“Killer Angels” by Michael Shaara

- We will be using this book for our first two units of the school year. We will hold a major Socratic Seminar about the book and link the book to why the war started, motivations for soldiers of both sides to fight and the major Battle of Gettysburg. We will also use the book to discuss why Reconstruction was so difficult in the South.
- Students will be asked to use textual evidence to support their answers both in-class and on their discussion boards.

“Europe’s Last Summer” by David Fromkin

- The book will help us to uncover the intricate political, economic and military factors that led to the outbreak of war in Europe in 1914. We will have in-depth class discussions using the primary sources found in the book as well as online discussion boards and a Socratic Seminar.
- Students will use the book, along with other primary and secondary sources in class, to form an answer as to who is most responsible for the start of WWI.