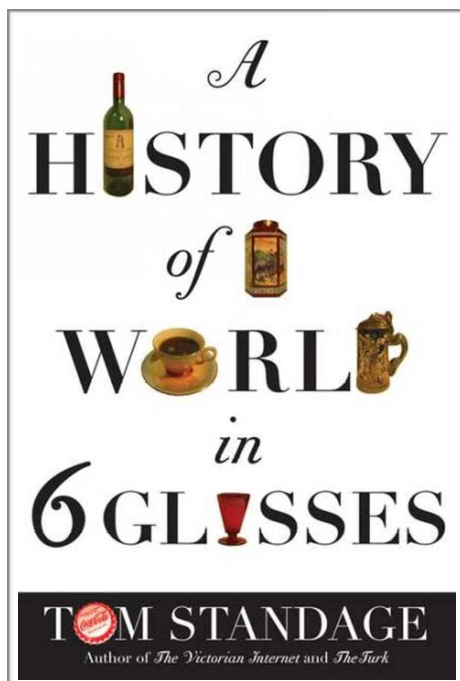


AP World History Summer Reading and Assignments

EVERYONE MUST READ TWO BOOKS OVER THE SUMMER.



A HISTORY OF THE WORLD
IN SIX GLASSES
TOM STANDAGE

PLUS ONE MORE WORK FROM
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MATCH A BOOK WITH YOUR PERSONAL INTERESTS.

Nonfiction Choices

<i>The Lost History of Christianity: The Thousand Year Golden Age</i> Philip Jenkins	Reexamines previously held notions of the dominance of Western Christianity and the spread of Islam.
<i>1968: The Year that Rocked the World</i> Mark Kurlansky	MLK & Bobby Kennedy assassinations, Democratic National Convention, Prague Spring, Tet Offensive, Anti-war movement, Rise of women's movement, Sex Drugs & Rock and Roll
<i>Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World</i> Mark Kurlansky	How one species of fish changed the world . . .
<i>Salt: A World History</i> Mark Kurlansky	How salt has influenced civilization
<i>Spice: The History of Temptation</i> Jack Turner	History of the spice trade and the appetites that fueled it
<i>Tastes of Paradise: A Social History of Spices, Stimulants, and Intoxicants</i> Wolfgang Schivelbusch	How pepper, coffee, and tobacco changed world history
<i>Nathaniel's Nutmeg: The True and Incredible Adventures of the Spice Trader Who Changed the Course of History</i> Giles Milton	How adventure on the South Seas led to the British gaining Manhattan
<i>Monk of Mocha</i> Dave Eggers	A Yemeni-American young man goes to Yemen with plans to resurrect the ancient art of Yemeni coffee but gets caught in Yemen's civil war in 2015.
<i>Empire of Cotton: A Global History</i> Sven Beckert	Explains the global impact of the cotton industry that helped launch the Industrial Revolution
<i>Napoleon's Buttons: How 17 molecules changed History</i> Penny Le Couteur & Jay Burreson	How these molecules changed world history. Love science? Maybe this is the book for you.
<i>The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of Elements</i> Sam Kean	The relationship between various elements and World History

<i>Kepler's Witch</i> James A. Connor	Biography of Johannes Kepler, whose mother was accused of witchcraft
<i>Gunpowder: Alchemy, Bombards, and Pyrotechnics: A History of the Explosive that Changed the World</i> Jack Kelly	History of gunpowder, explosives, and fireworks
<i>Empire of Guns: The Violent Making of the Industrial Revolution</i> Priya Satsa	a historian ties the birth of the industrial revolution to the gun trade
<i>Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded</i> Simon Winchester	Examination of the world-changing effects of the eruption of a volcano off the coast of Java in 1883
<i>Brunelleschi's Dome: How a Renaissance Genius Reinvented Architecture</i> Ross King	Story of Brunelleschi's engineering feats in designing the dome for the cathedral in Florence
<i>New Guinea Tapeworms and Jewish Grandmothers: Tales of Parasites and People</i> Robert S. Desowitz	Stories of the interaction between biology and culture
<i>Yellow Fever, Black Goddess: The Coevolution of People and Plagues</i> Christopher Willis	Impact of diseases on civilization
<i>Flu: The Story of the Great Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the Search for the Virus That Caused It</i> Gina Kolata	History of the Influenza Epidemic that killed over 40 million people in a very short period of time
<i>The Day the Universe Changed</i> James Burke	The author examines 8 period when the way we viewed the world shifted
<i>The Adventures of Ibn Battuta: A Muslim Traveler of the Fourteenth Century,</i> Ross E. Dunn	Excellent review of the world up to 1400, especially the Islamic world
<i>When Asia Was the World: Traveling Merchants, Scholars, Warriors, and Monks Who Created the "Riches of the East"</i> Stewart Gordon	A fascinating look at Asia 700-1500 CE

