

# Social Studies

## Eight Grade Reading List

- 910  
ADA Adams, Simon. Titanic. New York:Dorling Kindersley, 2000.
- Detailed descriptions of the Titanic, including its accommodations, and a retelling of its sinking in the North Atlantic in April, 1912.
- 940.53  
ADL Adler, David A. We Remember the Holocaust. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1989.
- Discusses the events of the Holocaust and includes personal accounts from survivors of their experiences of the persecution and the death camps.
- 305.868  
ALI Aliotta, Jerome J.The Puerto Ricans. New York: Chelsea House, 1996.
- Examines the history and culture of the Puerto Rican people, and follows their achievements through the years, into the present.
- B  
SMI Allen, John Logan. Jedediah Smith and the Mountain Men of the American West. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1991.
- Chronicles the exploits of the mountain men who opened many trails and passages through the American West in the early nineteenth century.
- 305.42  
ALT Alter, Judith. Women of the Old West. New York : F. Watts, 1989.
- Examines the various roles of women in the Old West, describing the living conditions and opportunities available to those women who broke the stereotypical picture of the tired settler's wife.
- B  
WAS Amper, Thomas. Booker T. Washington. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, Inc, 1998.
- Tells the story of Booker T. Washington's childhood following the end of slavery, his struggle to get an education, and his journey at age sixteen to the Hampton Institute.

- SC  
SHA Armstrong, Jennifer, ed. Shattered: Stories of Children and War. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. 2002.
- Presents twelve short stories about the experiences of young children and teenagers in war, showing a variety of perspectives, and provides factual notes on each conflict dramatized.
- FIC  
ARM Armstrong, William. Souder. New York: Harper & Row, 1969.
- Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read and with the help of the devoted dog Souder.
- 959.704  
ASH Ashabranner, Brent. Their Names To Live: What the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Means to America. Brookfield, CT: Twenty-First Century Books, 1998.
- Describes the planning and creation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and how it became a symbol for the dead of all American wars.
- FIC  
AVI Avi. Beyond the Western Sea : Book One: the Escape From Home. New York: Orchard Books, 1996.
- Driven from their impoverished Irish village, fifteen-year-old Maura and her younger brother meet their landlord's runaway son in Liverpool while all three wait for a ship to America.
- PB  
AVI Avi. Nothing but the Truth. New York: Avon Books, 1991.
- A ninth-grader's suspension for singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" during homeroom becomes a national news story.
- 973.8  
B Bachrach, Deborah. Custer's Last Stand. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press, 1990.
- George Armstrong Custer's attack against the Dakota Indians at the Little Big Horn River turned out to be a massacre. This book discusses what might have happened.
- FIC  
BAG Bagdasarian, Adam. Forgotten Fire. New York: Dorling Kindersley, 2000.
- The story of how Vahan Kenderian survived the Turkish massacre of the Armenians in 1915.

- 391  
BAR Barmeier, Jim. Manners and Customs. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1997.
- Discusses life in the United States around the turn of the twentieth century in such areas as work and leisure, clothing and fashion, and courtship and marriage.
- B  
GOL Barnes, Jeremy. Samuel Goldwyn : Movie Mogul. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Silver Burdett Press, 1989.
- Discusses the career and films of the colorful and difficult personality, Sam Goldwyn, motion picture producer for much of the twentieth century, who paid those who worked for him lavishly and insisted on high quality.
- FIC  
BART Bartoletti, Susan Cambell. A Coal Miner's Bride. New York: Scholastic, 2000.
- A diary account of thirteen-year-old Anetka's life in Poland in 1896, immigration to America, marriage to a coal miner, widowhood, and happiness in finally finding her true love.
- 331.382  
BAR Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. Growing up in Coal Country. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1996.
- Describes what life was like, especially for children, in coal mines and mining towns in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
- 331.992  
BAR Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. Kids on Strike! Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1999.
- Describes the conditions and treatment that drove workers, including many children, to various strikes, from the mill workers' strikes in 1828 and 1836 and the coal strikes at the turn of the century, to the work of Mother Jones on behalf of child workers.
- 305.8  
BOD Bode, Janet. The Colors of Freedom : Immigrant Stories. New York: Franklin Watts, 1999.
- Newly arrived teenaged immigrants describe their experiences in America, recount traditions of their native countries, and present short stories, poems, recipes, and artwork. Also provides interviews with native-born American teenagers who share their family histories.

