SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT READING LIST - 2011

All Social Studies students would benefit from reading periodicals regularly. Consider Time, Newsweek, plus the "Ideas" section of The Boston Sunday Globe and "The Week in Review" from Sunday's edition of the New York Times. Incoming freshmen might follow their favorite eighth grade unit, China, India, or the Middle East. Sophomores and Juniors would profit from following several issues including the ongoing economic crisis and new presidential administration.

WORLD HISTORY pre-1815

Marc Aronson, John Winthrop, Oliver Cromwell, and the Land of Promise
Tracy Barrett, Anna of Byzantium
Mary Jane Beaufrand, Primavera
Geraldine Brooks, A Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague
Polly Schoyer Brooks, Queen Eleanor
Tracey Chevalier, Girl With A Pearl Earring
Tracey Chevalier, The Lady and the Unicorn
James Clavell, Shogun
Karen Cushman, Catherine, Called Birdy
Danny Danziger and John Gillingham, 1215: The Year of Magna Carta
Jared Diamond, Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies
Charles Dickens, Tale of Two Cities
Alexandre Dumas, Man in the Iron Mask
David Ewing Duncan, Calendar
Umberto Eco, The Name of the Rose
Antonia Fraser, Cromwell: The Lord Protector
Antonia Fraser, Mary Queen of Scots
Antonia Fraser, The Warrior Queens
Henry Louis Gates, Jr., Wonders of the African World
Mary Gordon, Joan of Arc
Ross King, Brunelleschi’s Dome: How a Renaissance Genuis Reinvented Architecture
Ross King, Michelangelo and the Pope’s Ceiling
Martin and Parker, The Spanish Armada
James A. MacKay, William Wallace: Brave Heart
Pamela Marantel, An Army of Angels
James Michener, Caribbean
Patrick O'Brian, any of the extensive series of naval stories
Iain Pears, An Instance of the Fingerpost
Howard Pyle, Men of Iron
Howard Pyle, Robin Hood
Edward Rutherford, London
Edward Rutherford, Russka
Edward Rutherford, Sarum
Dava Sobel, Longitude
Dava Sobel, Galileo’s Daughter
David Stannard, American Holocaust
Irving Stone, The Agony and the Ecstacy
Robert Lewis Stevenson, Black Arrow
Robert Lewis Stevenson, Kidnapped
Barbara Tuchman, A Distant Mirror: The Calamitous Fourteenth Century
Barbara Tuchman, First Salute: A View of the American Revolution
Barbara Tuchman, The March of Folly
Susan Kneeland, Girl in Hyacinth Blue
Jack Weatherford, Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World
Alison Weir, The Children of Henry VIII
Alison Weir, Eleanor of Aquitaine
Alison Weir, The Six Wives of Henry VIII
David Weiss, Sacred and Profane
Susan Whitfield, Life Along the Silk Road

WORLD HISTORY post-1815

Stephan Ambrose, D - Day: June 6, 1944
Pat Barker, Regeneration Trilogy
Antony Beevor, Stalingrad
Tom Brokaw, The Greatest Generation
Mary Craig, Kundun
Zlata Filipovic, Zalata's Diary
Anne Frank, The Diary of a Young Girl
Doris Kearns Goodwin, Wait Till Next Year
Ernest Hemingway, For Whom the Bell Tolls
John Hersey, Hiroshima
Jack Higgins, Eagle has Landed
Jack Higgins, Night of the Fox
Jack Higgins, Storm Warning
Victor Hugo, Les Miserables
Robert Kaplan, The Ends of the Earth
Robert Kaplan, Eastward to Tartary
Thomas Keneally, Schindler's List
Walter Lord, Day of Infamy
Walter Lord, A Night to Remember
John Lukacs, The Hitler of History
Man and Neward, Battlefields: Then and Now
Robert K. Massie, Nicholas and Alexandra
James Michener, The Covenant
Miles and Ross, The Usborne Illustrated Atlas of the 20th Century
Greg Mortenson, Three Cups of Tea
Richard Platt, Smithsonian Visual Timeline of Inventions
Eric Remarque, All Quiet on the Western Front
Irvine Stone, The Origin
Barbara Tuchman, The Guns of August
Leon Uri, Trinity
One of the best reading strategies would be to read the newspaper daily. Consider the different perspectives provided by The New York Times or The Christian Science Monitor.

