

2019 Summer Reading Recommendations Social Studies Department

Required reading for AP US History:

1- Nash, et al, *The American People*, Read the first 4 chapters

2- Joseph Ellis, *Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation*.

“Big Picture” Questions: How does Ellis evaluate each of America’s founding fathers, particularly Washington, Adams, Jefferson & Hamilton? What are the origins of party factionalism in American politics? What role did the slavery issue play in the nation’s early political history?

Required Reading for American Studies

Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy* (Honors and CP) – “Are the injustices emphasized in this book more about the race or economic conditions of the accused? How does the answer to that question reflect on the way that the equity of the American justice system could be perceived?”

13th - How does the criminal justice system reinforce social inequality in America? How does the film create a causal connection between slavery and incarceration in today's America? (everyone view this movie)

Mark Twain, *Best Short Stories of Mark Twain*, Berkove ed.(The Modern Library Classics)

Read these selected stories:

“Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog”

“The Story of the bad Little Boy Who Didn’t Come to Grief”

“Cannibalism in the Cars”

“The Story of the Good Little Boy Who Did Not Prosper”

“A True Story”

“The Facts Concerning the Recent Carnival of Crime in Connecticut”

“The Private History of a Campaign That Failed”

“The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg”

“The \$30,000 Bequest”

“The Second Advent”

Required Reading for AP Economics

Charles Wheelan, *Naked Economics*

“Big Picture” Question: Can we (or the government) use incentives to change our own behavior? The behavior of others? What works and what doesn’t work?

Required Reading for AP Psychology

Leonard Mlodinow, *Subliminal: How Your Unconscious Mind Rules Your Behavior* As you read this book, does it change what you believe about the reasons behind the choices you make? Why might the human brain evolve as it did?

Recommended Reading

9th Grade World History Recommendations:

Lisa See, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*

Stephen Greenblatt, *The Swerve: How the World Became Modern*

William Manchester, *A World Lit Only by Fire*

Gavin Menzies, *1421: The Year China discovered America*

Jack Weatherford, *Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World*

Dava Sobel, *Galileo’s Daughter*

Geraldine Brooks, *Year of Wonders*

Peter Frankopan, *The Silk Roads*

10th Grade World History II Recommendations:

Mikhail Sholokhov, *And Quiet Flows the Don*
J.M. Coetzee, *Michael K*
Anatole France, *The Gods Must Have Blood*
Chinua Achebe, *Things Fall Apart*
Barbara Kingsolver, *Poisonwood Bible*
David Fromkin, *A Peace to End All Peace*
Alexander Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago*
Isaiah Berlin, *Russian Thinkers*
James Toll, *The Origins of the World War*
Tony Judt, *Postwar; Ill Fares the Land*
Art Spiegelman, *Maus (graphic novel)*

Ha Jin, *War Trash*
Jung Chang, *Wild Swans*
V. S. Naipal, *In a Free State*

Pearl Buck, *The Good Earth*
Robert Massie, *Peter the Great*
Seng Ty, *The Years of Zero*
Caroline Elkins, *Imperial Reckoning*
Christina Lamb, Malala Yousafzai, *I am Malala*
Marjane Satrapi, *Persepolis (graphic novel)*
Anna Ornstein, *My Mother's Eyes*

11th Grade American History Recommendations:

Mark Twain, *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
Lillian Smith, *Killers of the Dream*
Deborah Ellis, *The Breadwinner*
Kevin Baker, *Paradise Alley*
Alex Haley, *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
James Loewen, *Lies My Teacher Told Me*
Erik Larson, *Isaac's Storm*
J. Anthony Lukas, *Common Ground*
Edward P. Jones, *The Known World*
John Lewis, *The March (graphic novel)*
Doris Kearns Goodwin, *Team of Rivals; The Bully Pulpit*
Zora Neale Hurston, *Their Eyes were Watching God*
Ira Berlin, *In Human Bondage, The Rise and Fall of Slavery in the New World*
Fred Anderson and Andrew Cayton, *The Dominion of War, Empire and Liberty in North America, 1500-2000*
Richard Taylor, *Martha's Vineyard: Race, Property and the Power of Place*

John Griffin, *Black Like Me*
Jay Winik, *April 1865*
James Bassett, *In Harm's Way*
Stephen Puleo, *The Caning*
Tim O'Brien, *The Things They Carried*
Robert Dallek, *Nixon and Kissinger*
Mark Bowden, *Black Hawk Down*
Robert Woodward, *Plan of Attack*
John Dos Passos, *USA Trilogy*
Elaine Tyler May, *Homeward Bound*
David K. Johnson, *The Lavender Scare*
Candace Millard, *Destiny of the Republic*