B  
WAL Bundles, A'Lelia Perry. Madam C. J. Walker. Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House Publishers, 1991.

A biography of the Afro-American businesswoman whose invention of facial creams and other cosmetics led to great financial success and who, throughout her life, devoted herself to many social and political causes.

PICT  
FIC  
BUNT Bunting, Eve. Cheyenne Again. New York: Clarion Books, 1995.

In the late 1880's, a Cheyenne boy named Small Bull is taken to a boarding school to learn the white man's ways.

PICT  
FIC  
BUN Bunting, Eve. Dreaming of America. Mahwah, NJ: Bridge Water Books, 2000.

Annie Moore cares for her two younger brothers on board the ship sailing from Ireland to America, where she becomes the first immigrant processed through Ellis Island, January 1, 1892, her fifteenth birthday.

PICT  
FIC  
BUN Bunting, Eve. So Far From the Sea. New York: Clarion Books, 1998.

When seven-year-old Laura and her family visit Grandfather's grave at the Manzanar War Relocation Center, the Japanese-American child leaves behind a special symbol.

PICT  
FIC  
BUN Bunting, Eve. Train to Somewhere. New York: Clarion Books, 1996.

In the late 1800s, Marianne travels westward on the Orphan Train in hopes of being placed with a caring family.

PICT  
FIC  
BUN Bunting, Eve. The Wall. New York: Clarion Books, 1990.

A boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington and find the name of the boy's grandfather, who was killed in the conflict.

973.917  
BUR

Burgan, Michael. The Great Depression. Minneapolis, MN: Compass Point Books, 2002.

Text and illustrations survey the Great Depression, explaining its causes, describing the First and Second New Deals, relating its outcomes, and providing a glossary, lists of important dates and people, and selected further resources.

973  
CAN

Candaele, Kerry. Bound For Glory: from the Great Migration to the Harlem Renaissance, 1910-1930. Philadelphia: Chelsea House, 1997.

To escape the constraints of persecution and poverty, over one million black southerners between 1910 and 1930 set out on a vast migration from the rural South to the cities of the North.

327.1  
CHE

Cheney, Glenn Alan. Nuclear Proliferation : The Problems and Possibilities. New York: Franklin Watts, 1999.

Discusses policies governing the spread of nuclear weapons along with potential problems and possible outcomes

349.73  
CIM

Ciment, James. Law and Order. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1995.

Discusses the law as it has developed in the United States and as it has pertained to individual liberty, economic growth, social change, and the frontier.

FIC  
CLE

Cleaver, Vera and Bill Cleaver. Where the Lilies Bloom. Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott Co.,1969.

In the Great Smoky Mountains region, a fourteen-year-old girl struggles to keep her family together after their father dies.

973.929  
COH

Cohen, Daniel. The Impeachment of William Jefferson Clinton. Brookfield, CT: Twenty-First Century Books, 2000.

Examines the events leading to the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, including the Whitewater investigation, the media coverage, the grand jury proceedings, impeachment by the Senate, and the legacy of this scandal.

355.8  
COH

Cohen, Daniel. The Manhattan Project. Brookfield, CT: Twenty-First Century Books, 1999.

Discusses the personalities and events involved in the research, development and detonation of the atomic bombs built by the United States in the 1940s.

331.409  
COL

Colman, Penny. Rosie the Riveter : Women Working on the Home Front in World War II. New York: Crown Publishers, 1995.

While men fought on the battle front to become the heroes of World War II, the women of America became the war's unsung heroes - filling the millions of civilian and defense positions that were created as the U.S. shifted to wartime production. This is the story of these working women, telling how they chose their jobs, how their husbands felt, and how their lives were changed.

070.4  
COL

Colman, Penny. Where the Action Was. New York: Crown Publishers, 2002.

Describes the work of women war correspondents who covered all theaters of World War II from its beginnings in the 1930s to the surrender of Germany and Japan in 1945.