UNITED STATES HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT I:

Stephen Ambrose, *Undaunted Courage*
Stephen Ambrose, *Nothing Like It in the World*
James Bishop, *The Day Lincoln Was Shot*
Carol Berkin, *A Brilliant Solution*
Alan Brinkley and Davis Dyer, *The American Presidency*
Rita Brown, *High Hearts*
Eric Jay Dolin, *Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America*
David H. Donald, *Lincoln*
Frederick Douglass, *Autobiographies*
Joseph J. Ellis, *Founding Brothers*
Joseph J. Ellis, *His Excellency: George Washington*
John M. Faragher, *Daniel Boone*
David Hackett Fischer, *Paul Revere's Ride, Washington’s Crossing*
Thomas Fleming, *Now We Are Enemies*
Shelby Foote, *The Civil War: A Narrative*
Noel Gerson, *The Grand Incendiary*
James Green, *Death in the Haymarket*
Doris Kearns Goodwin, *Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*
John F. Kennedy, *Profiles in Courage*
Bruce Lancaster, *The Secret Road*
Scott Liell, *46 Pages: Tom Paine, Common Sense, and the Turning Point to American Independence*
James MacPherson, *For Cause and Comrades*
David McCullough, *John Adams, 1776, The Greater Journey*
Margaret Mitchell, *Gone with the Wind*
John G. Neihardt, *Black Elk Speaks*
Stephen B. Oates, *The Coming Fury*
Stephen B. Oates, *A Woman of Valor: Clara Barton and the Civil War*
Nathaniel Philbrick, *The Last Stand*
Robert Remini, *The Life of Andrew Jackson*
Heather Cox Richardson, *West from Appomattox*
Cokie Roberts, *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*
Michael Shaara, *The Killer Angels*
Irving Stone, *For Those Who Loved*
E. Thane, *Dawn’s Early Light*
Benjamin Thomas, *Lincoln*
Paul Wellman, *Magnificent Destiny*
Jay Wink, *April, 1865: The Month That Saved America*
Gordon Wood, *Revolutionary Characters*
Nancy Zaroulis, *Call the Darkness Light*
UNITED STATES HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT II:

Stephen Ambrose, Band of Brothers
Stephen Ambrose, Citizen Soldiers
Stephen Ambrose, D - Day: June 6, 1944
John M. Barry, Rising Tide: The Mississippi Flood of 1927
Taylor Branch, Pillar of Fire: America in the King Years 1963-1965
Melba P. Beals, Warriors Don't Cry
H.W. Brands, TR: The Last Romantic
James Chace, 1912: Wilson, Roosevelt, Taft and Debs – The Election that Changed the Country
Iris Chang, The Chinese in America
Ellis Cose, A Nation of Strangers
F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby
Doris Kearns Goodwin, No Ordinary Time
Katherine Graham, Personal History
Andrew Hacker, Two Nations
David Halberstram, The Children, The Fifties
Stephen Kinzer, Overthrow: America’s Century of Regime Change from Hawaii to Iraq
Mark Kurlansky, 1968: The Year That Rocked the World
Erik Larson, The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America
David Levering Lewis, W.E.B. DuBois
Walter Lord, Day of Infamy
Anthony Lukas, Common Ground,
Angus MacKenzie, Secrets
David McCullough, Truman
McGilligan and Buhle, Tender Comrades
Robert S. McNamara, In Retrospect
William Manchester, The Glory and the Dream,
William Manchester, American Caesar
Jon Meachem, Franklin and Winston
James Michener, Alaska, Caribbean, Chesapeake, Centennial, Hawaii, Texas, and Mexico
Anne Moody, Coming of Age in Mississippi
Moore and Galloway, We Were Soldiers Once and Young
Tim O'Brien, The Things They Carried
Stephen Puleo, Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919
Richard Reeves, President Kennedy: Profile of Power
Thomas E. Ricks, Fiasco: The American Military Adventure in Iraq
Neil Sheehan, Bright Shining Lie
Hampton Sides, Ghost Soldiers
Barbara Tuchman, The Guns of August
Barbara Tuchman, The March of Folly
Gore Vidal, Empire
Woodward & Bernstein, All the President's Men
Theodore White, In Search of History
Howard Zinn, A People’s History of the United States
SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT SUMMER READING LIST – 2011

