

2021 NONFICTION SELECTIONS FOR GRADES 5 – 8

You may choose only one from this list.

(*Easiest text. ***Most difficult text.)

Aronson, Marc and Marina Budhos. *Sugar Changed the World: a Story of Magic, Spice, Slavery, Freedom, and Science.*

***Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. *They Called Themselves the K.K.K.: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group.*

***Blumenthal, Karen. *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Different.*

Bolden, Tonya. *Capital Days: Michael Shiner's Journal and the Growth of Our Nation's Capital.*

Brimmer, Larry Dane. *Black and White: The Confrontation Between Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth and Eugene "Bull" Connor.*

Brown, Daniel James. *The Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics*

Carson, Mary Kay. *Inside Biosphere 2: Earth Science Under Glass.*

Fleming, Candace. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion & the Fall of Imperial Russia.*

Freedman, Russell. *Because They Marched: The People's Campaign for Voting Rights That Changed America.*

Hoose, Phillip. *The Boys Who Challenged Hitler: Knud Pedersen and the Churchill Club.*

Hopkinson, Deborah. *Courage & Defiance: Stories of Spies, Saboteurs, and Survivors in World War II Denmark.*

Jarrow, Gail. *Fatal Fever: Tracking Down Typhoid Mary.*

Kamkwamba, William and Bryan Mealer. *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Young Readers Edition.*

Kanefield, Teri. *The Girl from the Tarpaper School: Barbara Rose Johns and the Advent of the Civil Rights Movement.*

*Krull, Kathleen and Kathryn Hewitt. *Lives of the Scientists: Experiments, Explosions (and What the Neighbors Thought).*

Kurlansky, Mark. *Frozen in Time: Clarence Birdseye's Outrageous Idea about Frozen Food.*

Leyson, Leon with Marilyn J. Harran and Elisabeth B. Leyson. *The Boy on the Wooden Box: How the Impossible Became Possible...on Schindler's List.*

Temple Grandin: How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World.

*Nelson, Kadir. *Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans.*

Newquist, H. P. *The Book of Blood: From Legends and Leeches to Vampires and Veins.*

Patent, Dorothy Hinshaw. *The Call of the Osprey.*

Reef, Catherine. *Noah Webster: Man of Many Words.*

Rubin, Susan Goldman. *Freedom Summer: the 1964 Struggle for Civil Rights in Mississippi.*

Rusch, Elizabeth. *The Next Wave: The Quest to Harness the Power of the Ocean.*

Sandler, Martin W. *Iron Rails, Iron Men, and the Race to Link the Nation: The Story of the Transcontinental Railroad.*

Seiple, Samantha. *Lincoln's Spymaster: Allan Pinkerton, America's First Private Eye.*

***Sheinkin, Steve. *Most Dangerous: Daniel Ellsberg and the Secret History of the Vietnam War.*

Sheinkin, Steve. *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism and Treachery.*

Sheinkin, Steve. *The Port Chicago 50: Disaster, Mutiny and Fight for Civil Rights.*

Woodson, Jacqueline. *Brown Girl Dreaming.*