



## HISTORY– SUMMER ENRICHMENT READINGS 2020-2021

*(NOTE: If you are enrolled in one of the senior honors history courses, please see the History Required Summer Reading Document.*

*For all other history courses, listed below is a series of sources (movies, documentaries, novels, non-fiction, collections, and documents) for students to explore through the summer if they wish. These sources should be viewed as optional. They are grouped together by course, but students should feel free to explore those titles that interest them. A few of our upper level classes are grouped together because the ideas and content discussed will be applicable to more than one of the courses we offer.)*

### **Global Cultures**

#### **Books**

William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope.*

Wangari Maathi. *Unbowed: A Memoir.*

Muhammad Yunus, *Banker to the Poor: Microlending and the Battle Against World Poverty.*

Kenneth Guest, *Cultural Anthropology: Fieldwork Journal*

Laura and Lisa Ling, *Somewhere Inside*

#### **Video and Film**

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, Invictus, Skin

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### **Conflict and Change in Society**

#### **Books**

Trevor Noah, *Born a Crime*

Patricia McCormick, *Never Fall Down*

John Boyne, *Boy in the Striped Pajamas*

Jared Diamond, *Guns, Germs, and Steel*

Lisa Margonelli. *Oil on the Brain: Petroleum's Long, Strange Trip to Your Tank.* New York

Jen Marlowe. *Darfur Diaries: Stories of Survival.*

John Bul Dau, *God Grew Tired of Us*

Tracy Kidder, *Mountains Beyond Mountains.*

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## Human Geography

### **Books**

Khaled Hosseini, *The Kite Runner*

Khaled Hosseini, *Sea Prayer*

Huda Shaarawi, *Harem Years*

Abdi Nor Iftin, *Call Me American*

Jared Diamond, *Guns, Germs and Steel*

Oscar Martinez, *The Beast*

Andrew Scott Cooper, *The Oil Kings*

Aravind Adiga, *The White Tiger*

Kenan Trebinovic, *The Bosnia List: A memoir of War, Exile, and Return*

Laura and Lisa Ling, *Somewhere Inside*

**Video and Film:** Urbanized, Food Inc., Bananaland: Blood, Bullets, and Poison, Guns, Germs, and Steel, Marco Polo (Netflix)

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## US History / American Government / Honors Nukes / Honors Terrorism / History and Film / and Gender in America

### **Books with overlapping content and ideas**

Ron Chernow, *Alexander Hamilton*

Ben Franklin, *The Autobiography of Ben Franklin*

Edmond Morgan, *Birth of the Republic*

Julius Lester, *To Be a Slave*

Solomon Northup, *12 Years a Slave*

Drew Faust, *The Republic of Suffering: Death and the Civil War*

John Hersey, *Hiroshima*

Tim O'Brien, *If I Die in a Combat Zone*

Michael Herr, *Dispatches*

Isabel Wilkerson, *The Warmth of Other Suns*

Sinclair Lewis, *Babbitt*

Upton Sinclair, *The Jungle*

Lawrence Wright, *The Terror Years*

**John Updike, *Terrorist*** (Required for Terrorism, Extremism, and Radicalism)

Ahmed Rashid, *Pakistan on the Brink*

Ali Soufan, *Anatomy of Terror*

John Barry, *The Great Influenza: The story of the Deadliest Pandemic in History*

Martin Luther King Jr. *Where do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community*

**Nevil Shute, *On The Beach*** (Required for Nukes and Commies)

Carol Berkin, *A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution*  
Paul B. Skousen, *How to Read the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence*  
*The US Constitution*  
*The Declaration of Independence*  
Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, *All the President's Men*  
Joe McGinnis, *The Selling of the President 1968*  
Jeffrey Toobin, *Too Close to Call*  
Doris Kearns Goodwin, *Team of Rivals*  
Jeffrey Toobin, *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court*  
Joseph J. Ellis, *Founding Brothers*  
Joseph J. Ellis, *American Dialogue*  
Dalton Trumbo, *Johnny Got his Gun*  
James McPherson, *Lincoln and the Second American Revolution*  
David McCullough, *1776*  
Jill Lepore, *These Truths*  
Colin Woodward, *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America*

**Video and Film:** Adams (Netflix), Harriet, 12 Years a Slave, Lincoln, Gettysburg, Grapes of Wrath, 1917, Apocalypse Now, Full Metal Jacket, Selma, All the President's Men, All the King's Men, The West Wing (TV Series), Primary Colors, The Candidate, Bulworth, Mr. Smith Goes to Washington, Recount, Amistad, Malcolm, JFK, King in the Wilderness, The Looming Tower (Hulu)