

IB History of the Americas I Summer Reading 2025

You will select ONE of the following books to read before entering IB History of the Americas that will give you a deeper understanding of the development of the United States into a modern nation.

Select **one** of the following books to read. Before selecting your book, go online or on Goodreads to read a brief summary or reviews to find the one that is most interesting to you.

- *Killing Crazy Horse: The Merciless Indian Wars in America* (2020) by Bill O'Reilly & Martin Dugard
 - *Undeclared: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team* (2017) by Steve Sheinkin
 - *The Paper Daughters of Chinatown* (2021) by Heather B. Moore, *there is also a YA book with the same title that can be selected*
 - *The Last Days of Night* (2017) by Graham Moore
 - *Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty* (2021) by Anderson Cooper & Katherine Howe
 - *A Fall of Marigolds* (2014) by Susan Meissner
 - *Mr. President, How Long Must We Wait?: Alice Paul, Woodrow Wilson, and the Fight for the Right to Vote* (2020) by Tina Cassidy
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After reading your selected book, you will have a two-part assignment over the summer.

- **Part One: Reflection**

Write a reflection about what you learned from reading the book and how the topics relate to how the United States developed into a modern nation. What perspectives did this book give about the time period of the 1860s to the 1920s? What did you previously know about this era? What insight did reading this book give to you about this era? What questions do you have about reading this book? Feel free to include any other reflective information. Include specific details or events referenced in the book to back up your opinions and ideas. You may use first person as needed in your response. Your response should be in paragraph form about 400-500 words, double-spaced.

- **Part Two: Quote Selection**

As you read, document at least 5 powerful or impactful quotes that reflect on the historical event, time period, or experiences being discussed. Students should give a brief 2-3 sentence explanation or analysis as to why this quote was selected and/or how it is helpful to their understanding. Selected quotes should be no more than 4 sentences in length and page numbers need to be provided for each quote. The quotes and explanations should be double spaced and can be formatted into a chart or bulleted list.

Assignments will be due by Monday August 11, 2025.

Students will complete an in-class assignment within the first week of school using their reflection and selected quotations. It is not required, but it would be helpful to bring your copy of the book to school that day.