

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT US HISTORY

Title- Lies My Teacher Told Me: Everything Your American History Textbook Got Wrong

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Lies My Teacher Told Me is a thought provoking book that uncovers truths our American History textbooks either incorrectly state or omit. In the book, the author discusses such topics as our supposed national heroes, blundered military ventures, and the roots of prejudice. After reading the book, students should have a feeling why I prefer to blend outside sources with the history textbook. This book will also prepare students for United States History in their junior year. Finally, I would expect students to read and comprehend the arguments the book makes and help peak their interest for United States History.

Study Guide-

- What does the book say about some of our national heroes?
- How did your view of Columbus change after reading the book?
- What is the difference in what you have been taught about Thanksgiving and the reality of Thanksgiving?
- What does the author say about racism and how our textbooks cover (or don't cover) racism, specifically John Brown and Abraham Lincoln?
- Why does the textbook call the last 25-30 years "our recent past?"
- What do you think about the other topics discussed in the book?