

AP United States History Reading List

	Title	Author	Historical Content
Fiction	<i>A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal 1830-32</i>	Joan W. Blos	Early American Rural Life in an Agrarian Society
Fiction	<i>A Farewell to Arms</i>	Ernest Hemingway	WWI
Fiction	<i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>	Erich Remarque	WWI
Fiction	<i>An American Tragedy</i>	Theodore Dreiser	Culture/Society
Fiction	<i>Bean Trees</i>	Barbara Kingsolver	Immigration
Fiction	<i>Beloved</i>	Toni Morrison	Slavery
Fiction	<i>Black Like Me</i>	John Howard Griffin	Civil Rights
Fiction	<i>Catch-22</i>	Joseph Heller	WWII
Fiction	<i>Catcher in the Rye</i>	J.D. Salinger	Post WWII /Society
Fiction	<i>Cold Mountain</i>	Charles Frazier	Civil War
Fiction	<i>Death of a Salesman</i>	Arthur Miller	Post WWII/Society
Fiction	<i>For Whom the Bell Tolls</i>	Ernest Hemingway	WWI
Fiction	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	James Baldwin	Race/The Great Depression
Fiction	<i>Gone With the Wind</i>	Margaret Mitchell	Civil War
Fiction	<i>In Cold Blood</i>	Truman Capote	Culture/Society
Fiction	<i>Joy Luck Club</i>	Amy Tan	WWII/Women/Race
Fiction	<i>Last of the Mohicans</i>	James Fenimore Cooper	French & Indian War
Fiction	<i>Little Women</i>	Louisa May Alcott	Civil War/Women
Fiction	<i>Moby Dick</i>	Herman Melville	Race/Religion
Fiction	<i>Native Son</i>	Richard Wright	Race/The Great Depression/Society
Fiction	<i>Roots</i>	Alex Haley	Slavery
Fiction	<i>Sister Carrie</i>	Theodore Dreiser	American Dream/Women

Fiction	<i>Slaughterhouse Five</i>	Kurt Vonnegut	WWII/Anti-War Protest
Fiction	<i>Streetcar Named Desire</i>	Tennessee Williams	Post WWII Culture/Society
Fiction	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>	Mark Twain	Antebellum South/Race
Fiction	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>	Mark Twain	Antebellum South/Culture
Fiction	<i>The Bell Jar</i>	Sylvia Plath	Women/Society
Fiction	<i>The Cider House Rules</i>	John Irving	Abortion/Society
Fiction	<i>The Crucible</i>	Arthur Miller	Red Scare/Salem Witch Trials
Fiction	<i>The Gilded Age</i>	Mark Twain	Post Civil War
Fiction	<i>The Grapes of Wrath</i>	John Steinbeck	The Great Depression
Fiction	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>	F.Scott Fitzgerald	1920s/Culture/Society
Fiction	<i>The Jungle</i>	Upton Sinclair	Progressive Era/ Industrialization/ Immigration
Fiction	<i>The Killer Angels</i>	Michael Shaara	Civil War
Fiction	<i>The Maltese Falcon</i>	Dashiell Hammet	Prohibition
Fiction	<i>The Natural</i>	Bernard Malamud	Culture/baseball
Fiction	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>	Stephen Crane	Civil War
Fiction	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>	Nathaniel Hawthorne	Colonial America/Religion
Fiction	<i>The Sound and the Fury</i>	William Faulkner	Reconstruction Era
Fiction	<i>The Things They Carried</i>	Tim O'Brien	Vietnam War
Fiction	<i>The Ugly American</i>	Eugene Burdick & William Lederer	Communism
Fiction	<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963</i>	Christopher Paul Curtis	Civil Rights Era
Fiction	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> <i>Allegory of Baum's The Wizard of Oz</i> http://www.usagold.com/gildedopinion/oz.html	L. Frank Baum	Economics & Populists 1880-1900s
Fiction	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	Harriet Beecher Stowe	Abolition/Slavery
Fiction	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	Harper Lee	Civil Rights/Race/Society

Non Fiction	<i>109 East Palace: Robert Oppenheimer and the Secret City of Los Alamos</i>	Jennet Conant	WWII, Atomic Weapons Development
Non Fiction	<i>1776</i>	David McCullough	American Revolution
Non Fiction	<i>A Nation Without Borders: The United States and Its World in An Age of Civil Wars, 1830-1910</i>	Steven Hahn	Pre and Post Civil War Years
Non Fiction	<i>A People's History of the United States: 1492-Present</i>	Howard Zinn	Biased American Social History

Non Fiction	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	Lorraine Hansberry	Civil Rights Movement
Non Fiction	<i>All the President's Men</i>	Carl Bernstein & Bob Woodward	Watergate
Non Fiction	<i>Alexander Hamilton Revolutionary</i>	Martha Brockenbrough	American Revolution
Non Fiction	<i>American Revolutions: A Continental History, 1750-1804</i>	Alan Taylor	American Revolution
Non Fiction	<i>Assassination Vacation</i>	Sarah Vowell	Presidents
Non Fiction	<i>Band of Brothers: E Company, 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne: From Normandy to Hitler's Nest</i>	Stephen E. Ambrose	WWII
Non Fiction	<i>Battle Cry of Freedom</i>	James McPherson	Civil War
Non Fiction	<i>Born on the Fourth of July</i>	Ron Kovic	Vietnam War
Non Fiction	<i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West</i>	Dee Brown	Native Americans

