***U.S. History ~~~ Supplemental Reading List***

289.33 KRA ***Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith*** by Jon Krakauer   
Presents an account of the 1984 murder of Brenda Lafferty and her fifteen-month-old daughter Erica by Mormon fundamentalists Ron and Dan Lafferty, brothers to the victims' husband and father who claim they were acting on an order directly from God, and provides insights into Mormon fundamentalists and other extremist belief systems.

303.625 MEL ***The Day the Sky Fell: A History of Terroris****m* by Milton Meltzer   
Meltzer searches for answers as he puts terrorism and its practitioners into historical context. Meltzer shows that terrorism is as old as humankind and that it has been the tool of innumerable ideologies, religions, and ethnic groups all over the world.

303.66 MEL ***Ain't Gonna Study War No More: The Story of America's Peace Seekers*** by Milton Meltzer   
Presents a history of pacifism and those who have protested against war, concentrating on war resistance in the United States from colonial days to the present and concerns about nuclear arms and terrorism.

305.23 KOT ***There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America*** by Alex Kotlowitz   
Explores life in an inner city Chicago housing project discussing the residents' daily encounters with neighborhood violence, drugs, and gangs.

305.23 NAZ ***Enrique's Journey: Story of a Boy's Dangerous Odyssey to Reunite with his Mother*** by Sonia Nazario   
Addresses the issues of family and illegal immigration through the story of a young boy's dangerous journey from Honduras to the U.S. in search of his mother, who left him and his sibling behind make a better life for her family.

305.42 DE ***Founding Mothers: Women of America in the Revolutionary Era*** by Linda Grant De Pauw   
Describes the daily lives, social roles, and contributions of women living during the revolutionary period.

305.42 JOH ***Remember the Ladies: The First Women's Rights Convention*** by Norma Johnston   
Focusing on the 1848 Women's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls, New York, this book offers an evenhanded account of that event.

305.48 ROD ***Kabul Beauty School*** by Deborah Rodriguez   
Hairdresser Deborah Rodriguez details her experiences in post-Taliban Afghanistan, discussing the opening of her beauty school and recalls the personal stories of various women who overcame obstacles to obtain an education in cosmetology.

305.8 GRI ***Black Like Me*** by John Howard Griffin   
The author, a white man, recounts his experiences when he darkened his skin and traveled through the South as an African-American man. Epilogue covers events in the field of civil rights since 1959.

307.76 HOP ***Shutting Out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York 1880-1924*** by Deborah Hopkinson   
Photographs and text document the experiences of five individuals who came to live in the Lower East Side of New York City as children or young adults from Belarus, Italy, Lithuania, and Romania at the turn of the twentieth century.

309.1 BRO ***Manchild in the Promised Land: A Modern Classic of the Black Experience*** by Claude Brown   
An autobiography of Claude Brown, describing his life and that of other African Americans in New York City's Harlem area.

322.4 MAC ***Behind the Mask of Chivalry: The Making of the Second Ku Klux Klan*** by Nancy MacLean   
Chronicles the rise of the Ku Klux Klan, their inner workings, and how it was able to attract millions of Americans.

323.4 FRE ***Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott*** by Russell Freedman   
Presents the story of the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955 and the major persons and events that contributed to the year-long struggle for equal rights on Montgomery's city buses.

331.892 KAL ***We Are Not Beasts of Burden: Cesar Chavez and the Delano Grape Strike*** by Stuart Kallen   
This WWII history of the over 18 million women serving in the labor force includes first-hand accounts, propaganda posters and numerous period photographs.

333.4 COL ***Rosie the Riveter*** by Penny Colman This WWII history of the over 18 million women serving in the labor force includes first-hand accounts, propaganda posters and numerous period photographs.

345.74 KAL ***The Salem Witch Trials*** by Stuart Kallen   
The author traces the Salem Trials from the accusations made by a group of hysterical young girls to the resulting deaths of 25 people. Includes firsthand accounts such as trial notes and diary excerpts to provide a real sense of these chaotic times.

