

Advanced Placement US History

Summer Reading Assignment

- Read all of Period 1 (Modules 1.1-1.4) and Modules 2.1-2.5 from Period 2 in *Fabric of a Nation*. Outline each module.
- Read *The Killer Angels*, by Michael Shaara. Answer the following questions:
 - Choose any three (3) characters from *The Killer Angels* (at least one from the Confederacy and at least one from the Union). Using specific examples from throughout the book, explain why each of these characters made the decisions they did.
 - Identify the speaker and analyze the following quote from his perspective as well as from the perspective of the enemy:
 - “This is a different kind of army. If you look at history you’ll see men fight for pay, or women, or some other kind of loot. They fight for land, or because a king makes them, or just because they like killing. But we’re here for something new.”
 - Identify the speaker and analyze the following quote:
 - “When we were all young, they fought in a simple way. They faced each other out in the open, usually across a field. One side came running. The other got one shot in, from a close distance, because the rifle wasn’t very good at a distance, because it wasn’t a rifle. Then after that one shot they hit together hand to hand, or sword to sword, and the cavalry would ride in from one angle or another... But now, listen, now it’s quite a bit different, and quite a few people don’t seem to know that yet.”
 - How does the following quotation illustrate Lee’s approach to warfare? Support your answer.
 - “Lee knelt and began to pray. His engineer’s mind went on thinking while he prayed. He could find no flaw: we will go up the center and split them in two, on the defense no longer, attacking at last ... By the end of the prayer he was certain: he felt a releasing thrill.”

These are due on the first day of class and will be graded. There will be a test on the reading from *Fabric of a Nation* within the first few days of school.