<i>Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World</i> Jack Weatherford	History and legacy of the Mongols
<i>The Secret History of the Mongol Queens: How the Daughters of Genghis Khan Rescued his Empire</i> Jack Weatherford	Story of Mongol queens in the 13th century who ruled the largest empire the world has ever known
<i>On the Trail of Genghis Khan: An Epic Journey Through the Land of the Nomads</i> Tim Cope	Travelogue of a man crossing the Eurasian Steppe on horseback.
<i>Day of Empire: How Hyperpowers Rise to Global Dominance -- and Why They Fail</i> Amy Chua	A study of the rise and fall of great empires; explaining how they came to power and why they ultimately fall
<i>The Great Game: The Struggle for Empire in Central Asia</i> Peter Hopkirk	19th century struggle between Britain and Russia to control Central Asia
<i>Lawrence in Arabia: War, Deceit, Imperial Folly, and the Making of the Modern Middle East</i> Scott Anderson	The story of an Englishman who helped shape the Middle East of the 20th Century
<i>The House of Wisdom: How Arabic Science Saved Ancient Knowledge and Gave Us the Renaissance</i> Jim Al-Khalili	How the Islamic World preserved and passed on the knowledge of classical scholars, mathematicians, and astronomers
<i>Destiny Disrupted: A History of the World Through Islamic Eyes</i> Tamim Ansary	World History from an Islamic perspective
<i>Iran: A Modern History</i> Abbas Amanat	History of Iran/Persia from 1500 to today.
<i>City of Djinns</i> William Dalrymple	Memoir of a year Dalrymple spent living in Delhi, India
<i>In Xanadu</i> William Dalrymple	Dalrymple retraces Marco Polo's route from Jerusalem to Xanadu, the summer palace of Kublai Khan
<i>The White Mughals</i> William Dalrymple	British East India Company employee falls in love with an Indian princess
<i>From the Holy Mountain</i> William Dalrymple	Travelogue in which Dalrymple retraces the route of a medieval monk from Constantinople to Alexandria

<i>The Ayatollah Begs to Differ: The Paradox of Modern Iran</i> Hooman Majd	Explains Iran's complex and misunderstood culture to Westerners
<i>The Orientalist: Solving the Mystery of a Strange and Dangerous Life</i> Tom Reiss	A biography of Kurban Said, author of <i>Ali and Nino</i> . A Jewish man from Azerbaijan who poses as a Muslim as he travels from Asia to Nazi Germany
<i>Where the West Ends: Stories from the Middle East, the Balkans, the Black Sea, and the Caucasus</i> Michael J. Totten	Travelogue of a journey through the Balkans, the Middle East, and Central Asia. - All but two of the countries were formerly Communist
<i>Red China Blues: My Long March from Mao to Now</i> Jan Wong	Personal memoir of a Canadian-Chinese student in China from the early 1970s to today.
<i>Wild Swans</i> Jung Chang	Three generation of women in 20th century China
<i>Empress Dowager Ci Xi: The Concubine Who Launched Modern China</i> Jung Chang	Biography of the Qing dowager empress who ruled China in the late 19th century
<i>The Death of Woman Wang</i> Jonathan Spence	17th century Chinese life through the eyes of tax collector, farmer, and an unhappy wife.
<i>Out of China: How the Chinese Ended the Era of Western Domination</i> Robert Bickers	The story of how China rid itself of European and Japanese imperialism
<i>Ghost Train to the Eastern Star: On the Tracks of the Great Railway Bazaar</i> Paul Theroux	The author takes a train across Asia retracing a trip that he took three decades ago.
<i>You Gotta Have Wa</i> Robert Whiting	The story of the Americans introducing baseball to Japan and the cultural clashes involved
<i>Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed</i> Jared Diamond	What caused some of the world's great civilizations to collapse into ruin? What can we learn from them?
<i>1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus</i> Charles C. Mann	Evidence from science and archeology that radically changes our view of the Americas before Columbus
<i>1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created</i> Charles C. Mann	How European settlements in the Americas changed the world.

