Mr. Brock’s Reading List for AP World History, 2016-2017

**Fiction Books**

Hist F Ach Achebe: Things Fall Apart

*Things Fall Apart* tells two intertwining stories, both centering on Okonkwo, a “strong man” of an Ibo village in Nigeria. The first, a powerful fable of the immemorial conflict between the individual and society, traces Okonkwo’s fall from grace with the tribal world. The second, as modern as the first is ancient, concerns the clash of cultures and the destruction of Okonkwo's world with the arrival of aggressive European missionaries. These perfectly harmonized twin dramas are informed by an awareness capable of encompassing at once the life of nature, human history, and the mysterious compulsions of the soul.

Hist F Avi Avi: Crispin: The Cross of Lead

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Hist F Ber Berry: The Passion of Dolssa

In mid-thirteenth century Provence, Dolssa de Stigata is a fervently religious girl who feels the call to preach, condemned by the Inquisition as an "unnatural woman," and hunted by the Dominican Friar Lucien who fears a resurgence of the Albigensian heresy; Botille is a matchmaker trying to protect her sisters from being branded as gypsies or witches--but when she finds the hunted Dolssa dying on a hillside, she feels compelled to protect her, a decision that may cost her everything.

Hist F Boy Boyne: The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

Hist F Bra Brady: The Marines of Autumn

Captain Verity, USMC, is called back into action to monitor Chinese transmissions in Korea and gets caught up in MacArthur's last desperate foray--the Chosen Reservoir campaign--and then its desperate retreat.

Hist F Bro Brooks: Queen of Hearts

Shortly after her first kiss but before her sixteenth birthday in December, 1941, Marie Claire and her younger brother and sister are sent to a tuberculosis sanatorium near their Manitoba farm.

Hist F Buc Buchanan: The Painted Girls

In Paris, France, the Van Goethem sisters struggle for survival after the sudden death of their father, a situation that prompts young Marie's ballet training and her introduction to a genius painter.

Hist F Cas Castor: VIII

Hal, a young man of extraordinary talents, skill on the battlefield, sharp intelligence, and virtue, believes he is destined for greatness but, haunted by his family's violent past, he embarks on a journey that leads to absolute power and brings him face to face with his demons as he grows to become Henry VIII.

Hist F Cov Coventry: The Queen’s Daughter

A fictionalized biography of Joan of England, the youngest child of King Henry II of England and his queen consort, Eleanor of Aquitaine, chronicling her complicated relationships with her warring parents and many siblings, particularly with her favorite brother Richard the Lionheart, her years as Queen consort of Sicily, and her second marriage to Raymond VI, Count of Toulouse.

Hist F Dic Dickens: A Tale of Two Cities

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| The classic novel about the French Revolution and its effect upon the lives of several individuals, both French and English. |  |

Hist F Dog Dogar: Annexed

A fictional account of life with Anne Frank hidden in the secret annex from Peter's point-of-view, following as he becomes closer with Anne, begins to question his own religion, and is forced to suppress his own desires to join the fight.

Hist F Ell Elliott: Under a War-Torn Sky

Behind enemy lines...Just nineteen years old, Henry Forester is the youngest pilot in his Air Force squadron. Still, he's one of the best fliers, facing Hitler's Luftwaffe in the war-torn skies over France. But when his plane is shot down on a mission behind enemy lines, Henry finds himself on a whole new battleground. Wounded, hungry, and afraid, he struggles toward freedom on foot, relying on the kindness and cunning of members of the French Resistance to reach the next town alive. Each day brings him nearer to home, and closer to danger. Yet even as Henry struggles for his own survival in a hostile country, he quickly grows to realize the great peril that threatens all of the French people, and to admire the strength and determination of the freedom fighters who risk death to protect him. Gripping, suspenseful, and achingly true, this thought-provoking novel explores the heartbreak of war, the strength of the human spirit, and one young man's struggles to regain and protect the things that he loves.

Hist F Ell Ellis: The Breadwinner

Parvana felt the shadow before she saw it, as the man moved between her and the sun. Turning her head, she saw the dark turban that was the uniform of the Taliban. A rifle was slung across his chest as casually as her father's shoulder bag had been slung across hers...

Hist F Fue Fuentes: The Old Gringo

A fictional account of what happened to American journalist Ambrose Bierce when he disappeared in Mexico during the civil war there.

