

2017 AP US History Summer Assignment

Read the following two books and then write an essay answering the prompt completely. Make sure to follow the rubric.

Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow

A novel that comments on life in the New York area at the turn of the 20th century.

The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

A pair of essays that examine race relations and the civil rights struggle in the 1960s.

Write an argumentative essay for the below prompt using evidence from the above books. Please use only those two books as evidence for your arguments.

Prompt: Compare and contrast race relations in the northeastern United States at the beginning of the 20th century with race relations in the 1950s and 1960s.

This assignment will be worth **20 points**:

5 points for an argumentative thesis

5 points for 7 citations from the book

5 points for completely answering the prompt (compare **and** contrast)

5 points for comparing the struggle with something from the last two years.