<i>The Broken Spears: The Aztec Account of the Conquest of Mexico</i> Miguel Leon-Portilla	Collection of accounts of the European conquest from native Aztec descendants across the centuries
<i>The Lost City of the Monkey God</i> Douglas Preston	The search for a legendary Mayan city in Honduras
<i>Turn Right at Manchu Picchu: Rediscovering the Lost City One Step at a Time</i> Mark Adams	Hilarious travelogue and history of the Incan city of Manchu Picchu
<i>The Last Days of the Incas</i> Kim MacQuarrie	Epic story of the fall of the Incan Empire to the Spanish
<i>Born in Blood and Fire: A Concise History of Latin America</i> John Charles Chasteen	six centuries of Latin American history
<i>Indian Givers</i> Jack Weatherford	How Native Americans have changed the history of the world
<i>Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI</i> David Grann	Oil is discovered on Osage land in Oklahoma and Osage members are being killed.
<i>An African American and Latinx History of the United States</i> Paul Ortiz	An innovative look at American history through the lens of the African American, Latinx, and Native American experience.
<i>Africa: Biography of a Continent</i> John Reader	History of Africa
<i>I Didn't Do It For You: How the World Betrayed a Small African Nation</i> Michela Wrong	Recent history of Eritrea
<i>The Dark Child: The Autobiography of an African Boy</i> Camara Laye	Author's childhood memories growing up in French West Africa
<i>We Wish To Inform You That Tomorrow We Will Be Killed With Our Families: Stories from Rwanda</i> Philip Gourevitch	Incredibly moving tales of genocide in Rwanda in the 1990s
<i>Cows, Pigs, Wars, and Witches: The Riddles of Culture</i> Marvin Harris	How bizarre behaviors of various cultures are rooted in social and economic conditions

<i>The Wretched of the Earth</i> Frantz Fanon	Harsh critique of European Imperialism/Colonialism
<i>Congo: An Epic History of a People</i> David van Reybrouck	Extraordinary story of one of the world's most devastated countries
<i>Looking for Transwonderland: Travels in Nigeria</i> Noo Saro-Wiwa	Nigerian woman who lives in England returns to her homeland and travels around the country discussing its culture and history
<i>Dark Star Safari: Overland from Cairo to Capetown</i> Paul Theroux	Travelogue of a trip across Africa by bus, dugout canoe, cattle truck, armed convoy, ferry, and train.
<i>Lost Kingdom: The Quest for Empire and the Making of the Russian Nation</i> Serhii Plokhy	The history of Russia for the past 500 years.
<i>Last Man in Russia</i> Oliver Bullough	Travelogue examining Christianity in Stalin's USSR
<i>Molotov's Magic Lantern: Travels in Russian History</i> Rachel Polonsky	British writer moves to Russia and explores the remnants of Stalinist USSR in Moscow
<i>Gulag: A History</i> Anne Applebaum	History of the Russian Gulag (Soviet Concentration Camp)
<i>Red Famine: Stalin's War on the Ukraine</i> Anne Applebaum	The story of Stalin's agricultural collectivization efforts in the Ukraine.
<i>The Spy and the Traitor</i> Ben MacIntyre	The story of Oleg Gordievsky, the Russian whose secret work helped bring an end to the Cold War.
<i>Lords of the Horizon: A History of the Ottoman Empire</i> Jason Goodwin	The rise and fall of the Ottoman Empire
<i>Meander</i> Jeremy Seal	Travel journal across the Anatolian Peninsula (Turkey) traveling along the Meander River discussing the history of the region
<i>Turkish Reflections: A Biography of a Place</i> Mary Lee Settle	A travelogue of a woman as she travels across Turkey.
<i>Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Spy</i> Eric Metaxas	Biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a theologian who was killed in Nazi Germany

