

Summer Reading: Honors World History 10

Directions: Below there are two reading lists that consist of books from different places, periods, and topics. The first list groups books by region or place. The second list groups books by theme or topic. Choose *one* of the books from either list below to read over the summer. Your choice can be from *either* list, though my suggestion is to read one title from each!

Do not just choose the first book on the list, but rather read through the choices and pick the one that you find most interesting. Titles that have an asterisk (*) next to them are the most challenging reads available, primarily because they were written long ago or translated into English. The titles with the ♥ next to them are my personal favorites. Choose wisely and beware that some books contain sensitive topics.

Consider setting up an account with the city library to check these books out for free. If you are going to purchase personal copies, instead of shopping at Amazon, consider using the “find a bookstore” option on www.bookshop.org. You can then select a local bookstore who will receive 30% back from the website! It’s a way to still shop online while benefiting local businesses! If you need further help in acquiring a copy of the book, please let me know.

Contact me if you have any other questions: *Stephanie Schuette* at sschuette@eastmountainhigh.net

Books by Region:

North America:

- *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* by Charles C. Mann
- *Conquistador: Hernan Cortez, King Montezuma, and the Last Stand of the Aztecs* by Buddy Levy
- *Mamaskatch: A Cree Coming of Age* by Darrel J. McLeod

South America:

- *The Motorcycle Diaries* by Ernesto “Che” Guivara
- *I, Rigoberta Menchu: An Indian Woman in Guatemala* by Rigoberta Menchu

Africa:

- *Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood* by Trevor Noah ♥
- *Seven Myths of Africa in World History* by David Northrup ♥

Asia:

- *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan
- *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai

Europe:

- *Ireland, A Novel* by Frank Delaney
- *Circe* by Madeline Miller

Oceania (Australia):

- *The White Girl* by Tony Birch
- *Sea People: The Puzzle of Polynesia* by Christina Thompson

Books by Theme:

Early World History:

- *Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari

Economic Expansion:

- *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World* by Peter Frankopan
- *Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World* by Jack Weatherford

Environmental History:

- *Unbowed: A Memoir* by Wangari Maathai
- *The Right to Be Cold: One Woman's Story of Protecting Her Culture, the Arctic, and the Entire Planet* by Sheila Watt-Cloutier

Gender Rights:

- *My Forbidden Face: Growing Up Under the Taliban* by Latifa
- *A Vindication of the Rights of Women* by Mary Wollstonecraft*
- *The Daughters of Kobani* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon

Human Rights:

- *King Leopold's Ghost* by Adam Hochschild*
- *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter ♥

War & Conflict:

- *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi
- *Diaries of an Unfinished Revolution: Voices from Tunis to Damascus* Edited by Layla al-Zubaidi & Matthew Cassel ♥

Food:

- *An Edible History of Humanity* by Tom Standage
- *A History of the World in 6 Glasses* by Tom Standage ♥

Health & Wellness:

- *The Decameron* by Giovanni Boccaccio*
- *Crises in the Red Zone* by Richard Preston