

U. S. History Extra Credit

Trimester 2

Mrs. Hughes

Read one of the following books and keep a dialectical journal and complete a book ad. See hand-out for directions on journal and book ad. The amount of extra credit may be up to half a letter grade. So, if you had a 75% you could raise it to a “B”. The amount of extra credit will depend on the quality of the project. **To receive the extra credit you must complete the dialectical journal and the book ad and turn them in one week before the end of the trimester.** Partial credit will not be given.

Sacajawea: The Story of Bird Woman and the Lewis and Clark Expedition

Author: Joseph Bruchac

This novel retells the story of Lewis and Clark and the various challenges they faced. It is told from alternating points of view by Sacajawea and Clark, and includes excerpts from Clark’s and Lewis’s journals as well as Shoshone tales.

What’s the Deal? Jefferson, Napoleon, and the Louisiana Purchase

Author: Rhoda Blumberg

This excellent telling of the purchase that transformed the U.S. unto a world power gives substance to an event usually thought of as a simple transaction.

The Last of the Mohicans

Author: James Fenimore Cooper

Cooper’s book is a classic adventure story set in the forests of Colonial America. The settings give the reader a sense of the rugged frontier and the plot gives one a feel for the danger and excitement of being in the wilderness.

Thomas Jefferson: Man on a Mountain

Author: Natalie S. Bober

Bober presents a portrait of a very human, immensely gifted man who lived at the critical time of the formation of America. Using Jefferson’s own writings, quotations from contemporaries, documents and historical data, Bober’s biography of Jefferson is both informative and engaging.