

2011 Summer Reading Recommendations Social Studies Department

Required reading for AP US History:

Nash, et al, *The American People*, Read the first 9 chapters
Ron Chernow, *Alexander Hamilton*

Required Reading for American Studies

Erik Larson, *Devil in the White City* (Honors and C1)
Edward Kohn, *Hot Time in the Old Town* (Honors Only)
Some Like it Hot (everyone view this movie)

Required Reading for Humanities:

Homer, *The Odyssey*, translated by Robert Fitzgerald
Thomas Cahill, *Sailing the Wine Dark Sea*

Required Reading for AP Economics

Charles Wheelan, *Naked Economics*

Required Reading for AP Psychology

Daniel Goleman, *Emotional Intelligence*

Recommended Reading

9th Grade World History Recommendations:

Lisa See, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*
William Manchester, *A World Lit Only by Fire*
Geraldine Brooks, *Year of Wonders*

10th Grade World History II Recommendations:

Mikhail Sholokhov, *And Quiet Flows the Don*
J.M. Coetzee, *Life and Times of Michael K*
Anatole France, *The Gods Will Have Blood*
Dava Sobel, *Galileo's Daughter*
Barbara Kingsolver, *Poisonwood Bible*
David Fromkin, *A Peace to End All Peace*
Alexander Solzhenitsyn, *The Gulag Archipelago*
Isaiah Berlin, *Russian Thinkers*
Sidney Bradshaw Fay, *The Origins of the World War*

Ha Jin, *War Trash*
Jung Chang, *Wild Swans*
V. S. Naipal, *In a Free State*
Chinua Achebe, *Things Fall Apart*
Pearl Buck, *The Good Earth*
Robert Massie, *Peter the Great*

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*
Zora Neale Hurston, *Their Eyes were Watching God*
Mark Bowden, *Black Hawk Down*
Robert Woodward, *Plan of Attack*
Doris Kearns Goodwin, *Team of Rivals*
Edward P. Jones, *The Known World*
John Dos Passos, *USA Trilogy*
David Brion Davis, *Inhuman 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*

John Griffin, *Black Like Me*
Jay Winik, *April 1865*
James Bassett, *Harm's Way*
Stephen Puleo, *Dark Tide*
Tim O'Brien, *The Things They Carried*
Robert Dallek, *Nixon and Kissinger*
Erik Larson, *Isaac's Storm*

Senior Focus Recommendations:

Tracey Kidder, *Mountains Beyond Mountains*
Food Inc., created by film maker Robert Kenner
Jonathan Kozol, *Amazing Grace*

Economics Recommendations:

Spencer Johnson, *Who Moved My Cheese*
Malcolm Gladwell, *The Tipping Point*
Suze Orman, *The Road to Wealth*
Levitt and Dubner, *Freakonomics*
Todd Buchholz, *New Ideas from Dead Economists*
Michael Lewis, *The Big Short*
William Cohan, *Money and Power*
Charles Wheelan, *Naked Economics*
Milton Friedman, *Free to Choose*

Psychology Recommendations:

Suzanna Kaysen, *Girl Interrupted*
Victor Frankl, *Man's Search for Meaning*

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

From Jen Baker

Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *Infidel*

from Suzanne Bolles

Adam Hochschild, *The Unquiet Ghost Russians Remember Stalin*

from Mark Chase

Alan Pears, *The Dream of Scipio*

From Bette Crowley

Stephen Puleo, *The Dark Tide*

from Margie Harvey

Robert Heilbroner, *The Worldly Philosophers: The Lives, Times and Ideas of the Great Economic Thinkers*

from Allison Kangas

Bruce Schulman, *The Seventies*
Dai Sijie, *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*

from Chris Kurhajetz

James Baldwin, *No Name in the Street*
Stephen Kinzer, *Overthrow*
Tony Judt, *Ill Fares the Land*

from Andrew Langlois

Banksy, *Wall and Piece*
John Perkins, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*
James Clavell, *Shogun*

from Barbara Letterie

Jon Krakauer, *Where Men Win Glory*

from Lorin Maloney

Barrington Moore Jr., *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the Making of the Modern World*
Adam Hochschild, *King Leopold's Ghost*
Truman Capote, *In Cold Blood*
Caroline Elkins, *Imperial Reckoning: The Untold Story of Britain: Gulag in Kenya*

from Chris Marques

Hans Fallada, *Every Man Dies Alone*
Barton Gellman, *Angler: The Cheney Vice Presidency*

from Janet Needham

Jamie Ford, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*

from Katy Rees

Erik Larson, *Devil in the White City*
Emma Larkin, *Finding George Orwell in Burma*
Asne Seierstad, *The Bookseller of Kabul*