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**Rising Grade 7 History 2025
Summer Homework Packet**



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CHARTER SCHOOL

Welcome to 7th Grade History!!

Hello 7th grade students and welcome to US History! For your 7th grade year, we will be diving into the first half of United States History, which will be continued in 8th grade for the second half.

For your summer assignment, you will be selecting a current events article and completing a packet on this article. The article should cover a topic that is controversial (giving rise or likely to give rise to public disagreement) in the news today (Citizen rights, the US economy, the War in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, etc), and you will need to identify the moral question or bias included in the article. You will then choose two significant quotations from the article and explain them (like an ACE!), then summarize the entire article, and finally give your opinion on the topic. It will be due upon your return to school, so do not leave this until the last minute!

I look forward to meeting you all and having a fun and productive year next year! Have a great summer!!

Requirement: You must complete 4 Current Events article Worksheets in order to receive a grade.

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