

For Students Entering Grade 10: US HISTORY I



All Quiet on the Western Front - Enrich Maria Remarque
Soldier Paul Baumer enlists in the German army of World War I. Young and zealous, he and his friends become soldiers. Even though they were trained, the young soldiers fall to pieces when the first bombardment comes in their trenches. As the horrible war goes on year after year, Paul has a vow to fight the hatred, which allows young men of the same age (but different uniforms) to fight each other.

The Jungle - Upton Sinclair
The Jungle is about Jurgis Rudkus, a Lithuanian immigrant working in Chicago's notorious Packingtown. Rudkus and his family live in a world run by greedy bosses, con men and corrupt politicians. Their hope of finding the American Dream is futile. The novel, a work of fiction that had a great impact outside its literary context, exposes the filth and contamination in American food. As a result, President Theodore Roosevelt ordered an official investigation, which quickly led to the passage of the Pure Food and Drug laws.

Theodore Roosevelt - Presidents and their Decisions – Tom Lansford, Ph.D. and Robert P. Watson, Ph.D, editors.
Theodore Roosevelt, one of the most controversial and important presidents, was loved by many. The modern presidency is attributed to his actions at the start of the twentieth century, and the United States under his leadership was a major power in world affairs. This book takes a look at Roosevelt's impressive domestic and foreign policy decisions and his enduring legacy.

Growing Up - Russell Baker
This book traces Russell Baker's youth, living in the mountains of rural Virginia. When he was five, his father died, and his mother being strong willed, continued life as usual raising three children. However, although these were the Depression years, Mrs. Baker was determined that her children would succeed. Russell did everything from delivering papers to soliciting subscriptions for The Saturday Evening Post