

Ms. McCormick's 5th Grade Summer Reading List

Dear Future Fifth-Graders and Parents:

As you probably know, in fifth grade we study American history. In September, we will start work on an essay to be entered in a contest sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution. This year's topic is The End of World War I.

In order to prepare, please read ***World War I for Kids: A History with 21 Activities*** by R. Kent Rasmussen is available for about \$15.00 online https://www.amazon.com/World-War-Kids-HistoryActivities/dp/1613745567/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1497292105&sr1&keywords=world+war+I+for+kids%3A+a+hi+story+with+21+activities

After you've read the book, please make a list about the 10 most interesting facts you learned. Along with that, please summarize 3 of your favorite chapters, 5-7 sentences each. Please bring it to school on the first day.

Also, please read at least one **other** book, either fiction or nonfiction, from the list below. They will help you gain background knowledge about the American Revolutionary War:

- *Give Me Liberty* by L.M. Elliott
- *My Brother Sam Is Dead* by Christopher and James L. Collier
- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- *The Winter of Red Snow* by Kristiana Gregory
- *A History of US: From Colonies to Country* by Joy Hakim

- *George Vs. George* by Rosalyn Schanzer

Don't reread a book you have read before. The first four suggestions are historical fiction; if you like nonfiction better, read one of the last two. The most challenging fiction choice is *Johnny Tremain*; the most informative nonfiction choice is *From Colonies to Country*.

Perhaps you may travel with your family this summer to places where you could check out Revolutionary and Civil War battlefields, national monuments, homes of famous Americans, and other places of interest. You may even think about which of our "Fifty Nifty United States" you may choose to learn about next year.

I'm sure you'll also read other books this summer that you choose for yourself. You might want to consider keeping a journal to maintain your writing skills.

Have a wonderful summer vacation! See you in September!

-Ms. McCormick