ECONOMICS:

Peter L. Bernstein, Against the Gods: The Remarkable Story of Risk
The Power of Gold: History of an Obsession
Niall Ferguson, The Ascent of Money
Robert Kiyosaki and Sharon Lechter, Rich Dad, Poor Dad
Steven Landsburg, The Armchair Economist: Economics and Everyday Experience
Nassim Nicholas Taleb, The Black Swan, The Impact of the Highly Improbable

EUROPEAN HISTORY:

Bonnie Anderson and Judith Zinsser, A History of Their Own
Jacques Barzun, From Dawn to Decadence, 500 Years of Western Culture Life ...
Peter Balakian, The Burning Tigris: The Armenian Genocide and America’s Response
Daniel Boorstin, The Creators
Daniel Boorstin, The Discoverers
James Carroll, Constantine’s Sword: The Church and the Jews: A History
Norman Davies, Europe
Norman Davies, Inventing the Middle Ages
Norman Davies, History of the Isles
Robert Heilbroner, The Worldly Philosophers
William Manchester, A World Lit Only by Fire
Robert Massie, Dreadnought: Britain, Germany and the Coming of the Great War
Robert Massie, Nicholas and Alexandra
Steve Pincus, 1688: The First Modern Revolution
Susan Roland, The Pirate Queen, Queen Elizabeth I, her Pirate Adventures, and the Dawn of Empire
Dava Sobel, Galileo’s Daughter
Dava Sobel, Longitude
Barbara Tuchman, A Distant Mirror: The Calamitous 14th Century
Barbara Tuchman, The Guns of August
Barbara Tuchman, The March of Folly
Barbara Tuchman, The Proud Tower
Alison Weir, Eleanor of Aquitaine
Alison Weir, Elizabeth I
Alison Weir, The Six Wives of Henry VIII

INTERDISCIPLINARY:

Peter L. Bernstein, Against the Gods: The Remarkable Story of Risk
Steven Brill, After: How America Confronted the September 12 Era
Jared Diamond, Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies, Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed
Tracy Kidder, Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World
Sebastian Junger, The Perfect Storm
Barbara Kingsolver, The Poisonwood Bible
Edmund O. Wilson, Anthill
Edmund O. Wilson, Consilience
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Jan Egeland, A Billion Lives: An Eyewitness Report from the Frontlines of Humanity
Howard French, A Continent for the Taking: The Tragedy and Hope of Africa
Thomas Friedman, The Lexus and the Olive Tree
Philip Gourevitch, We Wish To Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed
Mark Juergensmeyer, Terror in the Mind of God: Global Rise of Religious Violence
Robert O. Keohane and Joseph S. Nye, Power and Interdependence
John Mearsheimer, The Tragedy of Great Power Politics
Samantha Power, A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide
Thomas Weiss and David Forsythe, The United Nations and Changing World Politics
Fareed Zakaria, The Post American World

LAW:

Michelle Alexander, The New Jim Crow
Jonathan Harr, A Civil Action
Edward Lazarus, Closed Chambers
William H. Rehnquist, The Supreme Court
Jeffrey Roser, The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America
Toobin, Jeffrey, The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court

POLITICAL SCIENCE:

Dick Armey, Give Us Liberty: A Tea Party Manifesto
John Heilemann and Ma Halperin, Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime
Lawrence Jacobs and Theda Skocpol, Health Care Reform and American Politics: What Everyone Needs to Know
Barack Obama, Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to My Daughters
Sarah Palin, Going Rogue: An American Life
Ronald Peters, Jr. and Cindy Rosenthal, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the New American Politics
Mitt Romney, No Apology: The Case for American Greatness
Jeffrey Toobin, The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court
Fareed Zakaria, The Future of Freedom

PSYCHOLOGY:

