

AP US History Book Critique (3-5 pages)

The following is offered as a suggestion of how you can organize your book critique. You may mix and match these elements to your specific book, or choose a different course entirely. Please be warned that the most important part of your critique is **YOUR OPINION**. If you only submit information from the book and omit your thoughts and insights, do not expect to receive a passing grade. Each critique that you write will be worth **100 product points**.

Assignment:

Your assignment is to write a three to five page critique of a book about American History. Please use the following guidelines. Your review must be typed, double-spaced, and in 12 point font, with one-inch margins. No cover pages or report covers, please, but be sure your name, the course name and the date is in the upper left corner of the paper.

When you write: Be sure you *italicize* the title of your book. **Do not refer to a book that is nonfiction as a novel.** Only works of fiction are novels.

1. Provide a **brief** overview of the book. Be sure to tell me if your book is fiction or nonfiction. Who are the important characters? What is the setting? What is the main conflict? In other words, what is the book about? (Approximately 1 page long.)
2. Overall how did you like it? Be sure to explain specifically what you did or did not like about it. (Approximately ½-1 page)
3. Critique the overall historical accuracy of the book. This is especially important if you are reading a work of fiction. You may have to do a little independent research on this, but the internet should make that job easy for you. **Be sure to include your observations on what you learned about the historical period covered by your book.** (Approximately 1 page)
4. Tell me some interesting stories and accounts from the book. Provide a running commentary explaining why you found these parts so fascinating. Don't forget to stress what you've learned about the time period. (Approximately ½-1 page)
5. Conclusion-Would you recommend this book? Was it a good read? Did it provide a unique perspective of the historical setting? What were you able to learn from it? (Approximately ½ -1 page)

You may submit your critique early, BUT I WILL NOT ACCEPT THEM LATE (unless there are extreme circumstances that I will know about before the due date arrives).

Remember, choose a title from the list on my website, OR email me with your proposal for a different book before you start reading.