Hist F Gra Gratz: Prisoner B-3087

Based on the life of Jack Gruener, this book relates his story of survival from the Nazi occupation of Krakow, when he was eleven, through a succession of concentration camps, to the final liberation of Dachau.

Hist F Gre Gregory: The Royal Diaries: Catherine: The Great Journey; Russia 1743

A fictional diary of Princess Sophie, later named Catherine, from 1743 until 1745, when at age fifteen she is married to her second cousin Peter, Grand Duke of Russia, who will one day be Emperor. Includes historical notes on her later life.

Hist F Gre Gregory: The Royal Diaries: Cleopatra VII: Daughter of the Nile, Egypt 57 BC

While her father is in hiding after attempts on his life, twelve-year-old Cleopatra records in her diary how she fears for her own safety and hopes to survive to become Queen of Egypt someday.

Hist F Hes Hesse: Girl in the Blue Coat

"In 1943 Nazi-occupied Amsterdam, teenage Hanneke--a 'finder' of black market goods--is tasked with finding a Jewish girl a customer had been hiding, who has seemingly vanished into thin air, and is pulled into a web of resistance activities and secrets as she attempts to solve the mystery and save the missing girl

Hist F Hoo Hoobler: A Samurai Never Fears Death

Returning home to investigate the possible connection of his family's tea shop with smugglers, Seikei, now a samurai in eighteenth-century Japan, becomes involved in murder at a local puppet theater and saving the life of his sister's accused boyfriend.

Hist F Jin Jinks: Pagan’s Crusade

In twelth-century Jerusalem, orphaned sixteen-year-old Pagan is assigned to work for Lord Roland, a Templar knight, as Saladin's armies close in on the Holy City.

Hist F Kad Kadohata: Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam

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| A young solider in Vietnam bonds with his bomb-sniffing dog. |  |

Hist F Kir Kirkpatrick: Between Two Worlds

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| In the 1890s, sixteen-year-old Eqariusaq, from the village of Itta near Ellesmere, is caught between traditional Inuit life with her lazy husband Angulluk and the world of Lieutenant Peary and his family and crew, who call her Billy Bah.  Hist F Les Lester: Othello: A Novel  A prose retelling of Shakespeare's play in which a jealous general is duped into thinking that his wife has been unfaithful, with tragic consequences.  Hist F Lyn Lynch: Vietnam: Book I: I Pledge Allegiance  Best friends Morris, Rudi, Ivan, and Beck, having been either drafted or enlisted in the military during the Vietnam War, pledge they will come home together, and Morris, a sailor on the USS "Boston," relies on that promise to stay strong while his courage and resolve are tested under attack. |  |

Hist F Lyn Lynch: World War II: Book I: The Right Fight

When the draft board calls on the eve of World War II, Roman leaves behind a career in minor-league baseball to join the army, and finds himself driving a tank in the North African campaign.

Hist F Mye Myers: Sunrise over Fallujah

Robin Perry, from Harlem, is sent to Iraq in 2003 as a member of the Civil Affairs Battalion, and his time there profoundly changes him.

Hist F Pas Pasternak: Doctor Zhivago

Zhivago, a physician and poet, is the central figure. Through his experiences the reader witnesses the outbreak and the consequences of the Revolution: army revolts, irrational killings, starvation, epidemics, Party inquisition. In an epic train ride from Moscow to the Ural Mountains--a journey that takes weeks--Zhivago transports his family to what he hopes is shelter in obscurity. Actually, he lands them all in the chaos and cruelty of strife between Whites and Reds. These are not times for a domestic idyll or emotional bliss, and Zhivago sees man's simplest aspirations to a normal human life hopelessly frustrated.

Hist F Pat Patrick: Tsarina

Within the walls of Russia's Winter Palace, Natalya seeks a magical Faberge egg containing the power of the land and the mystics that promises a life of love for her and Alexei Romanov and the preservation of Romanov Russia.

Hist F Sal Salisbury: Eyes of the Emperor

Following orders from the United States Army, young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Japanese during World War II.

Hist F Sal Salisbury: Under the Blood-Red Sun

Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

Hist F Sep Sepetys: Between Shades of Gray

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note.

