

ELEVENTH GRADE SUMMER READING

Read *1776* by David McCullough. Come prepared to discuss the following aspects of the story:

Setting: Time and place: When and where did the story take place? (Hint: Check the title)

Characters: Major people. Who are the key people in the story? What is their main contribution to the story?

Conflict: What are the major obstacles in the story? Does anyone or anything prevent or inhibit the main characters from doing what they need to do? Who or what is responsible for the most conflict in the story?

Theme: Why was the book written? Besides being a historical account of what happened (the plot), what point is the author trying to make? One word answers are not sufficient. What is the big “take away” idea from *1776*?

IMPORTANT: Your first literature grade for the 2011-2012 school year will be for reading the assigned book (50%) and being prepared to discuss the above topics (50%).