FIC  
COO

Cooper, James Fenimore. The Last of the Mohicans. Chicago: Scott, Foresman and Company, 1950.

The tale of a Mohican brave's struggle to protect two English girls from an evil Huron.

B  
ROO

Cross, Robin. Roosevelt, and the Americans at War. New York: Gloucester Press, 1990.

Examines Franklin Roosevelt's military leadership and decisions that led to American victory in World War II and his worldwide popularity.

B  
SCOTT

Cummins, Julie. Tomboy of the Air: Daredevil Pilot Blanch Stuart Scott. New York: Harper Collins, 2001.

A celebration of an aviation pioneer whose spunky, courageous personality helped her successors' dreams take flight.

FIC  
CUR

Curtis, Christopher Paul. The Watsons Go To Birmingham - 1963. New York: Delacorte Press, 1995.

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

- B  
BOU Daffron, Carolyn. Margaret Bourke-White. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1988.
- A biography of the woman who became a staff photographer for Life magazine and served overseas as a correspondent during World War II and the Korean War.
- 338.09  
DAL Dale, Henry. The Industrial Revolution. New York: Oxford University Press, 1992.
- Examines the Industrial Revolution, discussing how developments in the harnessing of power and methods of transportation changed the way we work and play.
- B  
BAK Dallard, Shyrlee. Ella Baker: a Leader behind the Scenes. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Silver Burdett Press, 1990.
- Examines the life of the civil rights worker who organized for freedom and was a key figure in the formation of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.
- B  
MAC Darby, Jean. Douglas MacArthur. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications, 1989.
- A biography of the controversial military leader remembered for his defense of the Philippines during World War II, administration of occupied Japan after the war, and leadership of United Nations troops in the Korean conflict.
- 978.02  
DEA DeAngelis, Gina. The Wild West. Philadelphia, PA : Chelsea House Publishers, 1999.
- Profiles the lives of twenty-five notable figures of the Wild West, including Grizzly Adams, Billy the Kid, and Geronimo.
- FIC  
DENN Denenberg, Barry. The Journal of Ben Uchida: Citizen 13559 Mirror Lake Internment Camp. New York: Scholastic,1999.
- Twelve-year-old Ben Uchida keeps a journal of his experiences as a prisoner in a Japanese internment camp in Apple Valley, California, during World War II.
- B  
ROO Devaney, John. Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President. New York: Walker and Co., 1987.
- A biography of the thirty-second President who, in four consecutive terms of office, led the country through the Depression and World War II.

FIC  
DE Y

De Young, C. Coco. A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt. New York: Delecorte Press, 1999.

Eleven-year-old Margo fulfills a class assignment by writing a letter to Eleanor Roosevelt asking for help to save her family's home during the Great Depression.

920  
DOH

Doherty, Kiernan. Ranchers, Homesteaders, and Traders. Minneapolis: Oliver Press, 2001.

Examines the settlement of the south-central region of the United States through the lives of seven explorers and founders, including Daniel Boone in Kentucky, and Stephen Austin and Sam Houston in Texas.

951.904  
DLO

Dolan, Edward F. America in the Korean War. Brookfield, CT: The Millbrook Press, 1998.

Relates battle-by-battle, the escalating involvement of the United States and other nations in the Korean War.

973.0496  
DOR

Dornfeld, Margaret. The Turning Tide. New York: Chelsea House, 1995.

Explores the experience of African-Americans in the United States from 1948 through 1956, a time that encompassed the integration of the military and the beginnings of the Civil Rights movement.

FIC  
DURBIN

Durbin, William. The Journal of Sean Sullivan: A Transcontinental Railroad Worker. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1999.

In 1867, fifteen-year-old Sean experiences both hardships and rewards when he joins his father in working on the building of the Transcontinental Railroad.

B  
BLY

Ehrlich, Elizabeth. Nellie Bly. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1989.

Follows the life of the celebrated reporter, from her early days to her trip around the world and later triumphs.

978  
FAR

Farris, John. The Dust Bowl. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1989.

Discusses the disastrous drought in the United States during the 1930s which made a "dust bowl" out of a part of the Great Plains, causing great hardship to farmers.