<i>The Oysters of Locmariaquer</i> Eleanor Clark	The culture, history, myth, and people of Brittany, France.
<i>How the Irish Saved Civilization</i> Thomas Cahill	The untold story of Ireland's role in maintaining Western culture while the "Dark Ages" descended on Europe
<i>The Proud Tower: A Portrait of the World Before the War, 1890-1914</i> Barbara W. Tuchman	history of late 19th century events and their connection to World War I
<i>Silk Roads: A New History of the World</i> Peter Frankopan	A history of the world through the East-West trade routes from the earliest civilizations to today.
<i>Living with the Gods: On Beliefs and Peoples</i> Neil MacGregor	An exploration of the relationships between faith and society
<i>The Golden Thread: How Fabric Changed History</i> Kassia St. Clair	The role of fabric in history — linen, wool, silk, cotton ...
<i>Milk of Paradise: A History of Opium</i> Lucy Inglis	an epic journey from ancient Mesopotamia to modern America and Afghanistan, from Sanskrit to pop, from poppy tears to smack, from morphine to today's synthetic opiates
<i>The House of Rothschild: Money's Prophets 1798-1848</i> Niall Ferguson	A history of the wealthy Rothschild family in Europe from their origins in the Jewish ghetto of Frankfurt to becoming a powerful family in the financial industry.
<i>Man's Search for Meaning</i> Victor E. Frankl	Psychiatrist's memoir of life in Nazi death camps where his parents, brother, and pregnant wife perished. He argues that suffering is unavoidable but we must find our own meaning in suffering.
<i>Under A Cruel Star: A Life in Prague 1941-1968</i> Heda Margolius Kovaly	Memoir of a woman who survived Auschwitz and Stalinist Postwar Czechoslovakia

Fiction Choices

Fiction: Period Three (600 CE to 1450 CE) Choices

<i>The Book of Saladin</i> Tariq Ali	Fictional memoir of Saladin, the Kurdish liberator of Jerusalem
<i>In an Antique Land</i> Amitav Ghosh	An Indian student does research on a mysterious slave of a Jewish merchant working the Indian Ocean trade routes
<i>Samarkand</i> Amin Maalouf	Story of Omar Khayyam, a poet, mathematician, and astronomer; and the fanatical cult leader, Hassan, who commands an army of assassins
<i>The Wolf in the Whale</i> Jodanna Max Brodsky	An Inuit shaman and a viking warrior become unlikely allies in a war between their peoples.

Fiction: Period Four (1450 to 1750) Choices

<i>Leo Africanus</i> Amin Maalouf	Adventures of real-life Hassan al-Wazzan from his birth in Spain, to North Africa, Timbuktu, Cairo, and to Rome in the era of Pope Leo X
<i>My Name is Red</i> Orhan Pamuk	16th century Istanbul and imperial illustrations
<i>The Samurai</i> Shasuku Endo	Samurai trip with a priest to the Philippines, Mexico, Spain, Rome, and back again
<i>Silence</i> Shasuku Endo	Portuguese missionaries take Christianity to Japan
<i>Taiko</i> Eiji Yoshikawa	Story set during the unification of Japan under Tokugawa, Nobunaga, and Hideyoshi
<i>The Twentieth Wife</i> <i>Feast of Roses (sequel)</i> Indu Sundaresan	Love story about the emperor and empress of Mughal India
<i>The Orenda: A Novel</i> Joseph Boyden	17th-century French Jesuit missionary to Native Americans in Canada

<i>The Moor's Account</i> Laila Lalami	Absorbing story of the first encounters between Spanish conquistadors and Native Americans
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Fiction: Period Five (1750 to 1900) Choices

