

Summer Reading: Honors World History 10

Directions: Below there are two reading lists that consist of books from different places, time periods, and topics. The first list groups books by region. 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 list because history (and learning!) are cool.

Do not just choose the first book on the list, but rather investigate 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 subjects.

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. Our school library may have copies of various titles.

Contact me if you have any other questions: *Stephanie Schroeder (formerly Ms. Schuette)* at sschroeder@eastmountainhigh.net. Be sure to check your email too! I will send you some reminders there!

Books by Region:

North America:

- *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* by Charles C. Mann
- *Code Talker: The First and Only Memoir By One of the Original Navajo Code Talkers* by Chester Nez
- *Mamaskatch: A Cree Coming of Age* by Darrel J. McLeod

Latin/South America:

- *The Motorcycle Diaries* by Ernesto “Che” Guivara
- *I, Rigoberta Mechu: An Indian Woman in Guatemala* by Rigoberta Menchu
- *In the Time of Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez

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
- *Red Plenty* by Francis Spufford

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
- *How Beautiful We Were* by Imbolo Mbue

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
- *Three Cups of Tea* by David Oliver Relin and Greg Mortenson

Human Rights, War, & Conflict

- *King Leopold's Ghost* by Adam Hochschild*
- *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter ♥
- *A Single Swallow* by Ling Zhang & translated by Shelly Bryant
- *Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood* by Marjane Satrapi
- *Half of a Yellow Sun* by Chimamanda Adichie ♥
- *Diaries of an Unfinished Revolution: Voices from Tunis to Damascus* Edited by Layla al-Zubaidi & Matthew Cassel
- *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah ♥

Food:

- *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* by Michael Pollan ♥
- *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
- *The Last Town on Earth* by Thomas Mullen