

Summer Reading Dual Enrollment US History: John Adams

There are two parts to your summer assignment:

1.) READ *the first section* of this highly acclaimed biography, *Part I, Revolution*.

Make notes as you read, analyzing the personality, leadership qualities, and contributions to American freedom made by John Adams. These will help you in graded classroom discussion.

2.) WATCH *all seven parts* of the DVD of McCullough's John Adams. You should be able to find it in video stores or through Net Flix. Feel free to discuss the book and movie with your friends, but be sure to *write your own thoughts in your review of the movie*. Your review should be 2 pages, typed, double-spaced, in standard 12-point font. Include answers to these questions: Which do you think is better – the book or the movie? What more do you know about John Adams and the colonial period and the period of the Revolution from reading the book or watching the movie? Evaluate John Adams' contributions as an American leader. What were his specific contributions and how important were they? Describe other important characters in the story of John Adams' life and evaluate their importance to his career.

Be aware that I WILL ASK YOU TO SUBMIT YOUR REVIEW THROUGH *Turn-It-In* when school starts.