

Middle School Social Studies Summer Enrichment

"The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future."

- Theodore Roosevelt

Grade 6

Prepare for this year's Chicago History fair theme, *Triumph and Tragedy*, by reading a novel about triumph, tragedy, or both in Chicago/Illinois history.

Recommended novels:

- Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- I Survived the Great Chicago Fire, 1871 by Lauren Tarshis

* Be prepared to do an activity the first week of school with the novel you chose.

Grade 7

This summer, complete the following in preparation for the U.S. Constitution test.

- U.S. interactive state map <http://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3003>. There will be an assessment the first week. Practice!
- U.S. Constitution vocabulary https://quizlet.com/_3jic0u. You must pass the Constitution test to graduate. Practice!

Grade 8

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Recommended novels:

- The Jungle by Upton Sinclair
- Fire Angels: A Novel by Elizabeth Kern
- The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic and Madness at the Fair That Changed America by Erik Larson
- A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

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