- 973.92  
FIN Finkelstein, Norman H. The Way Things Never Were: The Truth about the "Good Old Days." New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 1999.
- A history of the United States during the 1950s and 1960s, including sections on health care, eating habits, family life, environmental issues, and the condition of the elderly.
- FIC  
FITZ Fitzgerald, F. Scott. The Great Gatsby. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1925.
- The timeless story of Jay Gatsby and his love for Daisy Buchanan is widely acknowledged to be the closest thing the Great American Novel ever written.
- 331.88  
FLA Flagler, John J. The Labor Movement in the United States. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications Co., 1990.
- Traces the history of organized labor in the United States and discusses its influence on the society.
- 821  
POE Foss, Michael, ed. Poetry of the World Wars. New York: Peter Bedrick Books, 1990.
- Poetry by various poets about World War I and II.
- B  
ZAH Freedman, Russell. Babe Didrikson Zaharias : The Making of a Champion. New York: Clarion Books, 1999.
- A biography of Babe Didrikson, who broke records in golf, track and field and other sports at a time when there were few opportunities for female athletes.
- B  
WELLS Ida B. Wells. Mother of the Civil Rights Movement. New York: Clarion Books, 2000
- An illustrated biography of nineteenth-century activist Ida B. Wells, focusing on her crusade against the practice of lynching, and discussing her role in the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the campaign for women's voting rights.
- B  
FRA Frank, Anne. The Diary of a Young Girl. New York: Garden City: Doubleday & Co., 1967.
- Traces the life of the Jewish girl who hid for two years in Nazi-occupied Holland and chronicled her day to day life in a diary which was discovered after her death in a German concentration camp.

- B  
HEA Frazier, Nancy. William Randolph Hearst: Press Baron. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Silver Burdett Press, 1989.
- A biography of well-known publisher of newspapers and magazines who developed a sensational journalistic style described by critics as "yellow journalism" and pioneered color comics, Sunday supplements, banner headlines, and editorial crusades.
- B  
ROO Freedman, Russell. Eleanor Roosevelt. New York: Clarion Books, 1993.
- A photo biography of the first wife of a president to have a public life and career of her own.
- 303.6  
FRI Fridell, Ron. Terrorism: Political Violence at Home and Abroad. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, Inc., 2001.
- This book defines terrorism, explores the motivation of terrorists, and explains how terrorist actions affect world politics.
- B  
PAR Friese, Kai. Rosa Parks, the Movement Organizes. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Silver Burdett Press, 1990.
- A biography of the Alabama black woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus helped establish the Civil Rights movement.
- B  
GARNER Garner, Eleanor Ramrath. Eleanor's Story: An American Girl in Hitler's Germany. Atlanta: Peachtree Publishers, 1999.
- The memoir of Eleanor Ramrath Garner's youth as an American caught in Germany during World War II.
- 322.1  
GAU Gaustad, Edwin S. Church and State in America. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998.
- Examines the different roles played by church and state in considerations of religion throughout the history of the United States, beginning with concerns of the original colonists through the current debate about religion in schools.
- FIC  
GIF Giff, Patricia Reilly. Lily's Crossing. New York: Delacorte Press, 1997.
- During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.

- B  
GET Glassman, Bruce. J. Paul Getty : Oil Billionaire. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Silver Burdett Press, 1989.
- Examines the life and career of the business tycoon and oilman who dominated one of the largest business empires ever built by a single man and died owning close to one billion dollars.
- 304.8  
GRA Granfield, Linda. 97 Orchard Street, New York: Stories of Immigrant Life. New York: Tundra Books, 2001.
- The story of four immigrant families, the Gumpertz, the Confinos, the Rogarshevskys, and the Baldizzis bring to the life the hardships and living conditions of the crowded tenements on New York's Lower East Side.
- FIC  
GRE Greene, Bette. Summer of My German Soldier. New York: Dell, 1973.
- Sheltering an escaped German prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a 12-year-old Jewish girl in Arkansas.
- 973  
GRE Green, Meg. Buttons, Bones, and the Organ-Grinder's Monkey. North Haven, CT: Linnet Books, 2001.
- Describes five archaeological excavations, examining the mysteries uncovered by historical archaeologists. Includes La Salle's ship "Belle," the Jamestown settlement, the battlefield of the Little Bighorn, Monticello's slave quarters, and the nineteenth-century New York City neighborhood of Five Points.
- FIC  
GROVE Grove, Vicki. The Starplace. New York: G.P. Putnam's, 1999.
- Thirteen-year-old Frannie learns hard lessons about prejudice and segregation when she becomes friends with a young black girl who moves into her small Oklahoma town in 1961.
- B  
MCK Halasa, Malu. Mary McLeod Bethune. Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House Publishers, 1989.
- Traces the life and achievements of the black educator who fought bigotry and racial injustice and sought equality for blacks in the areas of education and political rights.
- FIC  
HAN Hansen, Joyce. I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly : the Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl. New York: Scholastic, 1997.
- Twelve-year-old Patsy keeps a diary of the ripe but confusing time following the end of the Civil War and the granting of freedom to former slaves.

