

## Summer Reading for AP US History

*The Comanche Empire (2009 edition)*, by Pekka Hämäläinen

The summer reading assignment is based on the book *The Comanche Empire*, by Pekka Hämäläinen. Students are expected to write a 4-6 paged book report (12 pt. font; double-spaced; one inch margins; MLA format and citations), which discusses and analyzes the major themes presented in Hämäläinen's work. Questions the students are to ask while working on this project should include: What is Hämäläinen's thesis? What evidence does he offer to support it? How strong is his evidence? Etc. *This book report is to be handed in on the first day of class in two copies (an electronic copy and a hard copy).* On the first day of class, the teacher will discuss Hämäläinen's work with the students. The students will then be tested on this material on day two of class. The test will be an in-class essay test. The students will be given 30 minutes to complete this essay test.

*Hence, this project is worth a minimum of two test grades (i.e., the essay test and book report), as well as a class participation grade.*