

May 25, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian of Future 11th Grade U.S. History 1877 – Present Student:

In preparation for the 2010/2011 school year's focused academic pace, students who will be taking U.S History 1877-Present are expected to read the following over the summer break:

1. The Buck Stops Here: The 28 Toughest Presidential Decisions and How They Changed History
Thomas J. Craughwell and Edwin Kiester, Jr.
Fair Winds Press * Massachusetts
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Students will be expected to keep a journal about each chapter, summarizing each section of the chapter using a Cornell notes style. The journal needs to be kept in a spiral notebook and notes should be legible (A typed journal is also acceptable). Students will be expected to turn in their *The Buck Stops Here* journals within the first week of the 2010/2011 school year. It is imperative that students who are entering the 11th grade complete the reading assignments before the new school year begins. This will help ensure that each student gets off to a good start and has a successful experience in U.S. History 1877 to Present.

If you have questions or difficulty finding any of these materials, please feel free to contact the Social Studies Department Chair, Ms. Vessey, at klord@harmonytx.org.

We hope you all have a terrific summer and look forward to next year.

Please sign and return the bottom portion of this letter acknowledging that you have received and understood the above information regarding the required summer reading for Harmony Science Academy-Fort Worth's 2010/2011 U.S History 1877-Present course.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

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Date: _____