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2017 Upper School History Summer Reading List

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Students entering 9th grade should choose **one of the three listed biographies below or a biography of your choice**. You may select any historical figure who lived **before 1600**. Be prepared to bring the book to class and discuss not only the life of the subject, but the author's perspective as well.

Blackaby, Susan. *Cleopatra*. New York: Sterling, 2009.

Lange, Brenda. *Genghis Khan*. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2003.

Yeatts, Tabatha. *Joan of Arc: Heavenly Warrior*. New York: Sterling, 2009.

Students entering 10th grade should choose **one of the four listed biographies below or a biography of your choice**. You may select any **non-American** historical figure who lived **after 1600**. Be prepared to bring the book to class and discuss not only the life of the subject but the author's perspective as well.

Bush, Catherine. *Gandhi*. New York: Chelsea House, 1985.

Haney, John. *Vladimir Ilich Lenin*. New York: Chelsea House, 1988.

Mandela, Nelson. *Long Walk to Freedom*. Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 1994.

McGuire, Leslie. *Napoleon*. New York: Chelsea House, 1986.

Students entering 11th grade (US History and AP US History)
The Americanization of Benjamin Franklin by Gordon S. Wood

History Electives- Students taking any of the following courses are required to read the following books. Be prepared to discuss the book in class.

Economics
Common Sense Economics: What Everyone Should Know about Wealth and Prosperity by James Gwartney, Richard Stroup, and Dwight Lee

Honors Art History

Ways of Seeing by John Berger

AP Government & Politics

Hardball: How Politics is Played, Told by One Who Knows the Game by Chris Matthews

AP Human Geography

The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals by Michael Pollan

AP European Studies

Choose at least one of the following books:

Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague by Geraldine Brooks
Sophie's World: A Novel about the History of Philosophy by Jostein Garder
The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic - And How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World by Steven Johnson
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn

GSS International Relations

ISIS: Inside the Army of Terror by Michael Weiss