**Paper 3 World War 2 Reading/ Notetaking Summer Assignment**

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* You will read the textbook assigned to you for ***World War II in the Americas*** (Hodder – little book ) and **Chapter 4 in the *Oxford book History of the Americas* 1880-1981** (big book) . As you are reading, you will take notes from the book under appropriate headings/questions. Notes can be bullet point format. Note: all info on Mexico is contained only in the Oxford Book.
* **Find 2 historians /** historiography for each topic (where indicated in the outline below). you need to type your notes.
* Turn in to Drop Box before Session 1 after Summer Break

**Topic 1** : **Hemispheric Reactions to the events in Europe and Asia (Inter American diplomacy, cooperation and neutrality, FDR’s Good Neighbor Policy)**

1. Why did Franklin D Roosevelt implement the Good Neighbor Policy after coming to power in 1933 and what were its effects for the Americas up to 1941? (Make sure to explain the policy itself in detail).
2. What was the initial response of the USA to the war in Europe?
3. How did Canada’s role both in the Americas and as part of the commonwealth change after 1930s?
4. To what extent were the countries in the Americas (other than Canada) truly neutral up to 1941?

Historiography on topic 1 (minimum 2 historians) :

**Topic 2:** **Involvement and participation of countries in the Americas in the Second World War**

1. Why did relations between USA and Japan deteriorate in the years 1939 to 1941?
2. What was the strategy of the USA in the Pacific War?
3. Why was the role of the USA crucial in the war against Hitler?
4. Why and with what results did Mexico and Canada participate in the Second World War?
5. Discuss diplomatic and military role of Brazil in the Second World War
6. Why was there tension between the Allies at Yalta?
7. How did the Second World War change relations between the USA and its Latin American neighbors?

Historiography on topic 1 (minimum 2 historians)

**Topic 3: Social Impact of the Second World War, impact on women and minorities, conscription**

1. Why did the USA introduce conscription in 1940 and what effects did it have on the course of the war?
2. How did the war affect other minority groups?
3. How did position of women change during the war?
4. How did the war change position of African Americans?
5. What were the effects of the war on the civil rights?

**Topic 4: Treatment of Japanese Americans, Japanese Latin Americans and Japanese Canadians**

1. How did the war affect Japanese Americans and Japanese Canadians? (provide detailed info for both US and Canada, identify similarities and differences).

Historiography on topic 4 (minimum 2 historians)

**Topic 5: Reasons for, and significance of, US use of atomic weapons against Japan**

1. Why did the USA decide to develop the atom bomb?
2. Why did the USA decide to drop the atom bomb on Japan in 1945?

Historiography on Topic 5 (minimum 2 historians)

**Topic 6: Economic and diplomatic effects of the Second World War**

1. How did the war affect the US economy?
2. Why did the US economy face problems after 1945?
3. Why did relations between the USA and USSR change during the war?
4. How did the Second World War affect Brazil?
5. How did the Second World War affect Canada?
6. How and why did the Second World War affect Mexico?
7. Why did Mexico emerge from the Second World War with improved relations with the USA and Canada?

Historiography on Topic 6 (minimum 2 historians).

Note: Plan your time accordingly, completion of this will take significant amount of time, and cannot be completed within one sitting appropriately.