

Social Studies Reading List – 9th-12th grade

***RCCHS students will read four books (1 per quarter) as part of class assignments in the following Social Studies classes. Please use the list to choose an appropriate book per semester. Books may be read ahead of time but each quarter students will turn in a project/assignment related to the book that they chose. This list is in transition and is not comprehensive of all the great choices in reading that are available. If you have other books that you think should qualify please see your teacher before reading.**

One quarter may be a “free read” - meaning that students can choose to read a second book from a quarter list or an appropriate book approved by the teacher.

***Teacher Held Copy**

#Found at RC Public Library

- Many books can also be found as e-books for Kindle or Apple on Amazon
- Most are also in the RCCS Library

World Geography Reading List –

In the Presence of My Enemies – by Gracia Burnham*

Journey to the Center of the Earth – by Jules Verne#

Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea – by Jules Verne#

Seven Men and the Secret of Their Greatness – by Eric Metaxas#

David Livingstone: Explorer and Missionary – by Sam Wellman

William Carey – by George Smith

A Chance to Die: The Life and Legacy of Amy Carmichael – by Elisabeth Elliot

Shadow of the Almighty – Elisabeth Elliot

The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind – by William Kamkwamba*

Prisoners of Hope: The Story of Our Captivity and Freedom in Afghanistan – by Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer*

World History Reading List –

1st Quarter –

Lion of War Series(3)- by Cliff Graham#

Iliad – by Homer#

Odyssey – by Homer#

The Aeneid – by Virgil#

Lives of the Roman Emperors – Plutarch

Julius Caesar – William Shakespeare#

Gilgamesh – by Stephan Grundy (Translator)

Confessions – by Augustine

Beowulf – by Seamus Heaney

Ben Hur – by Lew Wallace#

Robe – by Lloyd Douglas

Mark of the Lion Series(3) – by Francine Rivers#

2nd quarter –

Ivanhoe – by Sir Walter Scott#

The Adventures of Robin Hood – by Roger Green#

Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World – by Jack Weatherford#

The Analects of Confucius – by James Legge*

Voices Behind the Veil: the World of Islam through the Eyes of Women – by Ergun Mehmet Caner

3rd quarter –

Don Quixote de la Mancha – Miguel de Cervantes#

The Praise of Folly – by Desiderius Erasmus#

The Canterbury Tales – by Geoffrey Chaucer#

King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table – by Roger Green

Saint Patrick of Ireland – by Philip Freeman

4th quarter –

A Tale of Two Cities – by Charles Dickens#

The Scarlett Pimpernel - by Baroness Emmuska Orczy#

The Three Musketeers – by Alexandre Dumas#

The Count of Monte Cristo – by Alexandre Dumas#

Heart of Darkness – by Joseph Conrad#

Swiss Family Robinson – by Johann David Wyss#

Amazing Grace – by Eric Metaxas#

King Leopold's Ghost – by Adam Hochschild*

King Solomon's Mines – by H. Rider Haggard*

Government –

1st quarter -

Animal Farm – by George Orwell#* (1st quarter – required for all)

2nd quarter -

On Becoming George Washington – by Glenn Beck

The Federalist Papers – by Alexander Hamilton and James Madison#*

1984 – by George Orwell#*

Fahrenheit 451 – by Ray Bradbury#

John Adams - by David McCullough#

1776 – by David McCullough#*

John Marshall: Judicial Statesman – by John R. Cuneo*

What You didn't Learn From Your Parents About Politics – by Matthew Paul Turner*

Sarah Palin: Going Rogue – by Sarah Palin*

Dispatches From Bitter America – by Todd Starnes*

The Fountainhead – by Ayn Rand*

Atlas Shrugged – by Ayn Rand*

Anthem – by Ayn Rand*

United States History –

1st quarter –

Nothing Like It in the World: The Men Who Built the Transcontinental Railroad - by Stephen Ambrose#

Uncle Tom's Cabin – by Harriet Beecher Stowe#

Gods and Generals – by Jeff Shaara#*

Killing Lincoln – by Bill O'Reilly#

Gone With the Wind – Margaret Mitchell#

Crazy Horse – by Mari Sandoz#*

The Red Badge of Courage – by Stephen Crane#

Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee – by Dee Brown#

Twelve Years a Slave – by Solomon Northrup#(e-book)

The Flame and the Fury – by Esther Vogt*

2nd quarter –

Giants in the Earth: A Saga of the Prairie – by O.E. Rolvaag*

The Jungle – by Upton Sinclair#

The War of the Worlds – by H.G Wells

All Quiet on the Western Front – by Erich Maria Remarque#

To End All Wars – by Adam Hochschild*

Little Women – by Louisa May Alcott*

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – by Mark Twain

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – by Mark Twain

Seabiscuit – by Laura Hillenbrand*

3rd quarter –

Freedom from Fear: The American People in Depression and War – by David M. Kennedy#

For Whom the Bells Toll – by Ernest Hemingway

The Worst Hard Time – by Timothy Egan*

Diary of a Young Girl - by Anne Frank#

Hiroshema – by John Hersey#

The Hiding Place – by Corrie Ten Boom#

The Eleventh Hour – by Michael Phillips#

Bonhoffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy – by Eric Metaxas#

Ragdolls – by Henry Golde*

Assignment Rescue: An Autobiography – by Varian Fry*

Sole Survivor – by Ruthanne Lum McCunn*

Evidence Not Seen – by Darlene Deibler Rose*

Was God on Vacation? – by Jack Van der Geest*

Unbroken – by Laura Hillenbrand*

Code Talker – by Chester Nez and Judith Avila

Under A Wore Torn Sky – by L.M. Elliott*

4th quarter –

Kennedy's Last Days: The Assassination That Defined A Generation – by Bill O'Reilly

A Rose Remembered – by Michael Phillips#

Zion Chronicles Series – by Brock and Bodie Thoene#

The Great Rehearsal – by Carl Van Dorn*

The Light and the Glory – by Peter Marshall and David Manuel*

The Case for Israel – by Alan Dershowitz*

Strength in What Remains – by Tracy Kidder*

Refiner's Fire – by Mark Helprin*

Going After Cacciato – by Tim O'Brien*

Secretariat – by William Nack*

Left to Tell – by Immaculee Ilibagiza

These Are the Generations – by Eric Foley*

Western Civilization -

1st quarter –

Total Truth – by Nancy Pearcey*

Relativism – by Francis J. Peckwith and Gregory Koukl*

The Case for Faith – by Lee Strobel*

The Universe Next Door – by James W. Sire*

Too Christian, Too Pagan – by Dick Staub*

True for You, But Not for Me – by Paul Copan*

Know Why You Believe – by Paul E. Little*

2nd quarter-

How the Irish Saved Civilization – by Thomas Cahill (must be purchased as a textbook)

3rd quarter –

Here I Stand: A Biography of Martin Luther – by Roland H. Bainton (should be purchased as a textbook)

4th quarter-

*Choose a book that you think will add to your knowledge and growth. Get the book approved by the teacher and be prepared to explain why you wish to read the book. (Most likely modern popular literature with mythological fiction such as Hunger Games, Twilight Saga, etc. will not be approved.)