

SOPHOMORE HISTORY

Summer Reading Project

Historical fiction is an interesting way to learn about certain aspects of history. This project gives you the opportunity to explore history through the use of the novel, or in some cases, work of nonfiction. You will choose one of the books listed below, read the entire book (nothing but the book), and submit a written report. Your report needs to address the following:

- Choose 3-5 significant quotes/scenes and write a paragraph about each one demonstrating how they contribute to the reader's understanding of a particular piece of history.
- Answer the question, "is this book a good tool for learning history?" Support your answer in a well-written paragraph.
- No plagiarism!

Projects will be due on the first day of class. Please note that because the history of the world is filled with violence some of these books may contain disturbing scenes; do some research before choosing a book if that would be a problem for you. If you have any questions, please email Mr. Seamus Talbot at stalbot@achs.net.

Possible Choices:

Achebe, Chinua: Things Fall Apart

Higgins, Jack: The Eagle Has Landed

Jonasson, Jonas: The Hundred Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared

Levi, Primo: Survival in Auschwitz

Orwell, George: 1984