

**POBJFKHS SOCIAL STUDIES
ATLAS/SCHINDELHEIM**

APUSH Summer Assignment 2024

Welcome to Advanced Placement United States History! The summer assignment for this class is to read the novel, The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd and complete the writing task below.

Inspired by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke, The Invention of Wings tells the story of Sarah's life starting at her eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership of ten-year-old Handful, who is to be her slave. The story follows their remarkable journeys over the next thirty-five years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love.

The novel surfaces many issues/themes such as:

- The inhumanity of slavery
- Resistance to slavery
- Equality
- Religion
- Societal norms
- Women's suffrage/place in society/misogyny
- Role of Quakers in the abolitionist movement

Task: Write an essay that responds to the prompt below. This will be due September 13, 2024.

Prompt: Compare and contrast the hardships of Sarah Grimke and Handful in an essay of 500 words or less. Please submit to turnitin, which checks for both plagiarism and AI. Please be sure to include a thesis and evidence from the book.