

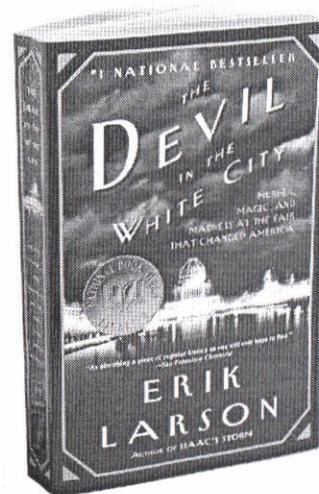
AP UNITED STATES HISTORY II

SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT 2016

In AP United States History I, you ended right around the turn of the twentieth century. This period from 1877 – 1900 is known as the Gilded Age. While this was a time when the U.S. experienced enormous growth, there were major social and economic problems that lay beneath the surface.

It seems fitting that your summer assignment picks up where you left off in class.

Your task is to read Erik Larson's *Devil in the White City*, which can be found in most bookstores or can be ordered from Amazon.com.



Larson's book, which centers on the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, follows the lives of two men: the talented architect responsible for the fair's development and the serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death.

Larson writes history as a story and this particular story will not only aid in your understanding about life during the Gilded Age, but it will hopefully keep you on the edge of your seats!

As you read, please refer to the class discussion questions on the other side of this sheet. While you do not have to write out responses to each question, it is highly recommended that you make some notes in order to best prepare for the class discussion.

2 Assignments:

- 1) As you read the book, please complete the attached discussion questions. These will be due on **Orientation day** and will count as a **quiz**. They can be answered in paragraphs or bullet form.
- 2) On the first **FULL** day of school, there will be a **reading comprehension test** on the book.

Happy reading and I look forward to working with all of you next year!

