



LHS World History *Optional* Summer Reading – Grade 9

Choose One:

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ARANA	<i>Bolivar: American Liberator</i>
BAIRD	<i>Victoria: The Queen</i>
BUTTIGIEG	<i>Shortest Way Home</i>
CHERNOW	<i>Alexander Hamilton</i>
CHERNOW	<i>Grant</i>
DALAI LAMA	<i>Freedom in Exile</i>
DALAI LAMA	<i>My Spiritual Journey</i>
D'ANTONIO	<i>Hershey: Milton S. Hershey's Extraordinary Life of Wealth, Empire and Utopian Dreams</i>
FLEMING	<i>The Great and Only Barnum</i>
FRADIN	<i>Jane Addams: Champion of Democracy*</i>
FREEDMAN	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery</i>
MONDOU	<i>My Time with Meta Given*</i>
HALEY AND X	<i>The Autobiography of Malcolm X</i>
HATCH	<i>General George Patton: Old Blood and Guts*</i>
HAUSER	<i>Muhammad Ali: A Tribute to the Greatest</i>
HAWKING	<i>My Brief History</i>
HELPER	<i>Malcolm X: A Graphic Biography</i>
ISAACSON	<i>Leonardo da Vinci</i>
ISAACSON	<i>Steve Jobs</i>
JOHNSON	<i>Churchill</i>
JONES	<i>Jim Henson: The Biography</i>
KAMKWAMBA	<i>The Boy who Harnessed the Wind</i>
KIDDER	<i>Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer</i>
KING	<i>The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers</i>
KOVIC	<i>Born on the Fourth of July</i>
KRAKAUER	<i>Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tillman</i>
LEWIS	<i>Walking with the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement</i>
LEWIS	<i>March Trilogy</i>
MAATHAI	<i>Unbowed: A Memoir</i>
MARANISS	<i>Clemente: The Passion and Grace of Baseball's Last Hero</i>
MARRIN	<i>Terror of the Spanish Main: Sir Henry Morgan and his Buccaneers</i>
MARRIN	<i>The Great Adventure: Theodore Roosevelt & the Rise of Modern America</i>
MARRIN	<i>The Sea King: Sir Francis Drake and His Times*</i>
MARRIN	<i>Stalin: Russia's Man of Steel*</i>
MATSEN	<i>Jacques Cousteau: The Sea King</i>
MATTHEWS	<i>Bobby Kennedy: A Raging Spirit</i>
MCMURTRY	<i>Crazy Horse</i>

MENCHÚ	<i>I, Rigoberta Menchú: An Indian Woman in Guatemala</i>
METAXAS	<i>Martin Luther</i>
MYERS	<i>The Greatest: Muhammad Ali</i>
NOAH	<i>Born A Crime</i>
OBAMA	<i>Becoming</i>
PETERSON	<i>The Education of an American Dreamer: How a Son of Greek Immigrants Learned His Way from a Nebraska Diner to Washington, Wall Street, and Beyond</i>
QUINN	<i>Marie Curie: A Life</i>
RICKS	<i>The Gamble: General David Petraeus & the American Military Adventure in Iraq, 2006-2008</i>
RINPOCHE	<i>Surviving the Dragon: A Tibetan Lama's Account of 40 Years under Chinese Rule</i>
ROBINSON	<i>I Never Had it Made</i>
RUBIN	<i>Forty Ways to Look at Winston Churchill: A Brief Account of a Long Life</i>
SCHIFF	<i>Cleopatra: A Life</i>
SHILTS	<i>The Mayor of Castro Street: The Life & Times of Harvey Milk</i>
SIRLEAF	<i>This Child Will Be Great: Memoir of a Remarkable Life by Africa's First Woman President</i>
SMITH	<i>Lost Hero: Raoul Wallenberg's Dramatic Quest to Save the Jews of Hungary*</i>
SOTOMAYOR	<i>My Beloved World</i>
SPAIN	<i>Che: A Graphic Biography*</i>
SPITZ	<i>Dearie: The Remarkable Life of Julia Child</i>
THOMAS	<i>Behind the Mask: The Life of Queen Elizabeth I</i>
TOUGH	<i>Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America</i>
TURNER	<i>Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune</i>
WARREN	<i>A Fighting Chance</i>
WEATHERFORD	<i>Genghis Khan and the Making of the Modern World</i>
WHALIN	<i>Sojourner Truth: American Abolitionist*</i>
WILLIAMS	<i>Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary</i>
YOUSAFZAI	<i>I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban</i>

*Title unavailable at Cary Library, but available through Minuteman Library Network

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Choose One (Series):

Series Name:	Examples:
STERLING BIOGRAPHIES	Includes Cleopatra, Albert Einstein, John F. Kennedy
WICKED HISTORY	Includes Ivan the Terrible, Hannibal, Mary Tudor
BIOGRAPHY (DK)	Includes Nelson Mandela, Gandhi, Barack Obama