**AP US History/AP English Language Independent Reading List**

**First Semester**

**Historical Novels (Pre-Reconstruction)**

1. Uncle Tom’s Cabin – Harriet Beecher Stowe (Antebellum South)
2. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain (Antebellum South)
3. Shiloh – Shelby Foote (Civil War)
4. The Killer Angels – Michael Shaara (Civil War)

**Non-fiction books (Pre-Reconstruction)**

1. Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies – Jared Diamond
2. The Unredeemed Captive: A Family Story from Early America – John Demos
3. 1776 – David McCullough
4. John Adams – David McCullogh
5. Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation – John Ellis
6. Trail of Tears: The Rise and Fall of the Cherokee Nation – John Ehle
7. Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the West – Stephen Ambrose
8. The Journals of Lewis and Clark
9. The Oregon Trail by Francis Parkman
10. Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanche, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History – S.C. Gwyne
11. Blood and Thunder: An Epic of the American West – Hampton Sides
12. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass – Frederick Douglass
13. Twelve Years a Slave – Solomon Northup
14. Battle Cry of Freedom – James McPherson
15. Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln – Doris Kearns Goodwin
16. Landscape Turned Red: The Battle of Antietam – Stephen W. Sears
17. With Malice Toward None: The Life of Abraham Lincoln – Stephen B. Oates
18. Manhunt: The 12 Day Chase for Lincoln’s Killer – James L. Swanson

**Historical Novels (Post Reconstruction)**

1. Giants in the Earth – O.E. Rovlaag (Dakota immigrant farmers)
2. The Jungle – Upton Sinclair (Progressive Era)
3. East of Eden – John Steinbeck (Turn of the Century – WWI)
4. Babbitt – Sinclair Lewis (1920s)
5. The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck (Great Depression)
6. To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee (Depression Era South)
7. On the Beach – Nevil Shute (Cold War)
8. The Hunt for Red October – Tom Clancy (Cold War)

**Second Semester**

**Non-fiction books (Post-Reconstruction)**

1. Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee – Dee Brown
2. A Terrible Glory: Custer and the Battle of the Little Bighorn, The Last Great Battle of the American West – James Donovan
3. City of the Century: The Epic of Chicago and the Making of America – Donald L. Miller
4. Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement and the Bombing that Divided Gilded Age America – James R. Green
5. The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that changed America – Eric Larson
6. The Age of Edison: Electric Light and the Invention of Modern America – Ernest Freeberg
7. American Colossus: The Triumph of Capitalism, 1865 – 1900 – H.W. Brands
8. The President and the Assassin: McKinley, Terror, and Empire at te Dawn of the American Century – Scott Miller
9. The War Lovers: Roosevelt, Lodge, Hearst, and the Rush to Empire, 1898 – Evan Thomas
10. The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt – Edmund Morris
11. The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism – Doris Kearns Goodwin
12. Blood Passion: The Ludlow Massacre and Class War in the American West – Scott Matelle
13. The Guns of August – Barbara Tuchman
14. The Zimmermann Telegram – Barbara Tuchman
15. Lusitania: An Epic Tragedy – Diana Preston
16. The Long Way Home: An American Journey from Ellis Island to the Great War – David Laskin
17. The First World War – John Keegan
18. No Man’s Land: 1918, The Last Year of the Great War – John Toland
19. Eleventh Month, Eleventh Day, Eleventh Hour: Armistice Day, 1918 World War I and its Violent Climax – Joe Persico
20. Fighting Faiths: The Abrams Case, the Supreme Court and Free Speech – Richard Polenberg
21. Only Yesterday: An Informal History of the 1920s – Frederick Lewis Allen
22. The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl – Timothy Egan
23. Night Comes to the Cumberlands: A Biography of a Depressed Area – Harry M. Caudill
24. D-Day June 6, 1944: The Climactic Battle of World War II – Stephen Ambrose
25. With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa – Eugene B. Sledge
26. The Making of the Atomic Bomb – Richard Rhodes
27. World War II Behind Closed Doors: Stalin, the Nazis, and the West – Laurence Rees
28. Black Like Me – John Howard Griffin
29. The Autobiography of Malcolm X – Alex Haley
30. Berlin 1961: Kennedy, Khrushchev, and the Most Dangerous Place on Earth – Frederick Kempe
31. Case Closed: Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK – Gerald Posner
32. The Cold War: A New History – John Lewis Gaddis
33. Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal – Eric Schlosser