

First Baptist Academy English 8 Summer Reading 2018

***Rise to Rebellion***

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“ A compelling, finely researched work that brings readers a better understanding of the men, events, and times that led to American independence . . . A book that may be fiction but is so well-researched that it will enhance anyone’s understanding of those revolutionary times and events.” --- *Greensboro News & Record*

You will need to purchase a copy of the above novel. You are required to read chapters one to thirty. You are free of course to read the entire work and are encouraged to do so. The remaining chapters may or may not be assigned to be read by your History teacher in the fall. In addition to reading this work of historical fiction, you will need to complete the following assignments. All writing assignments will be typed following MLA formatting guidelines:

- As you read, you will need to write a four-six sentence summary for each chapter. Remember that summaries include only the most important information from each chapter. These are best written when you finish reading each chapter.
- Choose one of the characters and write a 250 – 300 word composition about the role he played in the American Revolution. You are only highlighting the major contributions this man made to the Revolution, not details about his childhood, education, married life, etc. You are looking at the big picture; events he participated in that had a major impact on this time period in American history.

The summaries will count 50% and the composition 50% of your grade on the Summer Reading. Resist the temptation to copy and paste from the internet. You only get better at reading by actually reading, and the better you get at reading, the more you come to enjoy it. So, happy reading and learning this summer! **All assignments are due to your English teacher the day you come back to school on August 20.**