8th Grade Social Studies Summer Work

There are two written assignments for Social Studies that coincide with the novels you will read for Language Arts this summer. Each assignment consists of two well structured paragraphs, 5-8 sentences each. Written responses are expected to be typed, printed, and ready to turn in upon arrival in class on the first day of school.

Email Miss Nowack with any questions regarding either assignment:

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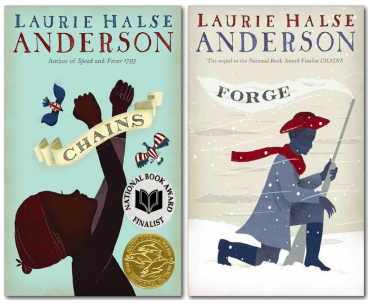
CHAINS / FORGE / ASHES:



After reading either *Chains*, *Forge*, or *Ashes*, please choose *TWO* of the following three open response question options to answer in one complete paragraph each.

1) Choose one quote from the story itself that shows a historical fact you did not already know. Please include the quote and page number, and answer the following question in a paragraph: What is this quote about? Please summarize it and put it in context.
2) Pick one historical quote from the beginning of a chapter (the one that is written in script at the start of each chapter). Please include the quote and page number, and answer the following questions:
    a) What is this quote about? Please summarize it and put it in context.
    b) Why did the author put this quote at the beginning of the chapter? Why might this quote is important to the story or historical period?
3) Why might we read this story before we start our year?(which will be spent learning about the birth of our democratic nation, and the inner workings of our government)

INDEPENDENT SUMMER READING BOOK:

As part of the civics and government curriculum this year, we will be delving into how a person can be an active member in all layers of their various communities, from the classroom to the national government, and how those communities in turn impact a person's daily life. In two well developed paragraphs, discuss how the protagonist (main character) of your independent reading book fits into the communities around them.

- Paragraph 1: Explain how the community influences who the protagonist is and how the community shapes their personal identity.
- Paragraph 2: Explain how the protagonist impacts their communities either in a positive or negative way. Be sure to include text evidence (a quote) in each paragraph.