- B  
FRE Harris, Edward D. John Charles Fremont and the Great Western Reconnaissance. New York: Chelsea House, 1990.
- A biography of the nineteenth-century soldier, politician, and explorer whose many expeditions helped open up the western territories to settlers.
- PICT  
FIC  
Harvey. Harvey, Brett. Immigrant Girl: Becky of Eldridge Street. New York: Holiday House, 1986.
- Becky, whose family has emigrated from Russia to avoid being persecuted as Jews, finds growing up in New York City in 1910 a vivid and exciting experience.
- PICT  
FIC  
Harvey. Harvey, Brett. My Prairie Year: Based on the Diary of Eleanore Plaisted. New York: Holiday House, 1986.
- Nine-year-old Eleanore describes her experiences living with her family in the Dakota Territory in the late nineteenth century.
- PB  
HEM Hemingway, Ernest. A Farewell to Arms. New York: Scribner, 1995.
- The unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse.
- 323.1  
HEN Henry, Christopher E. Forever Free. New York: Chelsea House, 1995.
- Focuses on the African American experience between 1863 to 1875.
- 940.54  
HERSEY Hersey, John. Hiroshima. New York: Vintage Books, 1985.
- Describes what happened on August 6, 1945 when Hiroshima was destroyed after the United States dropped the atomic bomb.
- B  
MAR Hess, Debra. Thurgood Marshall: the Fight for Equal Justice. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Silver Burdett Press, 1990.
- Examines the life of the first black man to be appointed an associate justice for the United States Supreme Court.

FIC  
HES

Hess, Karen. Out of the Dust. New York: Scholastic, 1997.

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

FIC  
HES

Hesse, Karen. Witness. New York: Scholastic, 2001.

A series of poems express the views of various people in a small Vermont town, including a young black girl and a young Jewish girl, during the early 1920s when the Ku Klux Klan was trying to infiltrate the town.

973.92  
HOL

Holland, Gini. The 1960s. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1999.

This book discusses the political, historical, and cultural life of the United States in the 1960s, including the space race, civil rights, the Vietnam War, and the counterculture as reflected in music and the arts.

B  
HOU

Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki and James D. Houston. Farewell to Manzanar. New York: Bantam Books, 1973.

Biography of Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston relating her experiences of living at the Manzanar internment camp during World War II and how it has influenced her life.

973  
HUL

Hull, Mary. Struggle and Love 1972-1997. Philadelphia, Chelsea House, 1997.

Discusses the efforts of African Americans to achieve equality in education, employment, politics, and other areas, from the 1970s into the 1990s.

B  
POW

Jakoubek, Robert E. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. New York: Chelsea House, 1988.

Follows the life of the black politician who rose to great power in the House of Representatives during the post-Depression era and became an influential black leader.

FIC  
JIM

Jimenez, Francisco. Breaking Through. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001.

Having come from Mexico to California ten years ago, fourteen-year-old Francisco is still working in the fields but fighting to improve his life and complete his education.

FIC  
JIM

Jimenez, Francisco. Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2000.

Describes the life of a migrant family, moving from one labor camp to the next.

973.921  
KAL

Kallen, Stuart A. The 1950s. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1998.

This work discusses the political, economic, and cultural life of the United States in the 1950s.

