

# Trinity Valley School

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade American Studies Summer Reading 2024

### Choose Your Own Literary Adventure!



One objective that Trinity Valley School holds for its students is “the development of wide constructive interests.” The 8th Grade American Studies teachers see summer reading as an opportunity to support this goal by giving students choice in what they read. Because the subject matter of our class is so wide and so deep, all students can find something in the course that sparks their curiosity and lets them explore their interests.

To this end, our librarians have compiled lists of 200 books that relate—in one way or another—to American life in the 19th and 20th centuries. You’ll find fiction and nonfiction, biographies, memoirs, and more, all on a wide range of subjects. Something for everyone!

#### How This Works:

You may choose one or more books from the **Rising 8th Summer Reading** Collections menu at the [Middle/Upper School Library online catalog](#). Students will visit the TVS library during class time in May, to check out a book until August. Students can also purchase a book or use these lists to find a book at a public library.

#### [Fiction Book List](#)



#### [Biography Book List](#)



#### [Nonfiction Book List](#)



[Mrs. Bode](#) and [Ms. Knapp](#) will visit classes to tell you more about the books, how to access the list online, and how to use the Libby app from the public library, for those who prefer ebooks. They can answer questions about accessing the book list online. Please contact [Dr. Wood](#) and [Mr. Ellis](#) if you have questions about the assignment over the summer. **When you have decided on your book, print the form on page 2 and take notes as directed there.**

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**When you have decided on your book, print this page and take notes as directed. You'll be asked to share your notes in the Fall, and you'll have an opportunity to discuss your book with your classmates.** Feel free to read more than one book from the list, but please choose just one for this form.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

Author of Book: \_\_\_\_\_

As you read, use a separate piece of paper to take notes on these questions:

- Who are some of the key people or events explored in this book?
- Why do you think this book was selected for the American Studies summer reading list?
- What was your main "take away" point from this book?