Senior Focus Recommendations:

Tracey Kidder, *Mountains Beyond Mountains*
Food Inc., created by filmmaker Robert Kenner
Jonathan Kozol, *Amazing Grace*
Alex de Waal, *Mass Starvation*

Nicholas Kristof, *Half the Sky; A Path Appears*
Miles Howard, *The Early Voters*

Economics Recommendations:

Michael Lewis, *The Big Short*
William Cohan, *Money and Power*
Levitt and Dubner, *Freakonomics*
Todd Buchholz, *New Ideas from Dead Economists*
Daron Acemoglu & James Robinson, *Why Nations Fail*
Malcolm Harris, *Kids These Days: Human Capital and the Making of Millennials*

Malcolm Gladwell, *The Tipping Point*
Rana Foroohar, *Makers and Takers*
Thomas Piketty, *Capital in the 21st Century*
George Akerlof & Robert Schiller, *Phishing for Phools*
Daniel Kahneman, *Thinking, Fast and Slow*

Financial Literacy Recommendations:

Spencer Johnson, *Who Moved My Cheese?*
Steven Covey, *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*
Cary Siegel, *Why Didn't They Teach Me This in School?*

Suze Orman, *The Road to Wealth*
Beth Kobliner, *Get a Financial Life*
Erik Wecks, *How to Manage Your Money When You Don't Have Any*

Psychology Recommendations:

Suzanna Kassen, *Girl Interrupted*

Victor Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

**Other recommendations of "great summer reads" from the
Social Studies Department:**

from Kenny Artigues

Timothy Snyder, *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons from the Twentieth Century*

Daniel Quinn, *Ishmael*

from Suzanne Bolles

Eleanor Roosevelt, *The Autobiography of Eleanor Roosevelt*

from Mark Chase

Jonathan Lethem, *Fortress of Solitude*

Marlon James, *A Brief History of Seven Killings*

Steven Levitsky & Daniel Ziblatt, *How Democracies Die*

David Foster Wallace, *Infinite Jest*

from Shanti Steckel Cooper

David Margolick, *Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock*

Erik Larson, *Devil in the White City*

from Christina Costas

Kate Quinn, *The Alice Network*

Lisa Wingate, *Before We Were Yours*

from Bette Crowley

Chimanda Ngozi Adichie, *Americanah*

Colson Whitehead, *The Underground Railroad*

from Melissa Gifford

Tom Standage, *History of the World in 6 Glasses*

from Chris Kurhajetz

Howard Bryant, *The Heritage: Black Athletes, a Divided America and the Politics of Patriotism*

Daniel Kurtz-Phelan, *The China Mission: George C. Marshall's Unfinished War 1945-1947*

from Andrew Langlois

Elaine Tayler May, *Homeward Bound*

from Michael Lee

David Halberstam, *The Fifties*

Steve Kornacki, *The Red and the Blue: The 1990s and the Birth of Political Tribalism*

from Madison Leverich

Irene Nemirovsky, *Suite Française*

Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy*

from Anna Malmede

Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns*

from Scott Spencer

Yuval Noah Harari, *21 Lessons for the 21st Century*

Charles van Onselen, *The Cowboy Capitalist: John Hays Hammond, the American West and the Jameson Raid*

from Adam Weiss

Don Munton & David Welch, *The Cuban Missile Crisis: A Concise History*

For those who would like to listen, some podcasts...

Family Ghosts (family history): <https://www.panoply.fm/podcasts/familyghosts>

Hardcore History (history): <https://www.dancarlin.com/>

History on Fire (history): <http://historyonfirepodcast.com/episodes/>

In Our Time (history of ideas): <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl>

The Lonely Palette (art history): <http://www.thelonelypalette.com/>

Ministry of Ideas (history of ideas): <https://www.ministryofideas.org/>

Radiolab (current events & investigative journalism): <https://www.wnycstudios.org/shows/radiolab>

Revisionist History (history): <http://revisionisthistory.com/>

Slow Burn (in-depth history): <https://slate.com/slow-burn>

Soonish (the future): <https://www.soonishpodcast.org/>

Stuff You Missed in History Class (history): <https://www.missedinhistory.com/>

Tides of History: <https://wonderly.com/shows/tides-of-history/>

Who Makes Cents (history of capitalism): <https://whomakescentspodcast.com/>