973.921  
KAL

Kallen, Stuart A. The 1980s. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1999.

This book discusses the political, historical, and cultural life of the United States in the 1980s, including the end of communism, the Iran-Contra affair, and pop culture of the time.

973.92  
KAL

Kallen, Stuart A. The 1990s. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1999.

This book discusses the political, historical, and cultural life of the United States in the 1990s.

978  
KAL

Kalman, Bobbie. Homes of the West. New York: Crabtree Publishing Company, 1999.

This book discusses types of homes in western North America in the 19th century, their construction, and the settlers who live in them.

978  
KAL

Kalman, Bobbie. Who Settled the West? New York: Crabtree Publishing Company, 1999.

This book discusses the reasons people migrated west, the routes they took, the difficulties they faced, the different ethnic and cultural backgrounds of the settlers, and the building of homes and towns.

973.92  
KAT

Katz, William Loren. The Great Society to the Reagan Era, 1964-1990. Austin, TX: Raintree Steck-Vaughn Publishers, 1993.

Discusses the role of minorities and women in American history and society from 1964 to 1990.

B  
TWO

Kazimiroff, Theodore L. The Last Algonquin. New York: Dell Publishing Co., 1982.

The story of Joe Two Trees, the Algonquin Indian who in 1924 was still living in a still-wild corner of New York City.

- 324.7  
KOW Kowalski, Kathiann M. Campaign Politics : What's Fair? What's Foul? Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications, 2000.
- Examines the election process, both fair and unfair campaign practices, and prospects for reform.
- 305.8  
KAT Katz, William Loren. A History of Multicultural America: Minorities Today. Austin, TX: Raintree Steck-Vaughn Publishers 1993.
- Discusses the role of minorities and women in American history and society in this century's last decade, focusing on the experiences of Hispanic Americans, new European immigrants, Asian Americans, Native Americans, and others.
- 305.8  
KAT Katz, William Loren. A History of Multicultural America: The New Freedom to the New Deal 1913-1939. Austin, TX: Raintree Steck-Vaughn Publishers 1993.
- A multicultural history of the United States, from 1913 to 1939, focusing on the experiences of women and minorities.
- 305.8  
KAT Katz, William Loren. A History of Multicultural America: World War II to the New Frontier 1940-1963. Austin, TX Raintree Steck-Vaughn Publishers 1993.
- A multicultural history of the United States, from World War II through the 1960's March on Washington, discussing the experiences of minorities and women during this period.
- 305.42  
KER Kern, Kathi. Mrs. Stanton's Bible. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2001.
- Traces the impact of religious dissent on the suffrage movement at the turn of the century.
- FIC  
KER Kerr, M.E. Slap Your Sides. New York: Harper Collins, 2001.
- Life in their Pennsylvania hometown changes for Jubal Shoemaker and his Quaker family when his older brother becomes a conscientious objector during World War II.
- 323.4  
KIN King, Martin Luther, Jr. The Words of Martin Luther King. New York: Newmarket Press, 1983.
- Selections selected by Coretta Scott King.

- 305.895  
KIT Kitano, Harry H. L. The Japanese Americans. New York: Chelsea House, 1996.
- Examines the history and culture of Japanese Americans, and follows their achievements up to the present.
- 347.73  
KRA Kraft, Betsy Harvey. Sensational Trials of the Twentieth Century. New York: Scholastic Inc, 1998.
- Presents accounts of eight significant trials in the twentieth century, including the Scopes trial, Watergate, Brown v. Board of Education, and the Hinckley trial.
- 978  
L Lake, A. I. Women of the West. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Publications, 1990.
- Describes the work of the early women homesteaders and presents brief biographies of several women prominent in Western history, including Sacajawea, Annie Oakley, and Narcissa.
- FIC  
LAW Lawrence, Iain. Lord of the Nutcracker Men. New York: Delecorte Press, 2001.
- An English boy during World War I comes to believe that the battles he enacts with his toy soldiers control the war his father is fighting on the front.
- 388.00973  
LEU Leuzzi, Linda. The Industrial Revolution. New York: Oxford University Press, 1992.
- Examines the Industrial Revolution, discussing how developments in the harnessing of power and methods of transportation changed the way we work and play.
- 388  
LEU Leuzzi, Linda. Transportation. New York: Chelsea House, 1995.
- Tells all about the early years of various forms of transportation, showing how people got around during the last half of the 19th century.
- FIC  
LOW Lowry, Lois. Autumn Street. New York: Dell, 1980.
- When her father goes to fight in World War II, Elizabeth goes with her mother and sister to her grandfather's house where she learns to face up to the always puzzling and often cruel realities of the adult world.
- FIC  
LOW Lowry, Lois. Number the Stars. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1989.
- In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.