Non Fiction	<i>Civil Disobedience</i>	Henry David Thoreau	Reform and Enlightenment
Non Fiction	<i>Common Sense</i>	Thomas Paine	Revolutionary America
Non Fiction	<i>Democracy in America</i>	Alexis de Tocqueville	Colonial America
Non Fiction	<i>The Edge of Anarchy</i>	Jack Kelly	Railroad Barons, Gilded Age, & Labor Uprising
Non Fiction	<i>Fast Food Nation</i>	Eric Schlosser	Culture/Society 1950s
Non Fiction	<i>The Federalist Papers; and, the Constitution of the United States...</i>	Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison	Principles of American Government
Non Fiction	<i>Fireside Chats of Franklin Roosevelt</i>	Franklin Roosevelt	The Great Depression
Non Fiction	<i>George Washington And the Birth of Our Nation</i>	Milton Meltzer	Colonial America Revolutionary War
Non Fiction	<i>Germes, Guns, and Steel</i>	Jeff Diamond	Exploration
Non Fiction	<i>Gods and Generals</i>	Jeff Shaara	Civil War
Non Fiction	<i>Hiroshima</i>	John Hersey	WWII
Non Fiction	<i>His Excellency: George Washington</i>	Joseph J. Ellis	Presidents
Non Fiction	<i>A history of the American People</i>	Paul Johnson	Late 16th to 20th Century

Non Fiction	<i>How Democratic is the American Constitution</i>	Robert A. Dahl	Government
Non Fiction	<i>How the Other Half Lives</i>	Jacob Riis	Progressive Era
Non Fiction	<i>Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl</i>	Harriet Jacobs	Slavery
Non Fiction	<i>John Adams</i>	David McCullough	Presidents
Non Fiction	<i>Leadership in Turbulent Times</i>	Doris Kearns Goodwin	Presidents Lincoln, T. Roosevelt, F. Roosevelt, and L B. Johnson
Non Fiction	<i>Lincoln</i>	David Herbert Donald	Presidents
Non Fiction	<i>Making of the Atomic Bomb</i>	Richard Rhoades	WWII, Atomic Weapons Development
Non Fiction	<i>Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer</i>	James L. Swanson	Presidents
Non Fiction	<i>Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War</i>	Nathaniel Philbrick	Colonial America
Non Fiction	<i>Miracle at Philadelphia: The story fo the Constitutional Convention May to September 1787</i>	Catherine Drinker Bowen	Colonial America
Non Fiction	<i>Narrative of Sojourner Truth</i>		Slavery
Non Fiction	<i>Only Yesterday</i>	Fredrick Allen	1920s/Culture/Society

Non Fiction	<i>Ordeal By Hunger</i>	George Stewart	Westward Expansion/ Donner Party
Non Fiction	<i>Parting the Waters: Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement, 1954-63</i>	Taylor Branch	Civil Rights
Non Fiction	<i>Silent Spring</i>	Rachel Carson	Environment
Non Fiction	<i>Tales from a Revolution</i>	James D. Rice	Post American Revolution
Non Fiction	<i>Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln</i>	Doris Kearns Goodwin	Presidents

Non Fiction	<i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i>	Malcolm X & Alex Haley	Civil Rights
Non Fiction	<i>The Autobiography of Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>	Martin Luther King, Jr.	Civil Rights
Non Fiction	<i>The Bedford Boys</i>	Alex Kershaw	WWII
Non Fiction	<i>The Biography of a Prairie Girl</i>	Eleanor Gates	1800s
Non Non Fiction	<i>The Color of Water</i>	James McBride	Culture/Race/Religion
Non Fiction	<i>The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America</i>	Eric Larson	Culture/World's Fair in Chicago
Non Fiction	<i>The Influence of Sea Power Upon History</i>	Alfred T. Mahan	Imperialism
Non Fiction	<i>The March Against Fear</i>	Ann Bausum	Civil Rights Movement
Non Fiction	<i>The Right Stuff</i>	Tom Wolfe	Space Exploration
Non	<i>The Souls of Black Folk</i>	W.E.B. Du Bois	Progressive Era

Fiction			
Non Fiction	<i>Those Turbulent Sons of Freedom</i>	Christopher S. Wren	American Revolution
Non Fiction	<i>Valiant Ambition</i>	Nathaniel Philbrick	American Revolution
Non Fiction	<i>Votes for Women</i>	Winifred Conkling	Women's Suffrage
Non Fiction	<i>The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration</i>	Isabel Wilkerson	Migration of black citizens from South to North
Non Fiction	<i>The Whiskey Rebellion: George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, and the Frontier Rebels Who Challenged America's New Found Sovereignty</i>	William Hogeland	Challenge to newly formed American government (1791)
Non Fiction	<i>The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl</i>	Timothy Egan	The Great Depression
Non Fiction	<i>This Hallowed Ground</i>	Bruce Catton	Civil War
Non Fiction	<i>Thomas Jefferson: An Intimate History</i>	Fawn Brodie	Presidents
Non Fiction	<i>To the Mountaintop: My Journey Throught The Civil rights Movement</i>	Charlayne Hunter-Gault	Civil Rights Movement
Non Fiction	<i>Truman</i>	David McCullough	Presidents
Non Fiction	<i>Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the opening of the American West</i>	Stephen E. Ambrose	Westward Expansion
Non Fiction	<i>Up From Slavery</i>	Booker T. Washington	Civil War/Race/Slavery
Non Fiction	<i>Walden</i>	Henry David Thoreau	Reform and Enlightenment
Non Fiction	<i>Warriors Don't Cry: A Searing Memoir of the Battle to Integrate Little Rock's Central High</i>	Melba Pattillo Beals	Civil Rights/Race
Non Fiction	<i>Washington's Crossing</i>	David Hackett Fisher	American Revolution

Non Fiction	<i>Twenty Years at Hull House</i>	Jane Addams	Urbanization
Non Fiction	<i>Women and the New Race</i>	Margaret Sanger	Progressive Era