<i>All Souls Rising</i> Madison Smartt Bell	Violent story set during the Haitian Revolution 1791-1804
<i>The Underground Railroad</i> Colson Whitehead	A young slave's adventure as she travels North to freedom
<i>Homecoming</i> Yaa Guasi	Well-researched, beautifully told novel of slavery in Africa and the Americas
<i>Cloud of Sparrows</i> Takashi Matsuoka	Gripping fictional account of Japanese contact with the West
<i>The Court Dancer</i> Kyung-Sook Shin	A French diplomat falls in love with a dancer in the court of the Joseon (Korean) Emperor.
<i>Germinal</i> Emile Zola	Novel that expresses outrage at the exploitation of the many by the few during the Industrial Revolution, but also shows humanity's capacity for compassion and hope.
<i>Daughter of Fortune</i> Isabel Allende	Tells the story of a Chilean woman traveling to California during the gold rush with a Chinese friend. (some adult content)
<i>The Dawning: A Novel</i> Milka Bajic-Poderegin	Four generations of a family in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Focuses on nationalism, religion, class and gender issues facing the family
<i>Fantasia: An Algerian Cavalcade</i> Assia Djebar	Story of a girl in Algeria during French occupation
<i>Island Beneath the Sea</i> Isabelle Allende	Story of a slave at the time of the Haitian Revolution
<i>Washington Black</i> Esi Edugyan	A young slave boy in Barbados is taught to read beginning a journey of adventure and scientific exploration.
<i>My Dear Hamilton</i> Stephanie Dray & Laura Kamoie	the story of Eliza Schuyler Hamilton, Alexander Hamilton's wife. —war, love, betrayal, political sex scandal....
<i>The Janissary Tree</i> Jason Goodwin	Murder mystery set during the twilight of the Ottoman Empire
<i>Land: A Novel</i> Pak Kyong-Ni	Story set in Korea from the late 18th century to the present

<i>Pachinko</i> Min Jin Lee	Novel about a Korean family's life in Japan
<i>Two Hearts of Kwasi Boachi</i> Arthur Japin	Two West African princes are sent to study in Holland in the 1830s
<i>Morenga</i> Uwe Timm	Historical novel set in the early 20th century about a black African leader and a bloody civil war in German-occupied Southwest Africa
<i>Rebels of the Heavenly Kingdom</i> Katherine Patterson	Describes China during the Taiping Rebellion
<i>The Rock of Tanios</i> Amin Maalouf	Depiction of social and political turmoil in Lebanon during the 1880s
<i>Segu</i> Maryse Conde	Chronicles a family near present-day Mali in the 18th century as their traditions are challenged by the slave trade and Islam
<i>A Conspiracy of Paper</i> David Liss	A thriller set in 18th-century London

Fiction: Period Six (1900 to present) Choices

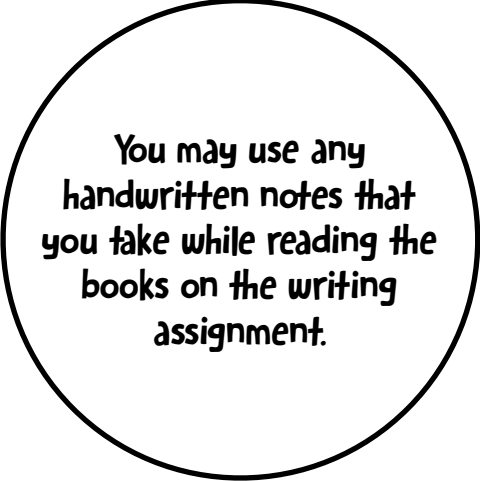
<i>Anil's Ghost</i> Michael Ondaatje	set in the recent past in Sri Lanka, a young forensic anthropologist returns to Sri Lanka to work for a human rights organization
<i>Bombay Stories</i> Saadat Hasan Manto	Story of religious struggles between Muslims and Hindus in India
<i>Beneath a Sky of Porphyry</i> Aicha Lemsine	life in an Algerian village before, during, and after the war of liberation against the French
<i>Beneath the Lion's Gaze</i> Maaza Mengiste	describes events in Ethiopia leading up to and beyond the revolution that toppled Haile Selassie (some graphic scenes)
<i>Black Mamba Boy</i> Nadifa Mohamed	Young boy's journey through East Africa in 1935s
<i>Birds Without Wings</i> Louis de Bernieres	Life in a small village in the last days of the Ottoman Empire

