



In order to encourage reading for fun, students in United States History II 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.

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