Advanced Placement United States History Summer reading Assignment:

Read American Creation by Joseph Ellis, ISBN: 978-0-307-27645-2. Compose a five-page, hand-written, reading journal. Focus on one topic per page. Answer the following question for each topic: What new insight into U.S. History did you gain from reading this book? Cite the page or pages from which you gained this insight. In one or two paragraphs, explain how this insight helps you to understand our nation's past or our nation today. Include any further questions this insight prompts you to ask about our history or our nation today. These questions need to be written in complete sentences but may be listed in bullet points. This assignment is designed to help you learn more about key issues that faced the United States at it founding but also to generate questions for you to explore throughout AP United States History. I hope that you enjoy reading this great book. The journal is due the first full day of class upon your return to school. You will be expected to participate in a class discussion based on American Creation. This assignment is worth 30 points. Sincerely, Mr. Chisholm