

Book Title	Author	Description	ISBN	On Hoopla/ Libby?	Week(s) Used
Guest Hollow's High School Geography Textbook [SPINE]		This online textbook is open-source and free. This text will form the backbone of our course as it takes us through essential vocabulary, timelines for country development, cultural practices, and more. You can't buy a print copy of this book.	N/A	N/A	Weeks 1-36
The Travel Book: A Journey Through Every Country in the World [SPINE]	Lonely Planet	A gorgeous compendium of cultural geography, this coffee table-style book covers every country on Earth with at-a-glance facts, photos, and more. You'll need a copy (3rd edition or higher).	3rd edition: 9781787017634 4th edition: 1838694595	Y: Hoopla *But I recommend getting a print version!	Weeks 1-36
Where on Earth Atlas: The World As You've Never Seen It Before [SPINE]	DK Publications	This atlas provides fascinating overlooks at everything from world oil production to the layout of the Great Barrier Reef. We will use it at intervals throughout the course to dive into concepts such as natural resources, import/exports, wildlife protections, and more.	1465458646	N	Weeks 1-36
The Religions Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained [SPINE]	DK Big Ideas	As belief systems are intrinsic to understanding culture, we will learn about the religions that are practiced in the countries we're covering.	1465476466	N	Weeks 1-36
Prisoners of Geography: Ten Maps that Explain Everything about the World [SPINE]	Tim Marshall	This fascinating text looks at the ways that cultures, politics, and historical outcomes are influenced (and even determined) by the geography of the places in which these events are occurring.	1501121472	Y: Libby	Weeks 1-34

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From Here to Eternity: Traveling the World to Find a Good Death	Caitlin Doughty	To quote former British Prime Minister William Gladstone, "Show me the manner in which a nation cares for its dead and I will measure with mathematical exactness, the tender mercy of its people, their respect for the law of the land and their loyalty to high ideals." As belief systems are intrinsic to understanding culture, we will learn broadly about the religions that are—and have been practiced historically—in the countries we're covering.	393356280	Y: Libby	Weeks 1-2
The Endurance: Shackleton's Legendary Antarctic Expedition	Caroline Alexander	This non-fiction book follows the journey to Ernest Shackleton and his men as they make an 800 mile journey to safety after their boats are crushed in the Antarctic ice. Not to be confused with the book of a similar title and topic by Alfred Lansing.	0-375-40403-1	N	Weeks 3-4
50 Cities of the USA: Explore America's Cities with 50 fact- filled maps.	Gabrielle Balkan	You can substitute this book with ANY comprehensive USA travel guide.	(Any edition) 1786031000	Y: Hoopla	Week 6
Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon	David Grann	Journalist David Grann retraces the steps of famed British explorer Percy Fawcett's quest to discover the lost city of Z hidden in the Amazon rainforest. After making multiple trips, Fawcett, his son and his son's friend all disappeared. An excellent look at the British empire at its peak, and the cost of exploring the world.	(Any edition is ok) 1400078458		Weeks 7-9

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Norse Mythology	Neil Gaiman	Neil Gaiman's version of classic Norse myths holds true to how these stories would've been told and retold in Viking communities hundreds of years ago. This comprehensive text includes information on the major gods/characters, stories, and morals. (Feel free to substitute with D'Aulaire's Norse Mythology or other comprehensive Norse myths book.)	(Any edition is ok) 9780393356182	Y: Libby	Weeks 13-14
The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia	Candace Fleming	This historical text follows the Romanov family before and during the Russian Revolution of 1917 so we see their opulent lives beforehand and the political reasons that led to the bourgeoisie being attacked.	375867821	Y: Libby	Weeks 17-19
I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban	Malala Yousefzai and Christina Lamb	A leading advocate for education, Malala Yousefzai stood up to the Taliban after they decreed that girls couldn't go to school. This harrowing story discusses her family's journey to the day of her shooting and her fight for recovery and beyond.	316322423	Y: Libby	Weeks 20-21
Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood	Marjane Satrapi	This award-winning graphic novel looks at the lives of Iranians before, during, and after the 1979 Revolution. Based on the author's own childhood, <i>Persepolis</i> follows young Marjane from Iran to a boarding school in Europe and back again as she grows up amidst a rapidly changing cultural background. NOTE: This is NOT the same book as <i>The Complete Persepolis</i> by the same author. <i>The Complete Persepolis</i> has both our book (<i>The Story of a Childhood</i>) and a second volume together.	037571457X (Don't get The Complete Persepolis: Volumes 1 + 2, which is longer)	N	Week 21

