

NEW YORK, THE NOVEL

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Last summer you read the early chapters of this fictional chronicle of the history of New York. This summer you will read the subsequent chapters, as the families and the city move through the Gilded Age, Progressive Era, and World War One. I hope that you enjoy the book as much I did – and will again this summer!

Assignment (40 points)

1. **Reading:** The following chapters are **required**. It is recommended, but not required, that you read the entire book (it is a great read!), as we will cover all of the history in AP-US2.
 - a. *Snow 1888*
 - b. *Old England 1896*
 - c. *Ellis Island 1901*
 - d. *Empire State 1917*
2. **Writing:**
 - a. **ENGINEERING INOVATIONS SHAPE THE CITY OF NEW YORK (10 points)**
The majestic buildings and structures of the City of New York figure largely in this book. Cite and explain two examples of buildings that defined New York in the late 19th – early 20th century. What made these structures memorable, controversial, or inspirational? (One paragraph)
 - b. **POLITICAL POWER (10 points)**
Municipal corruption was a significant problem in many major cities, including, of course, New York. What do the references to municipal corruption tell you about the extent of the problem in New York at the time? Cite two examples from any of the assigned chapters. (One paragraph)
 - c. **ECONOMIC POWER & CHANGE (20 points)**
 1. Wall Street played a significant role in the story. The author wrote, “It was J. P. Morgan and a few men like him who were the kings of Wall Street now . . .” Use two examples from the assigned chapters to illustrate the growing power and reach of Morgan and these “kings of Wall Street.” (10 points) (One paragraph)
 2. Fear of socialism is addressed in *Ellis Island*. Why was there such a continuing fear of socialism? Use one example from the novel to illustrate your response. (10 points) (One paragraph)
 - d. EQS – you will also use your summer reading to answer essential questions in our units on the Gilded Age and the Progressive Era.
3. **Due date:** All work is due in the Schoology dropbox, with a print copy to be turned in to teacher, on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Please be sure to see me ASAP upon return to school if you have any questions.
4. **Page limit:** Your work must have 1” margins, font Times New Roman size 11, and **MUST NOT** exceed 4 pages, double spaced. You must use headers – page numbers and your name on every page. Do not display the page number on the first page, please.
5. **Grading:** This assignment is 40 points.

Summer Reading Assignment

6. **Procrastination:** I urge you NOT to wait until Labor Day to begin this assignment. The novel, as you know from last year, is a good read, but not a short read. In addition, you have a written assignment to complete. This book will be most enjoyable if it is **not** the victim of your failure to plan ahead.