Dan Ariely, Predictably Irrational: The Hidden Forces That Shape Our Decisions
Dan Ariely, The Upside of Irrationality
Marty Becker, The Healing Power of Pets
Chabris and Simons, The Invisible Gorilla: And Other Ways Our Intuition Deceives Us
Christakis and Fowler, Connected: The Surprising Power of Our Social Network
Roger Fouts, Next of Kin: What Chimpanzees Have Taught Me About Who We Are
Friedman and Martin, The Longevity Project
Daniel Gilbert, Stumbling on Happiness
Malcolm Gladwell, Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking
Malcolm Gladwell, The Outliers: The Story of Success
Malcolm Gladwell, Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference
Daniel Goleman, Emotional Intelligence
Temple Grandin, Thinking in Pictures: and Other Reports from My Life with Autism
Hallowell and Ratey, Driven to Distraction: Recognizing and Coping with Attention Deficit Disorder...
Kay R. Jamison, An Unquiet Mind: A Memoir of Moods and Madness
Steven Johnson, Mind Wide Open: Your Brain and the Neuroscience of Everyday Life
Susanna Kaysen, Girl Interrupted
David Kessler, The End of Overeating
Kindlon and Thompson, Raising Cain
Joseph LeDoux, The Emotional Brain
David Linden, The Accidental Mind: How Brain Evolution Has Given Us Love, Memory, Dreams and God
Irene Pepperberg, Alex and Me
Jane Phillips, The Magic Daughter: A Memoir of Living with Multiple Personality Disorder
Steven Pinker, The Language Instinct, How the Mind Works, Words and Rules, The Blank Slate
Mary Pipher, Reviving Ophelia
William Pollack, Real Boys
Judith L. Rapoport, The Boy Who Couldn't Stop Washing
Ratey and Hagerman, Sparks: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain
Oliver Sacks, The Man Who Mistook his Wife for a Hat
Oliver Sacks, An Anthropologist on Mars
Oliver Sacks, The Island of the Color Blind
Oliver Sacks, Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain
Martin Seligman, Learned Optimism
Daniel Schacter, The Seven Sins of Memory
Flora Schreiber, Sybil
Roger Shattuck, The Forbidden Experiment: The Story of the Wild Boy of Aveyron
Lauren Slater, Opening Skinner’s Box: Great Psychological Experiments in the Twentieth Century
Lauren Slater, Welcome to my Country
David Snowdon, Aging With Grace
Robert Sternberg, Successful Intelligence
Sweeney and Restack, Brain: The Complete Mind
Daniel Tammet, Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Autistic Savant
Deborah Tannen, You Just Don't Understand
Thaler and Sunstein, Nudge: Improving Decisions about Health, Wealth, and Happiness
George Vaillant, Aging Well
Amy S. Wilensky, Passing for Normal
Donna Williams, Nobody Nowhere: The Extraordinary Autobiography of an Autistic
Timothy Wilson, Strangers to Ourselves: Discovering the Adaptive Unconscious

SOCIOLOGY:

Mitch Albom, Tuesdays with Morrie
H.G. Bissinger, Friday Night Lights
Madeleine Blais, In These Girls, Hope is a Muscle
Greg Critser, Fat Land: How Americans Became the Fattest People in the World
Barbara Ehrenreich, Nickled and Dimed
Barbara Ehrenreich, This Land is Their Land: Reports from a Divided Nation
David Halberstam, The Children
David Halberstam, The Fifties
Jonathan Kozol, Amazing Grace
Jonathan Kozol, Savage Inequalities
Adrian LeBlanc, Random Family: Love, Drugs, Trouble, and Coming of Age in the Bronx
Anthony Lukas, Common Ground
James McBride: Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother
Newman and Brooks, Our America: Life and Death on the South Side of Chicago
Nathaniel Philbrick, In the Heart of the Sea
Alexandra Robbins: The Overachievers: The Secret Life of Driven Kids
Piers P. Read, Alive: The Story of the Andes Survivors
Eric Schlosser, Fast - Food Nation
Rachel Simmons, Odd Girl Out
Joe Simpson, Touching the Void: The True Story of One Man's Miraculous Survival
Jason Sokol, There Goes My Everything
Jacques Steinberg, The Gatekeepers
Ron Suskind, A Hope in the Unseen