Suggested Reading for 8th Grade Social Studies

Stories
- Wicked girls: a novel of the Salem witch trials by Hemphill, Stephanie
- Forge by Anderson, Laurie Halse
- Chains: seeds of America by Anderson, Laurie Halse
- The notorious Benedict Arnold: a true story of adventure, heroism, & treachery by Sheinkin, Steve
- Woods Runner by Paulsen, Gary
- Salt: a story of friendship in a time of war by Frost, Helen
- One Dead Spy by Hale, Nathan
- Big bad ironclad! by Hale, Nathan
- Red moon at Sharpsburg: a novel by Wells, Rosemary
- Chasing Lincoln’s Killer by Swanson, James

Informative
- Written in bone: buried lives of Jamestown and Colonial Maryland by Walker, Sally
- 1607: a new look at Jamestown by Lange, Karen
- Heroes of the American Revolution by Scarbrough, Mary Hertz
- King George: what was his problem?: everything your schoolbooks didn't tell you about the American Revolution by Sheinkin, Steve
- In full glory reflected: discovering the War of 1812 in the Chesapeake by Eshelman, Ralph E.
- Into the west: causes and effects of U.S. westward expansion by Collins, Terry
- Discovering Black America: from the age of exploration to the twenty-first century by Tarrant-Reid, Linda
- Jefferson's sons: a founding father's secret children by Kimberly Brubaker
- Fort Mose: and the story of the man who built the first free black settlement in Colonial America by Turner, Glennette Tilley
- Civil War witness: Mathew Brady's photos reveal the horrors of war by Nardo, Don
- The split history of the Civil War by Fitzgerald, Stephanie
- I'll pass for your comrade: women soldiers in the Civil War by Silvey, Anita
- Mr. Lincoln's high-tech war: how the North used the telegraph, railroads, surveillance balloons, ironclads, high-powered weapons, and more to win the Civil War by Allen, Thomas B.