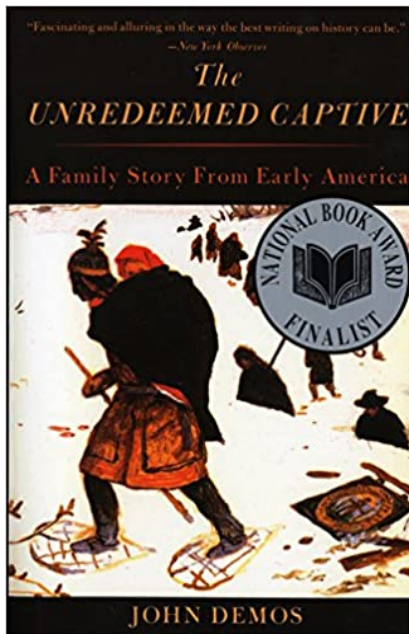


Advanced Placement United States History Summer Reading 2020



The Unredeemed Captive: A Family Story from Early America

John Demos
ISBN: 0679759611

The Unredeemed Captive tells the story of the Williams family of colonial Massachusetts. We're reading this to understand more than just the narrative of their experiences, however. As you read, pay attention to *how* John Demos reconstructs the past. In particular, consider the following questions:

1. What sources does Demos trust or distrust? Why does he take this approach to these particular sources?
2. Where is evidence of the past clearest? Where is it least clear?
3. What assumptions does Demos make about Eunice Williams' life in Kahnawake? Which strike you as most reasonable? Which strike you as most unreasonable? Why?

Mark some specific passages in the text, and please be prepared to bring your notes on these questions (no more than 2 pages) to support your participation in a discussion during the first days of school.

The reading and reflection on *The Unredeemed Captive* is required. Additionally, we'd like to encourage you to read other books about history. This is not required in any way, but we think you might enjoy some of the books on the back of this page, and doing so would prepare you well for this year.

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If you're interested in science and medicine:

Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President (Candice Millard)
Hidden Figures: The Untold True Story of Four African-American Women Who Helped Launch Our Nation into Space (Margot Lee Shetterly)

If you're a politics junkie:

The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America (George Packer)
The Politicians and the Egalitarians: The Hidden History of American Politics (S. Wilentz)
Impeachment: An American History (Jeffrey Engel)
Give Us the Ballot: The Modern Struggle for Voting Rights in America (Ari Berman)

Books about American foreign policy, both familiar and obscure:

The Vast Southern Empire: Slaveholders at the Helm of American Foreign Policy (Matthew Karp)
The Earth is Weeping: The Epic Story of the Indian Wars for the American West (Peter Cozzens)
The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee (David Treuer)
Overthrow: America's Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq (Stephen Kinzer)
The Lost Peace: Leadership in a Time of Horror and Hope, 1945-1953 (Robert Dallek)
The General vs. the President: MacArthur and Truman at the Brink of Nuclear War (H.W. Brands)
They Marched Into Sunlight: War and Peace, Vietnam and America, October 1967 (David Maraniss)

The Revolutionary Era:

Independence Lost: Lives on the Edge of the American Revolution (Kathleen DuVal)
A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution (Carol Berkin)
Founding Rivals: Madison versus Monroe, The Bill of Rights and the Election that Saved a Nation (Chris DeRose)

Books on the history of race and racism in America:

A Few Red Drops: The Chicago Race Riots of 1919 (Claire Hartfield)
Ida: A Sword Among Lions: Ida B. Wells and the Campaign Against Lynching (Paula Giddings)
Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age (Kevin Boyle)
Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI (David Grann)
The Blood of Emmett Till (Timothy Tyson)
Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement (John Lewis)
The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America (Richard Rothstein)

Sports and history:

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics (Daniel James Brown)
Rome 1960: The Olympics that Changed the World (David Maraniss)
October 1964 (David Halberstam)

Books that are very long, but very good:

American Revolutions: A Continental History, 1750-1804 (Alan Taylor)
Alexander Hamilton (Ron Chernow)
Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln (Doris Kearns Goodwin)
Grant (Ron Chernow)
The Warmth of Other Sons: The Epic Story of America's Migration (Isabelle Wilkerson)
Parting the Waters / Pillar of Fire / At Canaan's Edge trilogy (Taylor Branch)