

**American Dialogue: United States Honors History Summer Reading Assignment**

Directions: In an essay of at least 700 words, respond to the following questions:

A: Ellis argues in the introduction that history is the “ongoing conversation between past and present.” What does Ellis mean by this? Why does Ellis argue that the study of history is important? Use evidence from the book in your response.

B: Ellis structures his book around the following major issues: race, income inequality, jurisprudence, and foreign policy. He then compares the past (then) to the present (now). Pick one of the issues and then analyze the founding father’s view of the issue, and how that connects to the issue in the present. Use evidence from the book in your response.