

Social Studies Summer Reading Assignments

In an effort to help build a life-long habit of reading, foster excellence in thinking skills, and establish a common literary experience for our class discussions, students are required to purchase and read a book relating to the content addressed in their upcoming Social Studies course.

Please bring your copy of the book on the first full day of school (August 19 or 22).

Various assessment methods, including a quiz, writing, and discussion will take place during the first week of class.

Feel free to highlight, underline, and jot in the margins about anything that might seem important in each book. Check out [THIS LINK](#) that includes some great annotation tips for both fiction and nonfiction books.

Required Books

6th Grade Ancient Civilizations, Languages and Cultures Honors

The Odyssey (Puffin Classics), retold by Geraldine McCaughrean
(copies available at hpb.com)

7th Grade Contemporary World History, Geography and Cultures Honors

The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind by William Kamkwamba

8th Grade United States History Honors

April Morning by Howard Fast