<i>In the Shadow of the Banyan</i> Vaddey Ratner	A girl comes of age during amid the Killing Fields of Cambodia in the 1970s
<i>Bitter Grounds</i> Sandra Benitez	story of several women in El Salvador from the 1930s to the 1970s
<i>Cry the Beloved Country</i> Alan Paton	Impassioned novel about a black man's country under white man's law -- moving story of a Zulu pastor and his son set in Apartheid South Africa
<i>The Bride Price</i> Buchi Emcheta	story of forbidden love set in Nigeria
<i>The Fishermen</i> Chigozie Obioma	One family's destiny illustrating African life in all of its contradictions --economic, political, and religious -- and the epic beauty of its culture
<i>An Orchestra of Minorities</i> Chigozie Obioma	A Nigerian poultry farmer sacrifices everything to be with the woman he loves
<i>Cutting for Stone</i> Abraham Verghese	Fascinating story of Indians in Ethiopia
<i>The Ultimate Tragedy</i> Abdulai Silá	follows the life of a woman in Guinea Bissau under Portuguese rule
<i>Black Moses</i> Alain Mabanckou	larger-than-life comic tale of a young man obsessed with helping the helpless in an unjust world set in the Congo/ Zaire.
<i>The Heart of Redness</i> Zakes Mda	story set among the conflicts facing traditional villages in South Africa and the struggle between modernity and traditionalist views stemming back to the Xhosa Cattle Killing Movement
<i>The King of Kahel</i> Tierno Monénembo	Novel about a Frenchman who tries to build an railway in West Africa (based on a real person)
<i>White Dog Fell From the Sky</i> Eleanor Morse	Novel set in 1970s Botswana and South Africa
<i>American Spy</i> Lauren Wilkinson	Marie Mitchell, an African-American woman, is an American spy who must choose between her sense of duty and the man she loves.
<i>Death in the Andes</i> Mario Vargas Llosa	Birth of the Sendero Luminoso/Shining Path Movement (leftist rebels) in Peru
<i>The Sisterhood</i> Helen Bryan	Love story and historical thriller set in Spain and South America

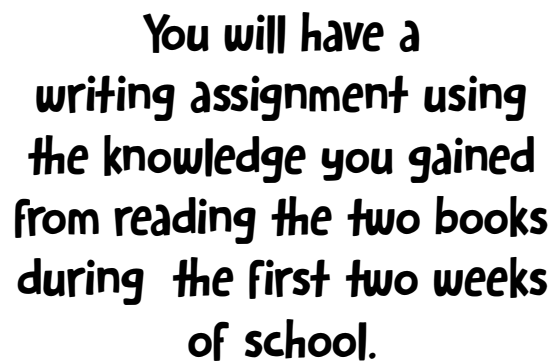
<i>Destination Biafra</i> Buchi Emcheta	Story of Nigeria during the Biafra War
<i>House of Spirits</i> Isabelle Allende	Story set in Chile leading up to the military overthrow of Presedent Allende
<i>Next Year in Havana</i> Chanel Cleeton	After the death of her grandmother, a Cuban-American woman travels to Cuba where she discovers the roots of her identity and unearths a family secret
<i>In the Time of Butterflies</i> Julia Alvarez	Story of several women in El Salvador from the 1930s to the 1970s
<i>The Sympathizer</i> Viet Thanh Nguyen	spy-novel about a communist double-agent in the Vietnam War who comes to America at the end of the war
<i>Lost Names: Scenes from a Korean Boyhood</i> Richard E. Kim	Korean family's experiences during Japanese occupation
<i>White Chrysanthemum</i> Mary Lunn Bracht	the story of two Korean sisters separated during the Second World War
<i>Pachinko</i> Min Jin Lee	follows one Korean family through the generations, beginning in early 1900s Korea with Sunja, the prized daughter of a poor yet proud family, whose unplanned pregnancy threatens to shame them all. Deserted by her lover, Sunja is saved when a young tubercular minister offers to marry and bring her to Japan.
<i>Paradise of the Blind</i> Duong Thu Huong	Effects of the Vietnamese Revolution on a particular family
<i>Bangkok Wakes to Rain</i> Pitchaya Sudbanthad	Novel set in 19th and 20th century Bangkok
<i>Wolf Totem</i> Jiang Rong	set on the Mongolian Steppe during the Chinese Cultural Revolution
<i>Bury What We Cannot Take</i> Kirstin Chen	A family's ordeal trying to leave Maoist China
<i>Three Sisters</i> Bi Feiyu	feminist novel set in China during the Cultural Revolution
<i>Memoirs of a Geisha</i> Arthur Golden	fascinating story of the lives of geisha in the Gion District of Kyoto in the early 20th century
<i>Pillars of Salt</i> Fadia Faqir	Stories exchanged by two wives in a mental hospital whose experiences typify Jordanian experience during the British mandate

