with Times New Roman font 12 and one-inch margins.

You should thoroughly answer these questions:

1. **What is the title of the book?** Who is the author? Who is the publisher? How many pages are in the book? These questions should be answered in one or two complete sentences.
2. **How many days did it take you to read this book?** This is about one sentence.
3. **Identify the type of non-fiction book is this?** Is this an analysis of history, a story of some historical event or a biography? This could be about one-paragraph long.
4. **Tell me what the book is about. Summarize the plot.** Explain the main idea and the supporting details or arguments. If the text is organized historically or is a biography, provide information on the important events in the text. This could run from one and a half page to several pages. Do not make it too long or too short; you do not need to explain every little detail in the plot.
5. **Now provide an analysis of the book.** Tell me why you liked or did not like it. Was it too difficult or easy to understand? Was the vocabulary too hard? Would you recommend it to a friend? Did you see a movie or video of the book after reading the text? If so, how is it different from the book? How would you judge the author? Was the story something you could relate to or was it not connected to your real life? This could be one to several pages. Do not forget this part. Most students do well on the summary of the book (question#4) but only write a few sentences for this question. Do a good analysis. This part should be the larger part of the paper.