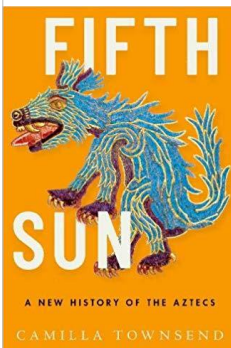
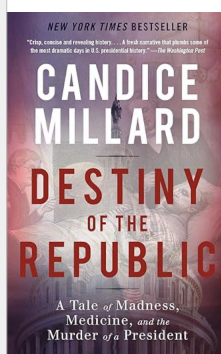


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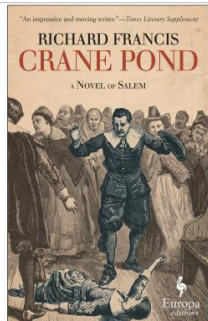
*Fifth Sun: A New History of the Aztecs* - Townsend This engaging history explores the experience of a once-powerful people facing the trauma of conquest and finding ways to survive, offering an empathetic interpretation for experts and non-specialists alike. These people had a history of their own long before the Europeans arrived and did not simply cave to Spanish culture and colonization. (336 pages)

## Period 6: 1865-1898



*Destiny of the Republic* - Millard James Garfield was one of the most extraordinary men ever elected president. Born into abject poverty, he rose to become a wunderkind scholar, a Civil War hero, a renowned congressman, and a reluctant presidential candidate who took on the nation's corrupt political establishment. The *Destiny of the Republic* brings alive a forgotten chapter of U.S. history. (384 pages)

## Period 2: 1607-1754



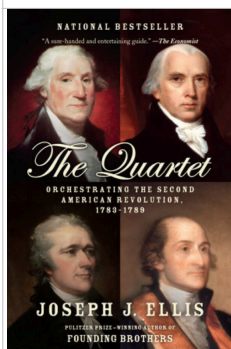
*Crane Pond* - Francis This book presents an unflinching portrayal of Sewall's search for atonement in the aftermath of the Salem Witch trials, and an indictment of the malevolent power of religious and political idealism, it is a thrilling new telling of one of America's founding stories. (326 pp.)

## Period 7: 1898-1945



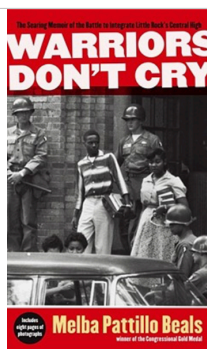
*The Radium Girls* - Moore This story fully illuminates the inspiring young women exposed to the "wonder" substance of radium, and their awe-inspiring strength in the face of almost impossible circumstances. Their courage and tenacity led to life-changing regulations, research into nuclear bombing, and ultimately saved hundreds of thousands of lives. (377 pages)

## Period 3: 1754-1800



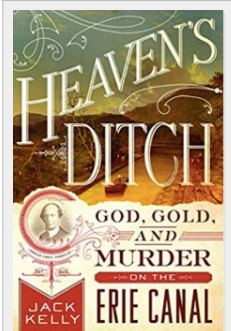
*The Quartet* - Ellis gives us a dramatic portrait of one of the most crucial periods in U.S. history: the years between the Revolution and the formation of the government. This book unmasks a myth, and instead presents a compelling truth that lies at the heart of understanding the creation of the United States. (277 pages)

## Period 8: 1945-1980



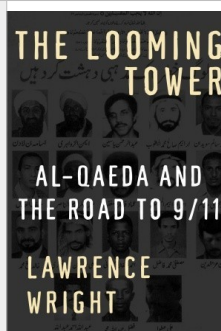
*Warriors Don't Cry* - Beals In her memoir, Melba Pattillo Beals walks students into the events of Central High School and makes them feel the sting of physical and emotional abuse the Little Rock Nine suffered as they lived the history of the Brown v. Board of Education decision. Beals' book tells the story of young people who became accidental heroes when their lives intersected a movement for justice in education. (226 pages)

