

## **Aiming High Eighth-Grade Reading List - American History Second Semester**

- As part of your Reading requirement, you will be asked to read at least one book during first semester from the following list. Enjoy - these are some great reads!
- See me for more information about these books and other related titles. Other titles will be considered!
- **(H) behind titles indicate that this book is available to check out in Horizon's library.**

### **PICK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO READ DURING SECOND SEMESTER**

#### CONSTITUTION, WESTWARD EXPANSION, CIVIL WAR (1780-1865)

##### ***Read BIOGRAPHIES on any of the following:***

Abraham Lincoln (H)	Andrew Jackson (H)
Ulysses S. Grant (H)	Robert E. Lee (H)
Meriwether Lewis (H)	William Clark (H)
Sacajawea (H)	

##### ***Read any works by the following authors of this period:***

Jean Jacques Rousseau	Ralph Waldo Emerson
Henry D. Thoreau (H)	Nathaniel Hawthorne
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	Edgar Allen Poe (H)
Jean deCrevecoeur	

##### ***Miscellaneous Non-Fiction:***

Hilton, Suzanne. A Capital, Capital City 1790-1814  
Brown, Dee Alexander. Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: A History of the American West (H)  
Conley, Kevin. Benjamin Banneker, Scientist & Mathematician  
Johnston, Norma. Harriet: The Life & World of Harriet Beecher Stowe  
McPherson, James M. Fields of Fury: The American Civil War (H)  
Mettger, Zak. Till Victory is Won: Black Soldiers in the Civil War

(Historical Fiction)

##### ***Constitution***

Anderson, Joan. 1787: A Novel

##### ***Frontier Life and Western Expansion***

Alter, Robert Edmund. Two Sieges of the Alamo  
Ambrose, Stephen E. Undaunted Courage  
Blos, Joan W. A Gathering of Days (H)  
Bruchac, Joseph. Sacajawea (H)  
Carter, Peter. Borderlands  
Cushman, Karen. The Ballad of Lucy Whipple (H)  
Garland, Sherry. A Line on the Sand: The Alamo Diary of Lucinda Lawrence: Gonzales, Texas  
Lasky, Kathryn. Beyond the Divide  
Morrow, Eliza Ketchum. West Against the Wind  
O'Dell, Scott. Streams to the River, River to the Sea: A Novel of Sacajawea (H)  
Rinaldi, Ann. The Second Bend in the River (H)

##### ***Slavery in the United States***

Armstrong, Jennifer. Emily of the Wild Rose Inn  
Beacher-Stowe, Harriet. Uncle Tom's Cabin (H)  
Armstrong, Jennifer. Steal Away (H)  
Carvone, Elisa. Stealing Freedom (H)  
Charbonneau, Eileen. Honor to the Hills

Lasky, Kathryn. True North: A Novel of the Underground Railroad (H)  
Cooper, J. California. Family (H)  
Myers, Walter Dean. The Glory Field (H)  
Hahn, Mary Downing. Promises to the Dead (H)  
Hamilton, Virginia. Anthony Burns: The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive Slave (H)  
Hamilton, Virginia. Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom  
Hurmece, Belinda. Slavery Time: When I was Chillun  
Paulsen, Gary. Nightjohn (H)  
Paulsen, Gary. Savny: A Life Remembered (H)  
Pearsall, Shelley. Trouble Don't Last  
Stoltz, Mary. Cezanne Pinto: A Memoir (H)  
Taylor, Mildred. The Land (H)  
Washington, Booker T. Up From Slavery (H)

### *Civil War*

Brenaman, Miriam. Envy's Civil War (H)  
Clapp, Patricia. The Tamarack Tree: A Novel of the Siege of Vicksburg (H)  
Crisp, Marty. Private Captain: A Story of Gettysburg (H)  
Fleischman, Paul. The Boring Room (H)  
Fleischman, Paul. Path of the Pale Horse  
Fleischman, Paul. Bull Run (H)  
Herrin, Lamar. The Unwritten Chronicles of Robert E. Lee  
Hunt, Irene. Across Five Aprils (H)  
Keith, Harold. Rifles for Watie (H)  
Murphy, Jim. The Journal of James Edmond Pease: A Civil War Union Soldier (H)  
Rinaldi, Ann. The Last Silk Dress (H)  
Rinaldi, Ann. In My Father's House (H)  
Rinaldi, Ann. Girl in Blue (H)  
Alter, Robert Edmund. High Spy  
Beatty, Patricia. Jayhawker (H)  
Beatty, Patricia. Eben Tyne. Powdermonkey  
Beatty, Patricia. I Want my Sunday, Stranger!  
Catton, Bruce. Banners at Shenandoah: A Story of Sheridan's Fighting Cavalry (H)  
Collier, James Lincoln. With Every Drop of Blood (H)  
Crane, Stephen. Red Badge of Courage (H)  
Reeder, Carolyn. Across the Lines (H)  
Myers, Anna. Assassin (H)  
Sappey, Maureen Stack. Letters from Vinnie (H)  
Elliot, Laura. Annie. Between the States (H)  
Hahn, Mary Downing. Hear the Wind Blow (H)  
Crist-Evans, Craig. Moon Over Tennessee: A Boy's Civil War Journal (H)  
Denenberg, Barry. When Will This Cruel War Be Over?: The Civil War Diary of Emma Simpson (H)  
Hite, Sid. The Journal of Rufus Rowe: A Witness to the Battle of Fredericksburg (H)  
Matas, Carol. The War Within: A Novel of the Civil War (H)  
Paulsen, Gary. A Soldier's Heart: A Novel of the Civil War (H)  
Hansen, Joyce. Out of the Place (H)

### *Native American (fiction/non-fiction)*

Street, Julia Montgomery. Moccasin Tracks  
Hudson, Jan. Dawn Rider  
Hudson, Jan. Sweetgrass (H)  
Cooper, James Fenimore. The Last of the Mohicans: A Narrative of 1757 (H)  
Echo-Hawk, Roger C. & Walter R. Echo-Hawk. Battlefields and Burial Grounds: The Indian Struggle to Protect Ancestral Graves in the United States  
Edmonds, Walter Dumaux. Drums Along the Mohawk (H)  
Freedman, Russell. An Indian Winter  
Marrin, Albert. Tatan'ka Iyota'ka: Sitting Bull