Hist F Sep Sepetys: Salt to the Sea

"As World War II draws to a close, refugees try to escape the war's final dangers, only to find themselves aboard a ship with a target on its hull"

Hist F Sha Sharenow: The Berlin Boxing Club

In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust.

Hist F Sol Solzhenitsyn: One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich

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| This novel traces the daily struggle of an ordinary man held prisoner in a Siberian work camp during the cruel regime of Joseph Stalin. |  |

Hist F Sta Staples: Haveli

Having relented to the ways of her people in Pakistan and married the rich older man to whom she was pledged against her will, Shabanu is now the victim of his family's blood feud and the malice of his other wives.

Hist F Tan Tan: The Joy Luck Club

In 1949 four Chinese women began meeting in San Francisco to play mah jong. They called their gathering the Joy Luck Club. Forty years later they look back and remember.

Hist F Wei Wein: Code Name Verity

In 1943, a British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

Hist F Wil Wilder: The Bridge of San Luis Rey

Reconstruction of five lives lost when the finest bridge in all Peru collapses.

Hist F Wyn Wynne-Jones: The Emperor of Any Place

"When Evan's father dies, Evan finds a hand-bound yellow book on his desk--the book his father had been reading when he passed away. It is the diary of a Japanese soldier stranded on a small Pacific island in World War II. Why was his father reading it? Who was the American soldier also stranded there? And what could this possibly mean for Evan?

Hist F Yol Yolen: Briar Rose

The tale of Sleeping Beauty and the dark tale of the Holocaust twined together in a story of darkness and redemption.

Hist F Zus Zusak: The Book Thief

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

**Biographies**

B Bin Osama

The author gives a thorough and penetrating look at the different stages of Bin Laden's life, telling how each battle deepened his sense of struggle and intensified his anger against the Western world.

B Cha Cesar Chavez

This book presents seventeen essays on the life and accomplishments of Cesar Chavez, who is remembered for both his monumental contributions to organized labor and his commitment to the civil rights movement.

B Cha Bound Feet and Western Dress

A contemporary Chinese-American woman's life is contrasted with that of a great-aunt born in Shanghai at the turn-of-the-century.

B Hit The Life and Death of Adolf Hitler

Presents the life of Adolf Hitler, leader of the Third Reich in Germany during World War II.

B McC Angela’s Ashes

"When I look back on my childhood, I wonder how I managed to survive at all. It was, of course, a miserable childhood: the happy childhood is hardly worth your while. Worse than the ordinary miserable childhood is the miserable Irish childhood, and worse yet is the miserable Irish Catholic childhood." So begins the luminous memoir of Frank McCourt, born in Depression-era Brooklyn to recent Irish immigrants and raised in the slums of Limerick, Ireland. Frank's mother, Angela, has no money to feed the children since Frank's father, Malachy, rarely works, and when he does he drinks his wages. Yet Malachy--exasperating, irresponsible and beguiling--does nurture in Frank an appetite for the one thing he can provide: a story. Frank lives for his father's tales of Cuchulain, who saved Ireland, and of the Angel on the Seventh Step, who brings his mother babies.

B Nap Napoleon Bonaparte

This book presents eighteen articles examining the life of Napoleon Bonaparte, the culture he was born into, and the lessons learned from his military career.

B You I Am Malala

Malala Yousafzai describes her fight for education for girls under Taliban rule, the support she received from her parents to pursue an education, and how the Taliban retaliated against her by trying to kill her.

**Non-Fiction Books**

940.53 Fra The Diary of a Young Girl

A thirteen-year-old Dutch-Jewish girl records her impressions of the two years she and seven others spent hiding from the Nazis before they were discovered and taken to concentration camps. Includes entries previously omitted.

940.53 Hil I Will Plant You a Lilac Tree

"Hannelore, your Papa is dead." In the spring of 1942 Hannelore received a letter from Mama at her school in Berlin, Germany-Papa had been arrested and taken to a concentration camp. Six weeks later he was sent home; ashes in an urn. Soon another letter arrived. "The Gestapo has notified your brothers and me that we are to be deported to the East-whatever that means." Hannelore knew: labor camps, starvation, beatings.....How could Mama and her two younger brothers bear that? She made a decision: She would go home and be deported with her family.

956 Smi Ghosts of War

Ryan Smithson recounts the experiences he had serving his first tour of duty as an Army engineer in Iraq when he was only nineteen.