



**IB HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS  
WINTER PARK HIGH SCHOOL  
SUMMER ASSIGNMENT**

Congratulations! You are now a junior entering into an exciting part of your high school career. This is the beginning of the two-year course, IB History of the Americas. During your junior year we will focus on the history of the United States and other American countries. First, we will focus on the revolutionary period and the move to independent nationhood. From there we will experience the growing pains of new nations, the atrocities of slavery, and the divisiveness of Civil War. As the year progresses, we will face the challenges of America's expansion and its emergence into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Finally, we will end junior year focusing on the struggles of the Civil Rights Era during the 1950s and 1960s.

To begin our journey, you will read *Founding Brothers* by Joseph Ellis. **(Before the school year is over, be sure to check out a copy of *Founding Brothers* from the textbook room, 217.)** This summer's reading focuses on the leadership of a few men in a remote corner of the world in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Ellis states "the United States is now the oldest enduring republic in world history, with a set of political institutions and traditions that have stood the test of time." We in the 21<sup>st</sup> century assume that our country's path was a foregone conclusion. If we did not have the inspired leaders of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, would our republic have survived? *Founding Brothers* delves into the personalities and experiences of the men we often refer to as our Founding Fathers. What brought these men together at this moment in time? What made them the leaders our struggling nation needed to survive?

You will be expected to read *Founding Brothers* and complete the study guide by **August 12, 2019**, the first day of school. Be prepared to participate in class discussions, a simulation, and a quiz on the book. At the conclusion of our introductory unit on *Founding Brothers*, you will write an essay.

The study guide is located on the **IB History Summer Assignments Google Classroom Page**. Go to: <https://classroom.google.com>. The class code is **6y2ruaz**. At the top, you will find the *Founding Brothers* Reading Assignment. You are expected to answer a series of questions for the preface and each chapter. You must also complete a story plan for each chapter. The story plan serves as a review of each chapter including the major figures, events, opposing sides, and resolution. It is important to thoroughly answer the questions and complete the story plans in detail. This will help you later with the discussions, essay, and quiz.

You are expected to read the book and to do your own work. **Cheating and plagiarism are not tolerated.** OCPS defines cheating as "willful or deliberate unauthorized use of the work of another person for academic purposes, or inappropriate use of notes or other material in the completion of an academic assignment or test." **Malpractice violates the IB code of ethics and can result in removal from the program.** We expect all students to live up to the high expectations of the IB program.

It is important that you read this book. It will serve as the foundation of many discussions throughout the year. So much of U.S. History reflects back to the founding period.

We look forward to meeting you in August and to rediscovering the History of the Americas with you! We hope you enjoy the book.

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