

SALESIAN HIGH SCHOOL

English/History Department: Juniors

School Year: 2020/2021

Assignment:

1. All student must access and read the following article: [1918 Influenza Pandemic & COVID-19](#)

American Literature students must read: **Background** and **Excerpt from *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair** (pdf attached)

AP Language and Composition students must read:

- **“The Sky is Gray” by Ernest Gaines** (pdf attached)
- [Essential Rhetorical Analysis Terms](#)

2. Based on the information in the article, selected readings, and your general knowledge and understanding, please respond to the following questions for each content area.

History

Students enrolled in AP World History must only respond to the Honors question; all others must respond to the non-honors question. **Answers written must be a minimum of one (1) paragraph (8 – 10 sentences):**

- **(Non-Honors)** Are democratic countries becoming more socialistic?
- **(Honors)** Are countries with constitutions less likely to become socialistic?

English

American Literature - *The Jungle* deals with many problem areas of America at the turn of the 20th Century in what is known as The Progressive Era (1890s to 1920s). Listed below are the social issues from the time period. Your assignment is to use scholarly research (primary sources) from the Salesian Databases* and offer 2-3 sentences about some historical data on each of the 9 issues from the Progressive Era.

- Use the Facts on file Databases - - Username = salesianhs & Password = facts
- American History Online
- Modern World History Online
- Issues & Controversies in American History
- Bloom’s Literary Reference Online

Social Issues: 1. New Immigrants, 2. Meat Packing Industry, 3. Plight of the Poor, 4. Child Labor, 5. Working Conditions, 6. Unemployment, 7. Drugs/Alcohol, 8. Socialism, and 9. Organized Crime.

Address all 9 social issues by highlighting some historical data concerning each.

General Format:

The assignment must be type written following the MLA guidelines (double spaced, using standard default margin formatting of 1 inch per side and top and bottom, font style Times New Roman with 12 point font, custom page header with student's first initial, last name and page number in the upper right hand corner of each page). Additionally, students must complete a works cited page following the MLA guidelines. Use the "citation" feature in the Salesian Library Databases to formulate your citations.

Example MLA citation formatted from the American History Database in the Facts on file Databases:

Jaycox, Faith. "Introduction: The Progressive Era." *Progressive Era*, Facts On File, 2005.

American History, online.infobase.com/Auth/Index?aid=20700&itemid=WE52&articleId=210990. Accessed 9 June 2020. **Web***.

*You must add "**Web**" in bold, in order to indicate that it was cited from a website.

AP Language and Composition - Now that you've read both Winston Churchill's essay "What Good's a Constitution" and Ernest Gaines' short story "The Sky is Gray," analyze the notion of self-freedom between these texts. Choose three (3) rhetorical strategies/literary terms from the Essential Rhetorical Analysis Terms list linked, and analyze how Gaines uses these strategies to emphasize his message of how one may achieve self-freedom.

A typed Times New Roman - double spaced - 12 point - five-paragraph analysis essay with direct (MLA format) references from the text to support your literary term usage will suffice. This assignment is worth 200 points and will be submitted your first day of class.