

US History & Government
Summer Reading Assignment
Summer 2018
[Hillbilly Elegy](#) by D.Vance

All students entering US History & Government in Fall 2018 must read [Hillbilly Elegy](#), a memoir by J.D. Vance. Answers to questions must be typed and handed in on the second day of class. If you have any questions regarding this assignment, please contact your U.S. History & Government teacher, Elizabeth Anderson (Elizabeth.Anderson@SSFS.org) or Josh Moffatt (Josh.Moffatt@ssfs.org). **LATE ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

1. Students must be familiar with the [geography of the region](#) this book covers. A short **map quiz** will be given the first week of school and students will be expected to identify the **states** on the map as well as the Appalachian region.



2. Create a **timeline** that marks key events throughout Vance's life. You must have at least **TEN** events on the timeline that encompass his life as described in the book. Your timeline should include **dates**, **location**, and the author's **age** at the time of each key event.

3. Create a T- Chart and compare your life to J.D. Vance's. You must have at least EIGHT comparison points.

Your life	The author's life

Answer the following questions in **paragraph** form using **complete sentences**. Please follow the [History Department Paper/Essay Checklist](#) while writing your answers. Remember, no late papers are accepted in line with History Department policy.

4. How did **geography** play a role in the lives of Vance and his family? You must have at least FOUR examples. (250 - 300 words)
5. **How** was Vance able to succeed when so many others did not from the Appalachian region? By the end of the book, **what** has he accomplished? (250-300 words)
6. **Why** do you think the History Department assigned this book for summer reading in a U.S. History course? **Explain** your answer in detail. (250-300 words)