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Ramayana: Divine Loophole	Sanjay Patel	A beautifully illustrated book by one of Pixar's cartoonists, <i>Ramayana</i> takes the traditional epic poem and turns it into something accessible to all audiences. We will use this text to better understand both Southeast Asian culture and Hindu deities.	081187107X	N	Weeks 22-23
Foundations of Chinese Civilization: The Yellow Emperor to the Han Dynasty	Jing Liu	This graphic novels introduces the concept of the dynasty within China's history. It simply but effectively breaks down 5,000 years of dynastic rule in the country and other essential components of this country's culture.	1611720273	Y: Hoopla	Weeks 24-25
The Girl with Seven Names: Escape from North Korea	Hyeonseo Lee	When Hyeonseo Lee walked over the border from North Korea to China when she was 17, she had every intention of returning within 5 days. However, her 5-day teenage rebellion turned into a lifetime away from her family and the strict, oppressive culture in which she was raised. Her first-person narrative follows her from childhood, into her time in China, and then as a refugee in South Korea.	7554850	Y: Hoopla	Weeks 24-26
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes	Eleanor Coerr	Based on the true story of Sadako Sasaki, this novel follows the story of a girl fighting leukemia after she survives the bombing of Hiroshima. According to Japanese legend, a person who folds 1000 paper cranes will be granted 1 wish. Sadako begins to fold her cranes in the hopes that it will help her beat her cancer and bring peace to the world.	Any edition	N	Weeks 27-28
Kampung Boy	Lat	Malaysia's most notable cartoonist wrote this graphic novel in 1979, and it's popularity spawned multiple seasons of a television show by the same name. Lat, the Kampung Boy, leads readers on adventures around his small village.	1596431210	N	Week 29

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A Long Walk to Water	Linda Sue Park	Based on a true story, this novel follows the struggles of 2 young children as they try to survive life in Sudan in 1985 and 2008.	547577311	Y: Libby	Weeks 30-31
It's Trevor Noah: Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood (Adapted for Young Readers)	Trevor Noah	Please ensure that you get the young readers edition as the unabridged original version isn't appropriate for high schoolers. This autobiography from comedian Trevor Noah follows his upbringing in South Africa as a biracial child living during apartheid.	525582193	Y: Libby	Weeks 32-33
Illegal: A Graphic Novel	Eoin Coifer	Based on interviews of actual migrants, this graphic novel tells the story of brothers Ebo and Kwame who follow their desire for a better life in Italy as they leave the poverty and famine in their home country of Libya. To get there, they must risk their lives on a small boat in the Mediterranean, and question what the cost of a better life is.	1492665827	Y: Hoopla	Week 32
War Brothers: The Graphic Novel	Sharon E. McKay	Please ensure that you get the graphic novel and not the longer, more explicit original text. This powerful graphic novel is a fictionalized account of the child soldiers under Joseph Kony's Lord's Resistance Army in Uganda and Sudan. Stolen in the middle of the night from their school, a group of friends must brave the brutal existence of this army as they search for a way to escape.	1554514894	Y: Hoopla	Week 33
Kon Tiki: Across the Pacific on a Raft	Thor Heyerdahl	In 1947, author Heyerdahl and 4 other explorers boarded a homemade bamboo and hemp ramp with the intent to float more than 4,000 nautical miles. They hoped to prove their theory of how the South Sea Islands had originally been inhabited, and this book is the story of how that scientific journey unfolded.	(Any edition is ok) 0671726528	N	Weeks 34-36

