



**American History Through Graphic Novels**  
**A Simplify Homeschool Class**  
**Spring 2019**  
**Farrar Williams**

**Who is this class for:**

This class is recommended for students grades 5 through 8. The books range from easy to more challenging but all are geared toward older children and teens. Students should be able to keep up with the readings and write at least a paragraph independently, or be within the recommended age range and have an accommodation in place to help them do these things. Some of the topics in the novels include slavery, espionage, poverty, and injustice. Students should be able to approach these complex and sometimes difficult topics, though in an age appropriate way.

**Subjects and Skills Covered:**

This class covers specific topics in American history through readings, writing, videos, and projects. Students will focus on engaging in American history.

**Types of assignments:**

Students will read and respond to the graphic novels, answer questions about history, and do mini-projects about history, culture, and geography. For the culminating projects, students will have a chance to research and write their own mini-comic about a topic in American history of their own choosing.

**Due Dates and Support:**

Assignments are posted on Mondays and due on Fridays by 5pm EST. I am available for help on assignments for all students! Students can post questions to me by either writing or recording videos of themselves. If you need help on a current assignment, you must contact me by 5 pm EST on Wednesday of that week in order to guarantee that I'll be able to respond with enough time to help you get the work done. Depending on a student's needs, I'll respond in

writing, with a reply video, or schedule a time for a quick Skype chat. If you need help, please ask rather than let an assignment go. Extensions can be granted. However, you must ask! If you don't let me know ahead of time that you need more time, then you can always go back to complete the assignment. However, you may not receive feedback or support from me.

**Assessment:**

Like all Simplify Homeschool Classes, we provide a short written assessment of the student and their work for the class. We can provide guidance about assigning a grade if the parent is interested in doing so.

**Required Books:**

*Lewis and Clark* by Nick Bertozzi

*The Underground Abductor* by Nathan Hale

*The Great American Dust Bowl* by

*Trinity* by Jonathan Fetter-Vorm

*March* by John Lewis, et. al.

*T-Minus* by Jim Ottaviani

**Overview of schedule:**

Week One and Two: Lewis and Clark and Westward Expansion

Week Three and Four: The Civil War

Week Five and Six: The Dust Bowl and the Great Depression

Week Seven and Eight: WWII and the Atomic Bomb

Week Nine and Ten: Civil Rights

Week Eleven and Twelve: The Cold War and the Space Race