

## AP United States Government and Politics

### Summer Reading Guide

*Leadership: In Turbulent Times* by Doris Kearns Goodwin

#### **\*Available on Amazon**

Doris Kearns Goodwin focused on the presidencies of Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and Lyndon Johnson in her most recent work published in 2018. The book is organized in a unique manner in that it is organized into three parts: “Ambition and The Recognition of Leadership”, “Adversity and Growth”, and “The Leader and The Times: How They Led”. Within each of the three sections Goodwin describes each of the presidents and their individual journeys through those stages of their lives. **For the summer reading you will all need to read the chapters dedicated to Theodore Roosevelt and Lyndon Johnson. Additionally you will choose either Abraham Lincoln or Franklin Delano Roosevelt for a look at a third presidency. Once those chapters are completed everyone is responsible for reading the *Epilogue: Of Death and Remembrance*.**

#### **REQUIRED:**

Theodore Roosevelt chapters: chapter 2, chapter 6, and chapter 10

Lyndon Johnson chapters: chapter 4, chapter 8, and chapter 12

Choose either Lincoln or FDR for your third president

*Epilogue: Of Death and Remembrance*

#### *Key Ideas to Understand*

Part I looks at the early influences on the lives of these four men. For the chapters you read consider how each was shaped in these formative years.

Part II examines how each of these men faced significant adversity in their lives. How did these different challenges help them establish traits that would become part of their future leadership approach?

Part III is a study of how each of these leaders led when faced critical moments during their presidencies. How would you evaluate how these leaders handled the specific situations described in the book?