

**Mr. Huesken**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors World History**

**- Historical Literature -**  
**Honors World History Book Review (w/ Voice-Thread)**

**Project Overview -**

During the course of the semester, Honors students will be required to select and complete a book reviews on a time period of their choice from an assigned book listing. All book selections should be approved with Mr. Huesken before continuing forward. This project is designed to broaden a students understanding of the course content while also providing them with valuable practice for future advanced-placement courses, such as an AP history course. Once selected, books can be found in the following locations:

- The High School Library (Media Center / IMC)
- The Public Library System of Lancaster County
- Buy the book (via Amazon, Ebay, etc.)
- Talk to friends, family, classmates, etc.



**Where can I find appropriate book selections for this project? -**

The complete list of book titles for this project is available on Mr. Huesken’s website via the E-town High School page under the “Honors World History” tab

- Sign-ups for books will be done at Mr. Huesken’s discretion either before school or during Mr. Huesken’s office hours after school (M-F 2:40pm to 3:30pm – except for Wednesdays)
- If you or your parents have an issue in obtaining a particular book, please feel free to contact Mr. H via phone here at the High School or e-mail ([gerald\\_huesken@etownschools.org](mailto:gerald_huesken@etownschools.org))

**- Book Review Timeline -**

- Book should be selected from the online reading list prior to the following date:  
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- All book reviews should be submitted **no later than 3pm** on the following due dates  
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**How will I be completing my final book review for submission? -**

In a change from year’s past, students will be using a free online app called Voice-Thread to create a digital review of their book. Final Voice-Thread reviews will be submitted through Google Classroom.

- Directions on how to set up your Voice-Thread account and steps on how to get started with your project will be provided on Google Classroom by Mr. H at a later date.



## **What are the requirements for the Book Reviews Voice Thread Projects? -**

Book Review Voice-Thread projects should following the attached format below, utilizing an audio narration from the student and images that both help to explain the book, but also show the deeper historical insights that the student was able to get from the experience of reading this particular book and how the content related back to our World History curriculum...

- **Item # 1 - Introduction**
  - Background to the book, background to the author, why the student selected this particular book for their review?
- **Item #2 - Book Summary**
  - A through overview of the book's plot and/or historical thesis and evidence
- **Item #3 - Historical Relevance**
  - Explain the time period and the historical events that this book references and relate it to elements from the course.
  - Does the book offer any new or unique insights into that time period?
  - What are the three (3) best quotes from the book and why you think they are the best quotes from the book?
- **Item #4 - Deeper Insights**
  - How did the book give you, the student, a deeper insight into the time period or era of world history? (Be specific)
- **Item #5 - Conclusion / Recommendation**
  - Would you recommend his book to other students as a good way to learn about this time period? Why or why not? (Be specific)

## **How will my final Book Review Voice Thread Project be graded?**

Both book reviews will be out of **fifty (50)** points and will be graded based on the rubric included with this packet. Please review this rubric prior to

## **A friendly word of warning from avid bookworm Henry Bemis...**

