

Ancient (9th) and Modern (10th) World History Summer Reading

Everyone taking Honors World History must read one of the books below. Your choice must be something you have never read before. Your work must be original and unique to you. It is not okay if you and another student turn in identical answers.

ASSIGNMENT:

Please read the book and write 5 key lessons that you learned from the book and how they can apply to your life. These lessons must be supported with evidence from throughout the entire book.

Summer Reading List

9th Grade Choices

1. Peace Child by Don Richardson

In 1962, Don and Carol Richardson risked their lives to share the gospel with the Sawi people of New Guinea. Peace Child tells their unforgettable story of living among these headhunters and cannibals, who valued treachery through fattening victims with friendship before the slaughter. God gave Don and Carol the key to the Sawi hearts via a redemptive analogy from their own mythology. The “peace child” became the secret to unlocking a value system that had existed through generations. This analogy became a stepping-stone by which the gospel came into the Sawi culture and started both a spiritual and a social revolution from within. With an epilogue updating how the gospel impacted the Sawi people, this missionary classic will inspire a new generation of readers who need to hear this remarkable story and the lessons it teaches us about communicating Christ in a meaningful way to those around us.

2. A Long Way Gone by Ishmael Beah

A gripping story of a child’s journey through hell and back. There may be as many as 300,000 child soldiers, hopped-up on drugs and wielding AK-47s, in more than fifty conflicts around the world. Ishmael Beah used to be one of them. He is one of the first to tell his story in his own words. In *A LONG WAY GONE*, Beah, now twenty-six years old, tells a riveting story. At the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognizable by violence. By thirteen, he’d been picked up by the government army, and Beah, at heart a gentle boy, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts. Eventually released by the army and sent to a UNICEF rehabilitation center, he struggled to regain his humanity and to reenter the world of civilians, who viewed him with fear and suspicion. This is, at last, a story of redemption and hope.

3. The Eagle of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff

Sometime around AD 117-119, the Ninth Legion marched northwards into the wilds of Britain beyond Agricola's wall, to deal with a rising among the Caledonian tribes, and disappeared without trace. Then, during the excavations at Silchester nearly 1800 years later, a wingless Roman eagle was unearthed. From these two mysteries, Rosemary Sutcliffe weaves the story of Marcus Flavius Aquila, the son of the Commander of the Ninth Legion who embarks on a quest to recover the lost eagle standard of the Ninth, the symbol of the Legion's and his family's honour.

Summer Reading List 10th Grade Choices

1. Through Gates of Splendor by Elisabeth Elliot

Through Gates of Splendor is the true story of five young missionaries who were savagely killed while trying to establish communication with the Auca Indians of Ecuador. The story is told through the eyes of Elisabeth Elliot, the wife of one of the young men who was killed.

2. Maus: A Survivor's Tale by Art Spiegelman

The bestselling first installment of the graphic novel acclaimed as “the most affecting and successful narrative ever done about the Holocaust” A brutally moving work of art—widely hailed as the greatest graphic novel ever written—Maus recounts the chilling experiences of the author’s father during the Holocaust, with Jews drawn as wide-eyed mice and Nazis as menacing cats. Maus is a haunting tale within a tale, weaving the author’s account of his tortured relationship with his aging father into an astonishing retelling of one of history’s most unspeakable tragedies. It is an unforgettable story of survival and a disarming look at the legacy of trauma.

3. Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

Fifteen-year-old Lina is a Lithuanian girl living an ordinary life -- until Soviet officers invade her home and tear her family apart. Separated from her father and forced onto a crowded train, Lina, her mother, and her young brother make their way to a Siberian work camp, where they are forced to fight for their lives. Lina finds solace in her art, documenting these events by drawing. Risking everything, she imbeds clues in her drawings of their location and secretly passes them along, hoping her drawings will make their way to her father's prison camp. But will strength, love, and hope be enough for Lina and her family to survive?