345.797 COP ***The Centralia Tragedy of 1919: Elmer Smith and the Wobblies*** by Tom Copeland   
Drawing on previously sealed court documents and interviews with surviving witnesses, this book presents a human drama, centering on an industrial frontier labor lawyer and the radical politics of the 1920s.

355.825 ***Bomb : the race to build and steal the world's most dangerous weapon*** Steve Sheinkin In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb.

358.42 STE ***Bombs Away: The Story of a Bomber Team*** by John Steinbeck   
John Steinbeck's nonfiction account of his experiences with Air Force bomber crews during World War II.

363.119 OLS ***The Deep Dark: Disaster and Redemption in America's Richest Silver Mine*** by Gregg Olsen   
On May 2, 1972, 174 miners entered Sunshine Mine in Idaho on their daily quest for silver. When the alarm sounded, less than half of the dayshift was able to return to the surface. The others were trapped underground, too deep in the mine to escape.

364.1 BRO ***Lizzie Borden: The Legend, the Truth, the Final Chapter*** by Arnold R. Brown   
Employs new evidence and Lizzie Borden's own chilling testimony to unmask a new suspect and draw a different conclusion to one of the most famous cases in the history of American crime.

364.1 15 UNG ***Union Station Massacre: The Original Sin of J. Edgar Hoover's FBI***  by Robert Unger   
The story of how a bloody shoot-out in Kansas City in 1933 became the lynchpin for J. Edgar Hoover's successful transformation of the FBI from a powerless subagency into a law-enforcement juggernaut.

364.1 BER ***All the President's Men*** by Carl Bernstein & Bob Woodward   
Investigation and report of the burglary at Watergate that climaxed with a President's resignation.

364.1 OLS ***Starvation Heights: True Story of Murder and Malice in the Woods of the Pacific Northwest*** by Gregg Olsen   
Recounts the events surrounding the murders of British heiresses Claire and Dora Williamson, who, in 1911, became the first victims of Linda Hazzard, a quack doctor who would stop at nothing to achieve her ambitions.

910.4 LOR ***A Night to Remember*** by Walter Lord   
Provides an account of the sinking of the "Titanic," a reputedly unsinkable ship that went down in the Atlantic on April 10, 1912 after hitting an iceberg, resulting in the deaths of over 1,500 people.

917.904 AMB ***Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West*** by Stephen E. Ambrose   
Chronicles the experiences of Meriwether Lewis, the man chosen by President Jefferson to lead a voyage from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean, discusses the experiences of those who took part in the expedition, and tells of the leading political, scientific, and military figures involved in the mapping of the American West.

917.904 DUN ***Lewis & Clark: the Journey of the Corps of Discovery*** by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns   
An illustrated history of the journey of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who set out from a camp just upstream from St. Louis in 1804 at the request of President Thomas Jefferson, to search for the fabled Northwest Passage to the Pacific Ocean.

920 GUR ***The Ladies of Seneca Falls: The Birth of the Woman's Rights Movement*** by Miriam Gurko   
Traces the course of the woman's rights movement from its origins in Seneca Falls to the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment.

920 KET ***Into a New Country: Eight Remarkable Women of the West*** by Liza Ketchum   
Presents the history of the West through eight biographies of women, including Susan Magoffin, Lotta Crabtree, and Biddy Mason.

920 SMI ***The Smithsonian Book of the First Ladies: Their Lives, Times and Issues*** by Edith Mayo, ed   
America's first ladies are forty-three remarkable women whose individual stories and causes reflect the history of all American women. This book draws heavily on original source material.

921 X ***The Autobiography of Malcolm*** *X* by Alex Haley   
Malcolm X, the Black Muslim leader, firebrand, and anti-integrationist, tells his life story to veteran writer and journalist Alex Haley.

