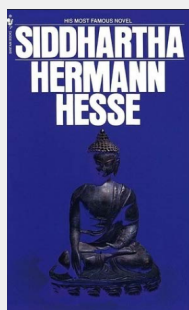
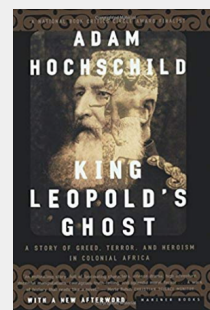


UNIT 1: The Global Tapestry c. 1200 - c. 1450



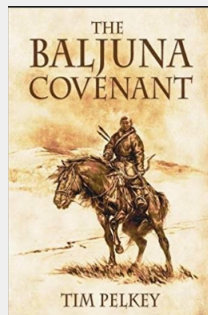
Siddhartha - Hesse A young Siddhartha leaves his family for a contemplative life, then restless, discards it for now of the flesh. He conceives a son, but bored & sickened by lust & greed, moves on again. Near despair, he comes to a river where he hears a unique sound that signals the true beginning of his life. (152 pages - historical fiction)

UNIT 6: Consequences of Industrialization c. 1750 - c. 1900



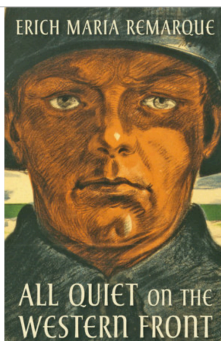
King Leopold's Ghost - Hochschild In the 1880s, King Leopold II of Belgium seized territory surrounding the Congo River & out a genocidal plundering of the Congo. A brave handful of missionaries, travelers, and young idealists went to Africa for work or adventure & unexpectedly found themselves witnesses to a holocaust & began the 1st human rights movement of the 20th C.. (366 pages - history)

UNIT 2: Networks of Exchange c. 1200 - c. 1450



The Baljuna Covenant - Pelkey James Andrews finally appears to be catching a break. After years of searching for Genghis Khan's tomb, he unearths a bone during a dig on Mongolia's holy mountain. The journey begins to unlock the secrets of 13th century Eurasia. (364 pages - historical fiction)

UNIT 7: Global Conflict c. 1900 - present



All Quiet on the Western Front - Remarque This book tells the story of Paul Baumer, a young German student, who guided by intense nationalism enlists in the army during Work War I. During his tour of duty he and his fellow soldiers come to realize the futility, brutality, and the trauma of war and the loss of disconnect from civilian life. (250 pages)

UNIT 3: Land-Based Empires c. 1450 - c. 1750



The Architect's Apprentice - Shafak 16th c. Istanbul: a stowaway arrives bearing an extraordinary gift for the Sultan. Utterly alone he begins an epic adventure that will see young Jahan rise from lowly origins to the highest ranks of the Sultan's court. One day he encounters the royal architect, Sinan, who will change his fortunes forever. (455 pages historical fiction)

UNIT 8: Cold War and Decolonization c. 1900 - present



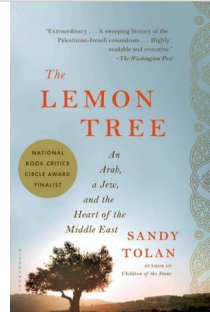
Train to Pakistan - Singh In 1947, India and Pakistan are partitioned leaving its people with little choice but to migrate to their new lands. This has a disturbing impact on what had been a peaceful community populated by Hindus, Sikhs, and Muslims. (181 pages-historical fiction)

UNIT 4: Transoceanic Interconnections c. 1450 - c. 1750



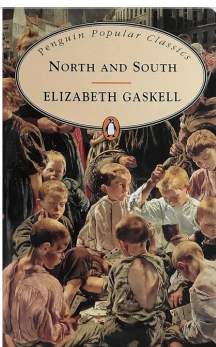
Magdalena and the Perilous Journey - Cash A chronicle of a young woman's journey during the era of the 1680 Pueblo Revolt in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Indian Pueblos, led by Cuernos Blancos, unite together to revolt against the Spaniards. Magdalena and her family are caught in the crosshairs of the revolt. (217 pages- historical fiction)

UNIT 9: Globalization c. 1900 - present



The Lemon Tree - Tolan In 1967, Bashir Al-Khayri, a Palestinian 25 year-old, journeyed to Israel, with the goal of seeing the beloved old stone house, with the lemon tree behind it, that he and his family had fled nineteen years earlier. To his surprise, when he found the house he was greeted by Dalia Ashkenazi Landau, 19 year-old Israeli college student, whose family fled Europe for Israel following the Holocaust. (400 pages - non-fiction)

UNIT 5: Revolutions c. 1750 - c. 1900



North and South - Gaskell When her father leaves the Church in a crisis of conscience, Margaret Hale is uprooted from her comfortable home in Hampshire to move with her family to the north of England. Initially repulsed by the ugliness of her new surroundings in the industrial town of Milton, Margaret becomes aware of the poverty and suffering of the local mill workers and develops a passionate sense of social justice. (521 pages - historical fiction)

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