



HARMONY SCIENCE ACADEMY

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Summer Reading for 8th Grade U.S. History to 1877

Dear Parent/Guardian of Future 8th Grade U.S. History to 1877 Student:

In preparation for the 2009/2010 school year's focused academic pace, students who will be taking U.S History to 1877 are expected to read the following over the summer break:

1. Don't Know Much About American History
Kenneth C. Davis
Harper Collins Publishers * New York
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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 (description of Cornell notes is attached to this document). 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 *Don't Know Much about American History* journals within the first week of the 2009/2010 school year. It is imperative that students who are entering the 8th 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 success experience in U.S. History.

If you have questions or difficulty finding any of these materials, please feel free to contact Mr. Dean, at jdean@harmonytx.org or the Department Chair Mr. Strickland at dstrickland@harmonytx.org. We hope you all have a terrific summer and look forward to next year.