All Social Studies students would benefit from reading periodicals regularly. Consider Time, plus the "Ideas" section of The Boston Sunday Globe and "The Week in Review" from the Sunday 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 national political tensions.

WORLD HISTORY pre-1815

Marc Aronson, John Winthrop, Oliver Cromwell, and the Land of Promise  
Tracy Barrett, Anna of Byzantium  
Mary Jane Beaufrand, Primavera  
Jean-Vincent Blanchard, Eminence: Cardinal Richelieu and the Rise of France  
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’Brien, 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 Ecstasy*
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*
Richard Platt, *Smithsonian Visual Timeline of Inventions*
Eric Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*
Irving Stone, *The Origin*
Barbara Tuchman, *The Guns of August*
Leon Uri, *Trinity*

**SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT READING LIST - 2013**

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 Wall Street Journal*. 
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, Civil War Wives*
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
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
Gibbs and Duffy, The Presidents Club: Inside the World’s Most Exclusive Fraternity
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
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

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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
Neil Irwin, The Alchemists: Three Central Bankers and a World on Fire
Robert Kiyosaki and Sharon Lechter, Rich Dad, Poor Dad
Steven Landsburg, The Armchair Economist: Economics and Everyday Experience
William Poundstone, Priceless: The Myth of Fair Value (and How to Take Advantage of It)
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
Jean-Vincent Blanchard, Eminence: Cardinal Richelieu and the Rise of France
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
Rober Massie, Dreadnought: Britain, Germany and the Coming of the Great War
Robert Massie, Nicholas and Alexandra
Robert Massie, Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman
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
Jared Diamond, Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed
Jared Diamond, Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies
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
Jonathan V. Last, What to Expect When No One’s Expecting
Nate Silver, The Signal and the Noise: Why So Many Predictions Fail - but Some Don’t
Edmund O. Wilson, Anthill
Edmund O. Wilson, Consilience
Edmund O. Wilson, The Social Conquest of Earth

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
Thomas Friedman, That Used to Be Us
Philip Gourevitch, We Wish To Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed
Blaine Harden, Escape from Camp 14
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
John Grisham, A Time to Kill
John Grisham, The Chamber
John Grisham, The Confession
John Grisham, The Partner
John Grisham, The Innocent Man
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
Sonia Sotomayor, My Beloved World
Jeffery Toobin, The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court

POLITICAL SCIENCE:

Dick Armey, Give Us Liberty: A Tea Party Manifesto
Gibbs and Duffy, The Presidents Club: Inside the World’s Most Exclusive Club
Jonathan Haidt, The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion
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
Ronald Peters, Jr. and Cindy Rosenthal, Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the New American Politics
Mitt Romney, No Apology: The Case for American Greatness
Peter Schweizer, Throw Them All Out
Jeffrey Toobin, The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court
Sean Trende, Lost Majority
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*
Davidson and Begley, *The Emotional Life of Your Brain*
Charles Duhigg, *The Power of Habit*
Carol Dweck, *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success*
Roger Fouts, *Next of Kin: What Chimpanzees Have Taught Me About Who We Are*
Daniel Gilbert, *Stumbling on Happiness*
Malcolm Gladwell, *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking*
Malcolm Gladwell, *The Outliers: The Story of Success*
Daniel Goleman, *Emotional Intelligence*
Temple Grandin, *Animals in Translation*
Temple Grandin, *The Autistic Brain: Thinking Across the Spectrum*
Temple Grandin, *Thinking in Pictures: and Other Reports from My Life with Autism*
Jonathan Haidt, *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion*

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*
Daniel Kahneman, *Thinking Fast and Slow*
Susanna Kaysen, *Girl Interrupted*
David Kessler, *The End of Overeating*
Kindlon and Thompson, *Raising Cain*
Maria Konnikova, *Mastermind: How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes*
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, *How the Mind Works*
Steven Pinker, *The Blank Slate*
Steven Pinker, *The Language Instinct*
Steven Pinker, *Words and Rules*
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, *An Anthropologist on Mars*
Oliver Sacks, *Hallucinations*
Oliver Sacks, *Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain*
Oliver Sacks, *The Island of the Color Blind*
Oliver Sacks, *The Man Who Mistook his Wife for a Hat*
Oliver Sacks, *The Mind's Eye*
Martin Seligman, *Learned Optimism*
Daniel Schacter, *The Seven Sins of Memory*
Lauren Slater, *Opening Skinner's Box: Great Psychological Experiments in the Twentieth Century*
Lauren Slater, *Welcome to My Country*
Andrew Solomon, *Far From the Tree: Parents, Children and the Search for Identity*
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*
Thaler and Sunstein, *Nudge: Improving Decisions about Health, Wealth, and Happiness*
Paul Tough, *How Children Succeed*
Amy S. Wilensky, *Passing for Normal*
Timothy Wilson, *Strangers to Ourselves: Discovering the Adaptive Unconscious*

**SOCIOLGY:**

Mitch Albom, *Tuesdays with Morrie*
H.G. Bissinger, *Friday Night Lights*
Madeleine Blais, *Hope is a Muscle*
Madeleine Blais, *In These Girls*
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*
Tracy Kidder, *Among School Children*
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*
Peggy Orenstein, *Cinderella Ate My Daughter*
George Packer, *The Unwinding*
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*
Sheryl Sandberg, *Lean In*
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*