

Social Studies Summer Reading List

High School List

This year students are asked to choose a book from the following list. A description of each book can be found on the Summer Reading Page on the Social Studies Web Page. It is recommended that students take notes as they read to prepare for a discussion on the following: theme/mainpoint, historical impact. Students will write two papers, both due on September 13, 2007.

- 1) Write a 1-2 page paper in which you analyze two scenes from the book that reveal the message or theme of the book.

- 2) Write a 1-2 page paper in which you discuss how the book was useful in learning about and understanding history and/or today's world.

Chinese Cinderella, Adeline Yen Mah

Harry Potter & The Order of the Phoenix, J. K. Rowling

The Summer of '49, David Halbertstam

Slaughterhouse Five, Kurt Vonnegut

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, Lisa See

Snow Falling on Cedars, David Guterson

The Girl With The Pearl Earring, Tracy Chevalier

The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini