

Hello American History Students-

I am so excited to be teaching American History for the 2018-2019 school year. I love history! I hope you will enjoy learning about it as much as I will enjoy teaching it. To get your learning jump started over the summer I would like you to read, *My Brother Sam is Dead*. *My Brother Sam is Dead* is about Tim Meeker who has looked up to his brother Sam. Sam's smart and brave -- and is now a part of the American Revolution. Not everyone in town wants to be a part of the rebellion. Most are supporters of the British -- including Tim and Sam's father.

War is raging and Tim knows he'll have to make a choice -- between the Revolutionaries and the Redcoats . . . and between his brother and his father. (amazon.com)

Upon completion of the novel I want you to research one of the many battles of the American Revolution and write a 3 page paper about a battle of your choosing.

The paper must be typed in size 12 font and double spaced. Be sure to include a references page, which does not count towards your 3 pages, to list all of the books or websites you used to research your battle.

The paper is due on Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

A few friendly reminders:

- We will be discussing this book on the first week of school and throughout our study of the American Revolution.
- Please remember when you are selecting the book do not read the children's version of the book.
- If you have any questions please feel free to email me at rshinners@bjams.org.

I hope you have an amazing summer and I am already looking forward to seeing you in August!

Best,

Mrs. Shinnars