Advanced Placement US History
Summer Reading
Mrs. Pankhurst

The Jungle by Upton Sinclair

AP U.S. History

Directions:

PART A: Read and comprehend Upton Sinclair’s The Jungle
***On your first day back in the fall you will be expected to answer a number of questions on the characters, themes, and historical events of the book which will be a TEST grade.***

PART B: Book Outline Assignment
Please prepare a documented outline on The Jungle that will be the basis for a paper that you will write during the correlating unit. The outline should answer the following questions and meet the specifications below:

1) What is the author’s thesis about the subject of the book, and what argument (series of reasons) does the author provide in support of his thesis?
2) What are the key pieces of evidence employed by the author in support of his argument? (You should have at least 10)
3) In what way(s) does the book’s thesis and argument broaden your perspective on US History and reinforce or challenge your pre-existing views on the book’s subject?

Specifications:
1) Minimum of two pages in proper outline form (double spaced)
2) Typed using 12 point, Times New Roman font with 1 inch margins on all sides of the page
3) Pages numbered consecutively at the bottom
4) Place your name in the upper right hand corner of page one
5) This outline must be your work alone- no collaboration with other students in permitted in preparing and authoring the outline.
6) This assignment will count as TWO quiz grades.

Due Date: This assignment will be due on the FIRST DAY that you enter the class. As you will see in the syllabus, late work is NOT accepted in AP American History, and your summer assignment is included in that rule so make sure that you have it printed and stapled before you enter the classroom.

** If you have any questions throughout the summer about the assignment or my expectations please feel free to email me at pankhus@martin.k12.fl.us and I will get back to you as soon as I can. **