



Summer Reading 2015
Upper School Humanities
AP U.S. History
Mr. Cataldo

In addition to reading *Founding Brothers* by John Ellis, I would like you to examine the lives of the extraordinary statesmen discussed in the book. Specifically, compose a short narrative (1-2 paragraphs for each) of what you consider the major contribution of each man to the formation of the new country. Consider the major accomplishments and disappointments in the lives of Adams, Burr, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Madison and Washington, their political and personal priorities, their influence on the new and evolving government, and how their attitudes shaped the direction of emerging political attitudes.

Feel free to avail yourselves of information beyond that contained in the book (cite your sources) and, as always, provide evidence to support your opinions and conclusions. I look forward to discussing your work and learning together.

If you have questions, please e-mail me at henry.cataldo@woosterschool.org. Have a great summer.