<i>Sabriya</i> Ulfat Idlibi	Story of a Damascene woman's beleaguered life, from her country's revolt against the French in the 1920s.
<i>The Map of Salt and Stars</i> Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar	The story of two teenage girls in Syria separated by 800 years.
<i>Shadow Lines</i> Amit Ghosh	Story set in India during partition and violence in Bengal
<i>The Last Watchman of Old Cairo</i> Michael David Lukas	An American student, son of a Jewish mother and Muslim father sets out on an adventure to learn the tangled history of both sides of his family.
<i>The Thief and the Dogs</i> Naguib Mahfouz	Suspenseful story set in post-revolutionary Egypt
<i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> Khaled Hosseini	Story of the lives of two women living in Afghanistan during its turbulent recent history
<i>Song of a Captive Bird</i> Jasmin Darznik	novel about the life of a real-life feminist poet in Iran
<i>To Keep the Sun Alive</i> Rabeah Ghaffari	Story of an Iranian family during the Islamic Revolution.
<i>Disoriental</i> Négar Djavadi	An Iranian refugee in France looks back on her life and the lives of her ancestors.
<i>Salt Houses</i> Hala Alyan	A Palestinian family is uprooted in the wake of the Six-Day War of 1967.
<i>The Underdogs Los de Abajo</i> Mariano Azuela	Story set during the Mexican Revolution
<i>The Septembers in Shiraz</i> Dalia Sofer	Story of a Jewish family in Iran during the Iranian Islamic Revolution
<i>Trinity</i> Leon Uris	Story of the love between a Catholic rebel and a Protestant girl set amid the struggle of Irish independence
<i>Weep Not, Child</i> Ngugi wa Thiong'o	Story of a young boy during the Mau Mau War and the conflict between the African natives, British colonialists, and Indian merchants.
<i>Women of Algeria in Their Apartment</i> Assia Djebar	Collection of stories about urban Algerian women freed from colonialism to face a regime that subjugates them as if celebrates the liberation of men
<i>Burnt Shadows</i> Kamila Shamsie	Japanese woman travels to India during the British colonial era and then to New York just after 9/11.

<i>Our Lady of the Nile</i> Scholastique Mukasonga	Story set in a girls school in Rwanda prior to the genocide
<i>Child 44</i> Tom Rob Smith	Murder/Thriller set in Stalinist USSR
<i>Secret Speech</i> Tom Rob Smith	Murder/Thriller set in Post-Stalinist USSR
<i>A Cold Red Sunrise</i> Stuart M. Kaminsky	a detective novel about a Soviet-era Moscow cop who is sent to Siberia
<i>The Patriots</i> Sana Krasnikov	A sweeping novel about idealism, betrayal, and family secrets set in the USA and Russia during the Cold War.
<i>A Boy in Winter</i> Rachel Seiffert	A small Ukrainian village is overrun by the SS in World War II.
<i>The Quiet American</i> Graham Greene	Love triangle among spies in 1950s Vietnam. Somewhat prophetic novel about American involvement in Vietnam. (some sexual content and drug use)
<i>The English Patient</i> Michael Ondaatje	Fascinating love story set in Egypt and Italy during World War II
<i>The Tattooist of Auschwitz</i> Heather Morris	Tale of hope and courage based on interviews with an actual holocaust survivor —love story in the midst of atrocity
<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> Anthony Doerr	Beautiful story about a blind French girl and a German soldier
<i>Ali and Nino</i> Kurban Said	Love story between a Muslim boy and a Christian girl written by a Jew set in Azerbaijan in the early 20th century.
<i>The Widows of Malabar Hill</i> Sujata Massey	A murder mystery set in 1920s India
<i>The Far Field</i> Madhuri Vijay	An Indian woman seeking to know more about her mother's death, travels to Kashmir and becomes embroiled in the religious and political turmoil there.
<i>Midnight's Children</i> Salman Rushdie	novel set in 20th century India
<i>Cracking India</i> Bapsi Sidwa	novel set during the partition of India (division of British India between India and Pakistan)
<i>Chronicle of a Corpse Bearer</i> Cyrus Mistry	novel set among current-day Zoroastrians living in Bombay



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books on the writing
assignment.**



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