## Period 4: 1800-1848



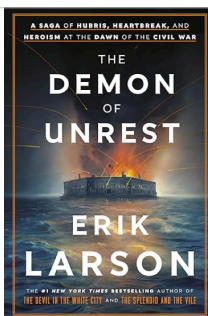
*Heaven's Ditch: God, Gold, & Murder on the Erie Canal* - Kelly This book illuminates the spiritual & political upheavals along this "psychic highway" from 1825-1844. Including the first celebrity daredevil, prophets of the apocalypse, the birth of Mormonism, America's very first "crime of the century," and more. (304 pages)

## Period 9: 1980-present



*The Looming Tower: Al Qaeda and the Road to 9/11* - Wright The Looming Tower achieves an unprecedented level of intimacy and insight by telling the story through the interweaving lives of four men: the two leaders of al-Qaeda, Osama bin Laden and Ayman al-Zawahiri; the FBI's counterterrorism chief, John O'Neill; and the former head of Saudi intelligence, Prince Turki al-Faisal. (469 pages)

## Period 5: 1844-1877



*The Demon of Unrest* - Larson Master storyteller Erik Larson offers a gripping account of the chaotic months between Lincoln's election and the Confederacy's shelling of Sumter—a period marked by tragic errors and miscommunications, enflamed egos and craven ambitions, personal tragedies and betrayals. (565 pages)

## RECAP OF HOW YOUR SUMMER READING ESTABLISHED SUCCES IN APUSH 2026-27

- provides insight into an era/topic in U.S. History that captures your interest
- optional bonus essay point for posting to forum
- opportunity for you to teach your peers about your book choice and it's connection to U.S. history!

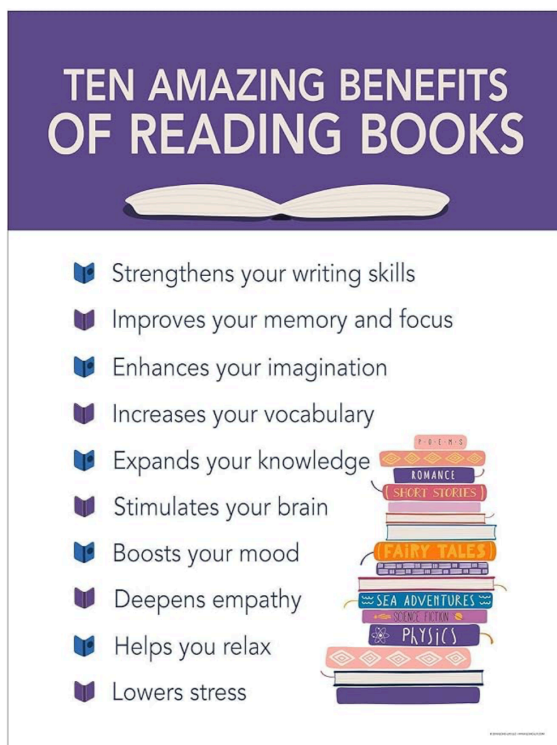
# AP U.S. HISTORY SUMMER READING

## To-Do this summer...


- choose a book from one of the nine choices (see back side)
- DO NOT take shortcuts that prevents you from ACTUALLY READING the book
- make sure to indicate your selection on the course page
- OPTIONAL: answer some guided reading questions related to your book (can earn points!)

## When school starts...

- be prepared to participate in a book discussion (during Focus Time) with other peers who read your book
- begin building a presentation to share the story of your book
- within the school year, when the history of your book is studied, deliver a presentation with your peers that shares the story of your book and demonstrates how its content can help students learn the relevant history



**TEN AMAZING BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS**



- Strengthens your writing skills
- Improves your memory and focus
- Enhances your imagination
- Increases your vocabulary
- Expands your knowledge
- Stimulates your brain
- Boosts your mood
- Deepens empathy
- Helps you relax
- Lowers stress

