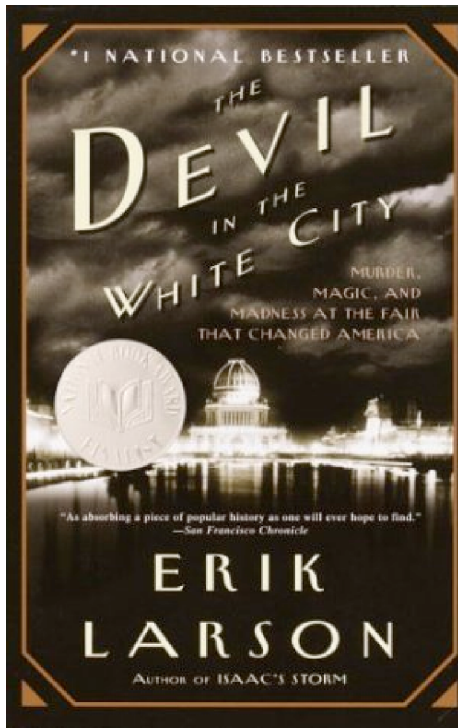


## AP US HISTORY II 2021 Summer Work



### **The Devil in the White City**

Please purchase, or borrow from the library, the book *Devil in the White City* by Erik Larson. In addition, it is highly recommended that you purchase an AP Review book at the start of the course as it will help you prepare for the AP exam in May, and for class assignments throughout the year.

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**Background - The Gilded Age:** America was on the threshold of the twentieth century—a time of widespread violence, fantastic wealth, political corruption, dismal poverty, growing labor unrest, and financial panic. At a time when men and women as diverse as Jane Addams, Theodore Dreiser, Thomas Edison, Samuel Gompers, and Frank Lloyd Wright—all gazed in wonder at the magnificence of the White City, many other Americans lived in overcrowded tenements or scratched out a meager living tilling the soil. Beneath the opulent surface of American society, there were many serious flaws impacting the vast majority of its citizens. The World's Columbian

Exposition came at a time when both the country, and its people, were undergoing a profound shift from an isolationist, small town, agrarian nation to an activist, urban, and industrial society.