

Summer Assignment-2020

Understanding world history in today's world is critical, as it really is an understanding of our identity and the human condition. Our world has shrunk immeasurably and what affects other parts of the world affects the United States. Increasingly in our modern world stories and histories are told through a variety of media. Therefore, this summer I would like you to explore modern world history not through books but through documentaries. Your assignment is in two parts.

Part I:

Choose any of the following documentaries and watch **THREE** of them and take **NOTES** (bulleted notes-about 2-3 pages max) on **EACH** documentary for submission.

1. CNN Special Report on North Korea https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jqw93O4_MrY
2. The Cold War Series- CNN (Each Episode can be watched as a single documentary)https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VqQTGqJ0Wo4&list=PLnK8dyMAVbZ85xkMooOKk4bqdn3P_iUa (I would recommend NOT choosing the Berlin Airlift)
3. The Romanovs (Royal Family of Russia) <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/romanovs/>
4. Blood and Oil (History of the Middle East during WWI) <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/blood-oil/>
5. Americas- Great Indian Nations <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/americas-great-indian-nations/>
6. Poor Us- Animated History <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/poor-us-animated-history/>
7. Guns, Germs, and Steel <https://cosmolearning.org/documentaries/guns-germs-and-steel-683/>
8. The Empire in Africa (story of Sierra-Leone and the Diamond Industry) <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/empire-africa/>
9. Haitian Revolution <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/haitian-revolution-toussaint-louverture/>
10. The Canary Effect (documentary that looks into the effects of that the United States and its policies have on the Indigenous peoples <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/canary-effect/>
11. Iran- Seven Faces of a Civilization <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/iran-seven-faces-of-civilization/>
12. Brazil- an Inconvenient History (story of slavery in Brazil) <http://topdocumentaryfilms.com/brazil-inconvenient-history/>
13. The 11th hour <https://vimeo.com/107108296>
14. Frontline: Policing the Police <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/policing-the-police/>
15. LISTEN TO ANY TED RADIO HOUR AVAILABLE ON NPR- this will count as a documentary. <https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510298/ted-radio-hour>
16. Frontline Podcast: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/>
17. Frontline: The Plastic Wars: <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/plastic-wars/>
18. Frontline: China Undercover <https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/china-undercover/>
19. Nigeria's Transformation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2sAHRcyVwYo>
20. BBC: Empire: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vu5jPlsGYfo&list=PLdFlwwiQWslWwvtSKkIJqA30gqs6sisQh>
(each episode can be considered one documentary)

DUE DATE FOR WATCHING THE VIDEOS AND NOTES ONE EACH OF THE VIDEOS: SEPTEMBER 10TH

Part II: Discussion and Presentation- ASSIGNMENT FOR ONCE CLASS BEGINS

Be prepared to discuss all three documentaries.

- We will discuss all three in groups.
- Groups will decide which of the documentaries discussed should be promoted as the best one of the group.
- Groups will present the favorite documentary to the class
- class will vote on which one to watch and write about

DUE DATE: Discussions to begin September 10th. Good luck students!! I look forward to seeing you!