



**The Catholic High School of Baltimore
Summer Reading List**

Teacher's Name: Mr. Planamente

School Year: 2019-2020

Grade Level: 10

Course No.: 221

Course Name: Honors US History

Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA): Honors

**READING: 10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America, Steven M. Gillon
Broadway Books, 1st edition 2006. ISBN: 978-0-307-33934-8**

ASSIGNMENT: Read the following from *10 Days that Unexpectedly Changed America*:

1. Introduction
 2. 2 of the first 4 chapters (your choice)
 3. 3 of the last 6 chapters (your choice)
 4. Total of 5 chapters required with 2 of them from the first 4 chapters and 3 of them from the last 6 chapters, but I encourage you to read more if your time permits.
 5. Epilogue. (The total required reading for the entire book is only about 130 pages.)
1. Write one to two paragraphs summarizing the key ideas of the introduction. Gillon introduces major themes for the book in this section. Please be sure to include these themes in the summary.
 2. Write one to two paragraphs summarizing the key ideas of the epilogue after reading the chapters. Some of the themes Gillon discusses in the introduction and develops in the chapters are returned to in the epilogue. Be sure to look for any discussion about conflicts between ideals and actions.
 3. For each of your selected 5 chapters, summarize the key events of the day (1-2 paragraphs) and explain why that day was so significant in our nation's

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history (2 paragraphs). Look for the event/events it triggered or the pattern of future behavior it set in place as discussed by the author, Gillon. Be sure to read the entire chapter as often the cause and effect with significance is discussed in the last part of the chapter. For example in Chapter 1, “Massacre at Mystic”, pages 7-18 describe the events, and then Gillon discusses the significance of the events in pages 19-28 with particular emphasis on significance in pages 25-28.

ASSIGNMENT DUE DATE: First Day full day of classes

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