



Suggested “Content” Book List

Many of the suggested books have theses that allow teachers to look at topics from various perspectives, and/or from perspectives that differ from what they might experience in colloquia or on “Talking History/Talking Common Core.” Varying perspectives tend to enlist serious dissuasions with colleagues and professors, along with inspiring teachers to do their own research to explore various topics.

Year One

1. *Empire: The Rise and Demise of the British World Order and the Lessons for Global Power*, by Niall Ferguson, Publisher: Perseus Group
2. *Washington’s Crossing*, by David Hackett Fischer, Publisher: Oxford University Press, U.S.A.
3. *A Rabble in Arms: Massachusetts Towns and Militiamen during King Philip’s War (Warfare and Culture)* by Kyle Zelner, Publisher: New York University Press
4. *Kings Mountain and Cowpens (SC): Our Victory was Complete*, by Robert W. Brown Jr., Publisher: The History Press
5. *Choctaws in a Revolutionary Age, 1750-1830 (Indians of the Southeast)*, by Greg O’Brien, Publisher: University of Nebraska Press



Year Two

6. *Republics: Ancient and Modern and Inventions of Prudence: Constituting the American Regime*, by Paul A. Rahe, Publisher: The University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill
7. *Interpreting the Founding: Guide to the Enduring Debates Over the Origins and Foundations of the American Republic*, by Alan Gibson, Publisher: University Press of Kansas (for Book Club discussions)
8. *Andrew Jackson: His Life and Times*, by H.W. Brands, Publisher: Random House
9. *Becoming American Under Fire: Irish Americans, African Americans, and the Politics of Citizenship During the Civil War Era*, by Christian G. Samito, Publisher: Cornell University Press
10. *Dissent in America*, by Ralph Young, Publisher: Sourcebooks, Inc.
11. *Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era*, by James M. McPherson, Publisher: Oxford University Press, (for Book Club discussions)

Year 3

12. *American Passage: The History of Ellis Island*, by Vincent J. Cannato, Publisher: Harper Collins
13. *Philadelphia Politics from the Bottom Up*, by Harry C. Silcox, Publisher: Balch Institute Press (for Book Club discussions)
14. *Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.*, by [Ron Chernow](#), Publisher: Random House



15. *America in the Gilded Age*, by Sean Dennis Cashman. Publisher: New York University Press
16. *Wilson's War: How Woodrow Wilson's Great Blunder Led to Hitler, Stalin, and World War II*, by Jim Powell, Publisher: Random House
17. *Colossus: The Price of America's Empire*, by Niall Ferguson, Publisher: Penguin Group
18. *FDR*, by Jean Edward Smith, Publisher: Random House
19. *The Forgotten Man: A New History of the Great Depression*, by Amity Shlaes, Publisher: Harper Collins (for Book Club discussions)
20. *The Politics of War: Allied Diplomacy and the World Crisis, 1943-1945*, by Gabriel Kolko, Publisher: Orion Publishing Group, Limited
21. *Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship*, by Jon Meacham, Publisher: Random House (for Book Club discussions)
22. *The Cold War - A New History*, by John Lewis Gaddis, Publisher: Penguin Group
23. *Reagan and Gorbachev: How the Cold War Ended*, by Jack F. Matlock, Jr., Publisher: Random House
24. *Black Politics/White Power: Civil Rights, Black Power, and the Black Panthers in New Haven*, by Yohuru Williams, Publisher: Brandywine Press
25. *The Looming Tower: Al-Qaeda and the Road to 9/11*, by Lawrence Wright, Publisher: Random House

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