

US History AP-H and Econ-Gov AP-H

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- *History of Women in America* by Carol Hymowitz and Michaele Weissman
- *A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America* by Ronald Takaki

Econ-Gov AP-H -

- *Nickel and Dime: On (Not) Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich
- *Beyond Left and Right: Helping Christians Make Sense of American Politics* by Amy E. Black
- *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner
- *Dear White Christians* by Aaron J. Layton

Everyone taking Advanced Placement or Honors US History and Economics-Government must read one of the books above and annotate it according to this document. Your choice must be something you have never read before. **On the first day of school your teacher will collect your book**, and you will be given a grade for your annotations. Your work must be original and unique to you. It is okay if some of your markings do not make sense to your teacher (as long as they make sense to you). It is not okay if you and another student turn in identically marked texts.

*REGARDING THE READING

Please be prepared to complete annotations and written assignments based on your readings. You may wish to review titles on Shmoop.com before making a selection. Though these books are influential and canonical works that appear on reading lists throughout the country, **a few on this list may contain material that some might find objectionable. Please exercise personal discretion. Also, bear in mind that God can use worldly works to convey His truth about who we are and how we should strive to live. When we return in fall, we will openly and honestly critique the texts in light of God's word.**

ANNOTATING A TEXT

- Surprising
 - Important
 - Inconsistent with other details
 - Particularly persuasive
 - Particularly emotional
 - Particularly memorable or quotable
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- **When to annotate-** As you read. By and large, this should be an ‘in the moment’ activity. Do not attempt to read the whole book then go back and mark it all after the fact. You will not remember the nuanced details. However, it may be helpful to periodically go back and mark the last page, paragraph, or chapter while your thoughts are still fresh. Sometimes we don’t realize how important an idea is, what something means, or how something makes us feel until we read on.

 - **How often to annotate-** Some pages will have more noteworthy content than others. On some pages, it may be reasonable to make 5, 6, maybe even 7 markings. On other pages you may struggle to find anything worth marking. You want your markings to be helpful, so don’t treat this as busy work, and don’t go marking too much (if you mark everything, nothing will stand out). Instead a good rule of thumb is to have **an average two thoughtful annotations per page.**