

High School

U.S. History I Reading Lists

In each of the history courses this year there will be a summer reading book. The book should be chosen from the “summer reading” list. You will have a test on the book. The test is given on the 2nd day of class & will test your knowledge of basic facts, events, and characters from the book.

These books can be purchased on Amazon, but you might want to check eBay as well. It is ok to purchase used books. Also, you may be able to borrow a book from a student who has already taken the class or check one out at the library.

U.S. History I:

Summer Reading List: (pick 1): **MUST BE READ BY 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL**

1- *Just Jane: A Daughter of England Caught in the Struggle of American Revolution* by William Lavender (historical fiction novel)

2 *With Every Drop of Blood: A Novel of the Civil War* by James Collier & Christopher Collier (historical fiction novel)

3- *Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass, an American Slave* by Fredrick Douglass

4- *Uncle Tom’s Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe (Civil War)

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U.S. History II Reading Lists

In each of the history courses this year there will be a summer reading book. The book should be chosen from the “summer reading” list. You will have 2 tests on the book you’ve chosen and read: The first test is given on the 2nd day of class & will test your knowledge of basic facts, events, and characters from the book. The second test is a take home essay test that will test your overall knowledge of the book and themes.

U.S. History II

Summer Reading List: (pick 1): **MUST BE READ BY 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL**

- 1- How *the Other Half Lives* by Jacob Riis (late 1800s- NYC immigrants)
- 2- *Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and Lawless Years of Prohibition* by Karen Blumenthal (1920s)
- 3- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett (1960s- Civil Rights movement)
- 4- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak (Holocaust/WWII)

American Government Reading Lists

In each of the history courses this year there is a summer reading assignment. You will have a test on the book. The test is given on the 2nd day of class & will test your knowledge of basic facts, events, and characters from the book.

American Government will also have supplementary book that we will use along with our textbook.

Summer Reading List: MUST BE READ BY THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

For Which We Stand: How Our Government Works and Why it Matters by Jeff Foster

This is not a summer reading book but all students must have for American Government class:

- *Painless American Government* by Jeffrey Stausser

We will use this book throughout the course. Students will have assigned reading from this book, and we will discuss it in class. Please have a copy ready for the beginning of the school year. You can check with other students from previous years, and they may let you borrow their copy.

World History Reading Lists

In each of the history courses this year there will be a summer reading book. The book should be chosen from the “summer reading” list. You will have 1 test on the book you’ve chosen and read. The test is given on the 2nd day of class & will test your knowledge of basic facts, events, and characters from the book.

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Summer Reading List: (pick 1): MUST BE READ BY 1st DAY OF SCHOOL:

1- *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque (World War I)

2- *Sugar Changed the World: A Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, & Science* by Marc Aronson

3- *Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World* by Jack Weatherford