921 LAM ***Balm in Giliad: Journey of a Healer*** by Sara Lawrence-Lightfoot   
Author recounts the extraordinary life of her mother, Dr. Margaret Morgan-Lawrence, one of the first African-American women to graduate from both Cornell University and Columbia University's School of Medicine to become a physician.

921 LYN ***The Majestic Twelve: The True Story of the Most Feared Combat Escort Unit in Baghdad*** by Master Sergeant Jack W. Lynch II   
Recount of author's experiences as part of a convoy security team in Baghdad in 2004, describing the valiant actions and tactical innovations of the members of the group, which include individuals from multiple branches of the military.

921 OBA ***Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance*** by Barack Obama   
Barack Obama tells the story of his life as the son of a black African father and a white American mother, searching for a workable meaning to his life as an African-American.

921 STA ***Heart for the Fight: A Marine Hero's Journey from the Battlefields of Iraq to Mixed Martial Arts Champion*** by Brian Stann   
Chronicles the author's experiences as a student at the United States Naval Academy where he also played football, his two tours in combat as a Marine in Iraq, and as a mixed martial arts champion.

921 CRA ***The Forbidden Schoolhouse: The True and Dramatic Story of Prudence Crandall and her Students*** by Suzanne Jumain   
Chronicles the life and struggles of Prudence Crandall who, in the 1830s closed her all-white boarding school for girls in Canterbury, Connecticut, and began admitting African-American students; and describes the intense opposition from the townspeople.

921 GAL ***Kaboom: Embracing the Suck in a Savage Little War*** by Matt Gallagher   
Provides insights into the real experiences of U.S. soldiers in Iraq through descriptions posted in Lt. Matt Gallagher's blog before it was shut down in 2008 by the U.S. Army.

921 HUN ***In My Place*** by Charlayne Hunter-Gault   
Autobiography of award-winning journalist Charlayne Hunter-Gault, the first African-American woman to attend the University of Georgia,

921 MAC ***In the Company of Men: A Woman at The Citadel*** by Nancy Mace   
Upon entering The Citadel, the author soon found out that she wasn't just fighting the tradition of the corps, but the culture and city that surrounded it.

921 MAN ***The Bureau and the Mole : the unmasking of Robert Philip Hanssen, the most dangerous double agent in FBI history*** by David A. Vise   
The story of FBI counterintelligence agent Robert Philip Hanssen, a seemingly all-American boy who would become the perfect traitor, jeopardizing America's national security for over twenty years by selling top-secret information to the Russians.

921 ZAM ***Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*** by Laura Hillenbrand   
A biography of Olympic runner and World War II bombardier, Louis Zamperini, who had been rambunctious in childhood before succeeding in track and eventually serving in the military, which led to a trial in which he was forced to find a way to survive in the open ocean after being shot down.

921 BLA ***Black Elk Speaks: Being the Life Story of a Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux*** by Black Elk   
Black Elk, a Sioux holy man, shares his own life story and the story of the Oglala Sioux during the tragic decades of the Custer battle, the ghost dance, and the Wounded Knee massacre, and relates many aspects of Native American spirituality.

921 BOO ***Chasing Lincoln's Killer*** by James Swanson   
Recounts the twelve-day pursuit and capture of John Wilkes Booth, covering the chase through Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia, with a discussion of Abraham Lincoln as a father, husband, and friend that examines the impact of his death on those close to him.

921 CAP ***A Rumor of War***by Philip Caputo   
Philip J. Caputo's memories of the sixteen months he served in Vietnam, from 1965-66, and the emotional devastation he suffered from it, written a decade after his return home.

921 HOU ***Farwell to Manzanar*** by Jeanne Houston   
Biography relating author’s experiences of living at the Manzanar internment camp during World War II and how it has influenced her life.

921 KOV ***Born on the Fourth of July*** by Ron Kovic   
A veteran of Vietnam describes his experiences in the war and his reentry into American society after he was paralyzed.

