

United States History

Name _____

Summer Reading Review Worksheet- Presidential Courage

Date _____

Use the space below provide as much specific information about your book choice as possible:

Author: (include a brief biography of his professional career)

Title: Presidential Courage

Historical Era: ??

Please write cogent and comprehensive essay responses to the series of questions that follow:

- 1. What is the general theme of this reading? Is it fiction or biography? What period of American history gets the most attention from the author. Cite a specific example of this attention.**
- 2. Compile a list of the principal characters in this writing. Briefly comment on the significance of each of these people to the development of the theme you noted above.**
- 3. Elaborate, in specific detail, on each of the people you have cited. Explain why you have selected this particular character. Note his/her contributions to the era under discussion. Do you consider this person to be a significant contributor to the evolution of the USA? How?**
- 4. Would history have been the same without these people? Consider the following themes:

Romanticists believe that certain people are heroic individuals whose actions and or ideas are the moving forces that shape the desires of the common folk and thus change history.

Historical Determinists believe that the course of history is shaped by a series of events and by inevitable change. Man & women can participate in these changes to some extent; but are powerless to affect general historical tendencies.**

What great events are the subject of your reading?

Which of these positions seems to best fit your world view?

How does your chosen individual fit into these theme?