

Dear incoming 7th graders and families,

In preparation for 7th grade American history, we are asking you to choose ONE book from the following list to read this summer. If you have already read some of these books, please choose a new one to read. There is a book on this list for everyone; it includes graphic novels, historical fiction and creative non-fiction. If you are not sure which book to read, feel free to read some reviews of the book. You have a lot of options to choose from; work with your family to find a book you feel comfortable reading. You will complete an assignment at the very beginning of the school year, so make sure you read and understand the main themes of your book. Happy reading!

HF=Historical Fiction NF=Non-fiction GN=Graphic Novel

American Revolution

Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: One Dead Spy (GN) by Nathan Hale

Guts and Glory: The American Revolution (NF) by Ben Thompson

The Witch of Blackbird Pond (HF) by Elizabeth George Speare

Underground Railroad/Slavery

The Underground Abductor (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales #5): An Abolitionist Tale about Harriet Tubman (GN) by Nathan Hale

Unbound: A Novel in Verse (HF) by Ann E Burg

Trouble Don't Last (HF) by Shelley Pearsall

Elijah of Buxton (HF) by Christopher Paul Curtis

1790s-1850s

Fever 1793 (HF) by Laurie Halse Anderson

Alamo All-Stars (Hazardous Tales #6) (GN) by Nathan Hale

The Birchbark House series by Louise Erdrich

Two Moon Journey: The Potawatomi Trail of Death by Peggy King Anderson

Civil War

Big Bad Ironclad (GN) By Nathan Hale

Deadly Aim: The Civil War Story of Michigan's Anishinaabe Sharpshooters by Sally Walker (NF)

Blood and Germs: The Civil War Battle Against Wounds and Disease (Medical Fiascoes) by Gail Jarrow (NF)

Bull Run by Paul Fleishman (HF)

Late 1800s- early 1900s

Sugar (HF) by Jewell Parker Rhodes

Prairie Lotus (HF) by Linda Sue Park

Lyddie (HF) by Katherine Paterson (story of a mill girl in Massachusetts)

Bread and Roses, Too (HF) by Katherine Paterson (story of 1912 Labor Strike)

In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse (HF) by Joseph Marshall

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate (HF) by Jacqueline Kelly

Saving Savannah by Tonya Bolden (HF)

Great Depression

Out of the Dust (HF) by Karen Hesse

Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper (HF)

Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan (HF)

The Mighty Miss Malone (HF) by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Moon Over Manifest (HF) by Clare Vanderpool

Two Roads by Joseph Bruchac (HF)

World War 1

Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales #4) (GN)

Truce: The Day the Soldiers Stopped Fighting by Jim Murphy (NF)

War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

World War 2

Raid of No Return (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales #7): *A World War II Tale of the Doolittle Raid* (GN) by Nathan Hale

The War that Saved My Life (HF) by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Number the Stars (HF) by Lois Lowry

The Book Thief (HF) by Markus Zusak

Fred Koramatsu Speaks Up by Laura Atkins and Stan Yogi

Prisoner B-3087 (HF) Alan Gratz

Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon (NF) by Steve Shenkin

Echo (HF) by Pam Munos Ryan

A Place to Belong (HF) by Cynthia Kadohata

1950s-1960s

Kira-Kira (HF) by Cynthia Kadohata

A Night Divided (HF) (not American--but talks about the Berlin Wall) by Jennifer Nielsen

The Watsons Go to Birmingham (HF) by Christopher Paul Curtis

The Lions of Little Rock (HF) by Kristin Levine

The March Trilogy (GN) by John Lewis and Andrew Aydin (There are THREE books here, but you could just read one!)

Indian No More (HF) by Charlene Willing McManis and Traci Sorell

Countdown by Deborah Wiles (HF)

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (In verse)

Finding Langston by Lesa Cline-Ransome (in verse)

1970s

Inside Out and Back Again (HF) by Thanhhai Lai

All the Broken Pieces (F) by Ann C Burg

Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War (NF) by Steve Shenkin

1990s-200s

Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Wartime Sarajevo by Zlata Filipovic (NF)

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz (HF)

Refugee by Alan Gratz (HF)--takes place in 1939, 1994, 2015

Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes (HF)