940.54 NEL ***Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis*** by Pete Nelson   
Recalls the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis at the end of World War II, the Navy cover-up and unfair court martial of the ship's captain, and how a young boy helped the survivors set the record straight fifty-five years later.

956.704 CAN ***A Journal for Jordan*** by Dana Canedy   
Dana Canedy shares the story of her relationship with her husband, Charles Monroe King, who was killed in Iraq on October 14, 2006, and includes selections from the two-hundred-page journal he wrote for his infant son after learning he was going to be deployed to Iraq.

956.704 SWO ***Jarhead: A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf War and Other Battles*** by Anthony Swofford   
U.S. Marine, recounts his disturbing experiences in the 1991 Gulf War and reflects upon the emotional damage he suffered and the nature of both the American military and war itself.

956.704 KEN ***They Fought for Each Other: The Triumph and Tragedy of the Hardest Hit Unit in Iraq*** by Kelly Kennedy   
Chronicles the combat action and moments of friendship and turmoil experienced by the soldiers of Charlie Company of the Army's 1-26 Infantry Regiment, who encountered a constant series of attacks--and lost thirty-one soldiers during their fifteen-month tour--while trying to restore order to the Iraqi town of Adhamiya.

958.104 BOW ***The Finish: The Killing of Osama Bin Laden*** by Mark Bowden   
Recounts the hunt for and defeat of Osama bin Laden, drawing on unprecedented access to primary sources to trace how key decisions were made, revealing events from the perspectives of an adept President Obama and an increasingly despondent bin Laden.

958.104 JUN ***War*** by Sebastian Junger   
A combat narrative based on journalist Sebastian Junger's experiences in Afghanistan in 2007 and 2008, during which he spent time intermittently embedded with a platoon of the 173rd Airborne brigade in Korengal Valley.

958.104 MEY ***Into the Fire: A Firsthand Account of the Most Extraordinary Battle in the Afghan War*** by Dakota Meyer   
A Medal of Honor-awarded Marine sniper shares the controversy-marked story of his heroic contributions during a 2009 Taliban ambush during which he saved a company of Afghan soldiers and Marine advisors, a victory that compelled him to disobey orders and assume command without reinforcements or artillery support.

959.704 BIS ***The Father of All Things: A Marine, His Son, and the Legacy of Vietna*m** by Tom Bissell   
The author and his ex-Marine father, John, retrace the elder Bissell's tour of duty through a now mostly peaceful and prosperous Vietnam.

959.704 BLO ***Bloods: An Oral History of the Vietnam War by Black Veterans*** by Wallace Terry   
An oral history that features twenty black men who tell the story of how members of their race were sent off in disproportionate numbers and the special test of patriotism they faced.

959.704 HOL ***Band of Sisters: American Women at War in Iraq*** by Kirsten Holmstedt   
Band of Sisters presents a dozen groundbreaking and often heart-wrenching stories of American women in combat in Iraq, such as the U.S.s first female pilot to be shot down and survive, the military’s first black female pilot in combat, a young turret gunner defending convoys, and a nurse struggling to save lives, including her own.

959.704 SIM ***I Refuse: Memories of a Vietnam War Objector*** by Donald Simons   
The author's attempts to obtain recognition as a conscientious objector from the Selective Service System. After being unjustly denied conscientious objector status, the author refused to enter the military, was convicted of violating federal law and lived in exile for several years.

959.704 VEI ***Code-Name Bright Light: The Untold Story of U.S. POW Rescue Efforts during the Vietnam War*** by George Veith   
An in-depth look at the activities of the Joint Personnel Recovery Center, a secretive and highly classified unit in South Vietnam responsible for rescuing captives.

974.71 MAR ***Flesh & Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and Its Legacy*** by Albert Marrin   
Detailed account of the disastrous Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire in New York City, which claimed the lives of 146 garment workers in 1911, and examines the impact of this event on the nation's working conditions and labor laws.