

American History Summer Reading Study Guide
10 Days That Unexpectedly Changed America by Steven Gillon
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Summer reading should be enjoyable but informative. The book I have chosen covers the entire year in history class. Students should answer the following questions to the best of their ability and turn them in on the first full day of class. The open book test will be on the second full day of class. I would suggest highlighting all important people and underlining important events.

Chapter One- Massacre at Mystic

1. Describe the actions of Mason and Underhill
2. What was wampum?
3. Who was Metacom?
4. What was the effect of King Philip's War?
5. Who were the Mohegan?
6. How did King Philip's War start?

Chapter Two- Shays' Rebellion

1. How were goods paid for in Western Massachusetts?
2. Describe the Articles of Confederation.
3. Why were the farmers of Massachusetts so upset following the American Revolution?
4. What was the format of the new government established by the Constitution?

Chapter Three- Gold Rush

1. Where did John Sutter settle?
2. Who was James Marshall?
3. How was gold discovered?
4. Who was Sam Brannan?
5. How did people find out about the Gold Rush?
6. How did travelers get to California?
7. What kinds of people traveled to California?
8. How did the Gold Rush impact California?

Chapter Four- Antietam

1. Who was Corporal Barton Mitchell?
2. Describe the Civil War soldier.
3. What was the minie ball?
4. How does Antietam compare to other famous battles?
5. What did Lincoln issue after Antietam?
6. How did Antietam change the focus of the war?

Chapter Five- The Homestead Strike

1. Who owned the Homestead factory and what union was at the factory?
2. Describe the battle between the workers and the Pinkertons.
3. Who was Henry Bessemer?
4. Who was Alexander Berkman?

Chapter Six- Murder at the Fair

1. Describe McKinley's early career.
2. Describe Leon Czolgosz.
3. Describe McKinley's surgery.
4. Describe Teddy Roosevelt's career.

Chapter Seven- Scopes: The Battle Over America's Soul

1. What was the Butler Act?
2. How was the ACLU involved in the Scopes trial?
3. Describe William Jennings Bryan.
4. What was the result of the Scopes trial?

Chapter Eight- Einstein's Letter

1. Where was the first atomic bomb dropped?
2. Who was Leo Szilard?
3. Describe Einstein's early career.
4. Why did Einstein write his two letters?
5. What was the Manhattan Project?

Chapter Nine- When America Was Rocked

1. Who was Ed Sullivan?
2. Briefly describe the teenage culture of the 1950s.
3. What made Elvis different?
4. How did Elvis become a singer?
5. What were some of Elvis's early hits?
6. Which TV shows did Elvis appear on?

Chapter Ten- Freedom Summer

1. What was SNCC?
2. What was CORE?
3. What happened during Freedom Summer?