

**United States History**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Summer Reading Review Worksheet**

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 themes?**

