

AP United States History Summer Reading List

The American Reader: Words That Moved a Nation, 2nd Rev ed. Edition
by [Diane Ravitch](#)

Make sure you purchase the **Second Edition** (book has a green border on its cover). This book will be read throughout the school for weekly seminars. Used copies are available on line. Electronic editions might be difficult to follow along when a seminar is held.

Required reading before the first day of class:

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by [Frederick Douglass](#). Any publisher is acceptable.

Up from Slavery by [Booker T. Washington](#) Any publisher is acceptable.

First week, students will bring *Narrative Life* and *Up from Slavery* to class. Students will write a timed write for each book. Students will participate in a seminar for each book.