



In order to encourage reading for fun, students in Modern World History may choose a book that interests them from the following list. Please note that you may choose more than one book if you would like, but you are only required to read one. Read the book thoroughly and be prepared to have an accompanying assignment from your teacher when school begins. Assignments can include a character sketch, book talk, writing prompts, generic book reviews, etc. If you would like to read a historical novel or historical non-fiction work not listed here, please contact Mr. Anderson for prior approval at [tanderson@stlukesmobile.com](mailto:tanderson@stlukesmobile.com).

*Survival in Auschwitz* by Primo Levi

*Resistance: The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising* by Israel Gutman

*The Last Days of Stalin* by Joshua Rubenstein

*Charles and Emma: The Darwin's Leap of Faith* by Deborah Heiligman

*A Farewell to Arms* by Ernest Hemingway

*Mao's Last Dancer* by Cunxin Li

*Lone Survivor: The Eyewitness Account of Operation Redwing...* by Marcus Luttrell

*The Grand Design* by Stephen Hawking and Leonard Mlodinow

*Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival Resilience and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand

*A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

*The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements* by Sam Kean

*Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok

*In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin* by Erik Larson

*The Last Town on Earth* by Thomas Mullen

*The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht

*Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay

*Hellhound on His Trail: The Stalking of Martin Luther Jr. and the International Hunt for His Assassin* by Hampton Sides

*The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak

*The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

*The Septembers of Shiraz* by Dalia Sofer

*Written in Bone: Buried Lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland* by Sally Walker

*Native Son* by Richard Wright

*The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman

*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by Ishmael Beah

*Caleb's Crossing* by Geraldine Brooks

*Leaving Yuba City: New and Selected Poems* by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni

*Fall of Giants* by Ken Follett

*The Autobiography of Malcolm X* by Alex Haley

*Bread Givers* by Anzia Yeziarska

*Manhunt: The 12 Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer* by James Swanson

*A Year in the South 1865* by Stephen Ash

*Civil War Stories* by Ambrose Bierce