

## SUMMER READING 2019

*The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin.*

<http://xroads.virginia.edu/~HYPER/Franklin/cover.html>

- 1) The book we will be reading for the summer is *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*. It is in the public domain and therefore available for free online. Follow the link above for the edition we will be using.
- 2) To facilitate your reading, to aid in your understanding, and to ensure the reading gets done, you will be required to complete four assignments. The first and the third assignments are Google® Quizzes. The second and fourth assignments are short answer questions. The second and fourth assignments will be submitted to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com). If you have never used turnitin.com before, complete the following steps:
  - I) Click on “create account” at the top right of the screen
  - II) Select “student” as your user type.
  - III) Create a user profile. The class ID is: **21155203**. The class enrollment password is: **baseball**.
  - IV) Enter e-mail address. It is important that this is your school e-mail address, and that you read your school e-mail this summer. I e-mail each member of the reading group after the completion of writing assignments with grades and comments.
  - V) Enter your password and confirm your password. Set your secret clue in case you forget your password.
  - VI) Create a user profile with your first name and last name.
  - VII) Agree to the terms of the website.
  - VIII) End wizard log-in.

If you have used turnitin.com before, all you need do is:

- IX) Enroll in the class with the information above
  - X) Click on “2019AP US History Summer Reading2019”
- 3) After you have registered, you should be able to get to enter turnitin simply by going to [www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com) and entering your e-mail address and password.
- 4) I will be sharing this assignment with you via GoogleDocs on Wednesday, May 22. It is very important that you register and reply to my invitation to view by Friday, May 19. The purpose of this invitation is to ensure that your e-mail address is correct and that you are receiving my e-mails. If you do not reply to this e-mail by May 19, I will disturb the start of your summer vacation by tracking you down.

## FIRST ASSIGNMENT

DUE DATE: June 10, 2019 by 11:59 PM.

WHAT YOU MUST READ: Start at the beginning of *The Autobiography* and read until you reach the part where the young Franklin arrives in London and finds the governor of Pennsylvania has lied to him.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED: A GoogleQuiz. When I receive your reply to my invitation to view this assignment I will share the quiz with you. You must complete it and submit it no later than the due date above.

## SECOND ASSIGNMENT

DUE DATE: June 21, 2019 at 11:59 PM. This must be turned in to turnitin.com.

WHAT YOU MUST READ: Start where left off at the end of the first assignment's reading and read until you reach the letters from Abel James and Benjamin Vaughan. It is not necessary that you read the letters from James and Vaughan.

WHAT IS THE ASSIGNMENT: You must answer all three parts of the following question:

"There was in America a society which valued the things Franklin could do well: work hard, write effectively, plan improvements, and conciliate differences. Franklin was an exemplar of personal character and civic virtues. His *Autobiography* records these achievements and the values and habits that made them possible."

Helen Boatfield, *Franklin's Autobiography*, 1964

"[In the *Autobiography*] Franklin shows himself to be a frugal, inoffensive, thrifty citizen, but savors of nothing heroic....his writings are all about getting money or saving it and teach men only a small portion of their duties."

Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1841

Using the excerpts above, answer (a), (b), and (c)

- a) Briefly explain ONE major difference between Boatfield's and Emerson's interpretations of Franklin's activities in the second assignment reading.
- b) Identify and briefly explain how ONE occurrence in the second assignment reading could be used to support Boatfield's interpretation.
- c) Identify and briefly explain how ONE occurrence in the second assignment reading could be used to support Emerson's interpretation.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED: If you answer (a), (b), and (c) correctly you will score 100%. If you answer any two of (a), (b), and (c) correctly you will score 90%. If you answer any one of (a), (b), and (c) correctly you will score 80%. If you answer none of (a), (b), and (c) correctly you will score 70%.

## THIRD ASSIGNMENT

DUE DATE: July 3, 2019 by 11:59 PM.

WHAT YOU MUST READ: Start at the letters from Abel James and Benjamin Vaughan (which you need not read) and read until you reach the part where Franklin receives honorary degrees from the College of Cambridge (Harvard University) and Yale University

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED: A GoogleQuiz. When I receive your reply to my invitation to view this assignment I will share the quiz with you. You must complete it and submit it no later than the due date above.

## FOURTH ASSIGNMENT

DUE DATE: July 19, 2019. This must be turned in to turnitin.com.

WHAT YOU MUST READ: Start with the beginning of the French and Indian War in 1754 and read until the end of the *Autobiography*.

WHAT IS THE ASSIGNMENT: You must answer all three parts of the following question:

Answer (a), (b), and (c)

- a) Identify and briefly explain ONE way that Franklin was actively involved in the prosecution of the French and Indian War.
- b) Identify and briefly explain ONE reason why Franklin was disliked by the Proprietors of Pennsylvania.
- c) Identify and briefly explain ONE lesson Franklin learned from his involvement in the French and Indian War OR from Franklin's disputes with the Proprietors of Pennsylvania.

HOW YOU WILL BE ASSESSED: If you answer (a), (b), and (c) correctly you will score 100%. If you answer any two of (a), (b), and (c) correctly you will score 90%. If you answer any one of (a), (b), and (c) correctly you will score 80%. If you answer none of (a), (b), and (c) correctly you will score 70%.

### **SOME FINAL WORDS**

- 1) YOU MUST TURN IN YOUR RESPONSES BY THE DUE DATES! If you have not posted a response by that time, you cannot receive full credit for your work. The short answer prompts are posted at [turnitin.com](http://turnitin.com) and I will share the two quizzes with you when you reply to my invitation to view this document. If you are going on vacation, a mission trip, or some other place where you do not have internet access, it is your responsibility to get your posting done before you leave.
- 2) For the short answer questions, I will be happy to look at rough drafts provided you share them with me AT LEAST 48 hours before the due date.
- 3) When submitting a short answer reply to [turnitin.com](http://turnitin.com), you should type it as a GoogleDoc and then upload it to [turnitin.com](http://turnitin.com). In that manner, you can edit your reply and proofread it before you submit it.
- 4) If you have any questions about the content of the Autobiography, do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail. Franklin is writing in an 18th century idiom, which means you will have to read carefully to understand what he is saying.