

For students taking Grade 12 Contemporary U.S. History Summer Assignment 2019

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This assignment should be printed, completed, and turned in on the first day of school.

Part 1: What is Contemporary US History?

In 2-3 sentences, explain what “contemporary” history means to you.

Part 2: Contemporary U.S. Themes/Units

Answer the questions that follow each of the Contemporary US History Themes:

1. **Emergence of the United States in the modern era:** *What are three major events from 1900-1970 that have helped define the US’s place in the world?*

2. **American's discontent with our political systems:** *Why might Americans become discontent with our political systems (give at least three examples)?*

3. **Socially motivated politics:** *In what ways can ordinary Americans look to help change our political systems and/or society?*

4. **The modern Supreme Court:** *What role has the Supreme Court played in shaping contemporary US society?*

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