History Department
2026 Summer Reading List

Freshmen:

- Honors World History and World History: Stavridis, James. Sea Power. The History and Geopolitics of the World's Oceans (Penguin Books, 2017). ISBN: 978-0735220614 NOTE: The study guide is not mandatory--the book will be assessed in class through quizzes and other assessments. Click here for the study guide.

Sophomores:

- US History Only: Hammon, Neal, ed. *My Father Daniel Boone: The Draper Interviews with Daniel Boone* (University of Kentucky Press, 2012). ISBN: 978-0813134659 NOTE: Reading will be assessed at the beginning of the school year. Click here for the study questions.
- APUSH Only: Cowie, Jefferson. *Freedom's Dominion: A Saga of White Resistance to Federal Power* (Basic Books, 2024) ISBN: 978-1541605121 NOTE: Reading will be assessed at the beginning of the school year. The study guide is not required but can help you through the book. Click here for the study questions.
- American Studies Only: Dunbar, Erica Armstrong. *She Came to Slay: The Life and Time of Harriet Tubman* (Simon and Schuster (37 Ink), 2019). ISBN: 978-1-9821-3959-9. NOTE: Please complete the study guide by the beginning of the school year. Click here to access the assignment.

Juniors:

- AP US Government & Politics AND US Government & Politics: Rauchway, Eric. *Why the New Deal Matters* (Yale University Press, 2021). ISBN: 978-0300252002 NOTE: The study guide is not mandatory--the book will be assessed in class through quizzes and other assessments. Click here to access the study guide.

Electives:

- AP Psychology: Complete the Unit 0: Psychological Science and Research Design Packet. The packet can be accessed here.
- AP African American Studies:Complete the Unit 1 Vocab and Key Questions Packet. The packet can be accessed here.