- B  
MAC Mace, Nancy, with Mary Jane Ross. In the Company of Men: A Woman at the Citadel. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2001.
- Mace, the first female to graduate from the Citadel, tells what it was like to be a woman attending this South Carolina military college.
- B  
OAK Macy, Sue. Bull's-Eye : a Photobiography of Annie Oakley. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 2001.
- A photographic biography of Annie Oakley discussing her early life, her prowess with a gun, her stint with Buffalo Bill's Wild West show, and her enduring image in movies, books, television shows, and plays.
- B  
ROO Markham, Lois. Theodore Roosevelt. North Bellmore, NY: Marshall Cavendish Corp.1991.
- A biography of the twenty-sixth President of the United States.
- B  
SIT Marrin, Albert. Tatan'ka Iyota'ke : Sitting Bull and His World. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2000.
- Discusses the life of the Hunkpapa chief who is remembered for his defeat of General Custer at Little Big Horn.
- FIC  
MATCH Matcheck, Diane. The Sacrifice. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 1998.
- When her father's death leaves her orphaned and an outcast among her Apsaalooka (Crow) people, a fifteen-year-old sets out to avenge his death and prove that she, not her dead twin brother, is destined to be the Great One.
- 940.54  
MCN McNeese, Tim. The Attack on Pearl Harbor. Greensboro, NC: Morgan Reynolds, 2002.
- Traces events leading up to and resulting from the December 7, 1941, Japanese attack on American battleships at Pearl Harbor, which brought the U.S. into the Second World War.
- 309.173  
MEL Meltzer, Milton. Brother, Can You Spare a Dime? The Great Depression, 1929-1933. New York: Random House, 1973.
- Provides vivid glimpses of the people who became victims of the Depression.

FIC  
MILES

Miles, Miska. Annie and the Old One. Boston: Joy Street Books, 1971.

A Navajo girl unravels a day's weaving on a rug whose completion, she believes, will mean the death of her grandmother.

B  
EDI

Mitchell, Barbara. The Wizard of Sound : A Story about Thomas Edison. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1991.

Chronicles the life and contributions of the inventor, from his sickly childhood to the creation of his own favorite invention, the phonograph.

PICT  
FIC  
MIT

Mitchell, Margaree King. Granddaddy's Gift. Mahwah, NJ: BridgeWater Paperbacks, 1998.

When her grandfather registers to vote while living in segregated Mississippi, an Afro-American girl begins to understand why he insists that she attend school.

920  
MON

Monceaux, Morgan. My Heroes, My People: African Americans and Native Americans in the West. New York: Frances Foster Books, 1999.

Presents brief portraits of an assortment of African Americans, native peoples, and men and women of mixed heritage who played roles in the history of the American West.

973.917  
MOR

Morris, Jeffrey Brandon. The FDR Way. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Company, 1996.

Discusses the life and presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with an emphasis on the important decisions he made in that office regarding the American banking system, Social Security, the Supreme Court, World War II, and the United Nations, among others.

973.927  
MOR

Morris, Jeffrey. The Reagan Way. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Company, 1996.

Examines decisions made by Ronald Reagan during his presidency, including the arms reduction agreements with the former Soviet Union and selling arms for hostages.

- 973.918  
MOR Morris, Jeffrey. The Truman Way. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Company, 1995.
- Examines the tremendous obstacles facing Harry S. Truman as he became president at the end of World War II, including dropping the atomic bomb on Japan, and his decisions concerning the rise of Communism.
- 978  
MUR Murdoch, David Hamilton. Cowboy. New York: Knopf, 1993.
- Text and photographs trace the history and lore of cowboys.
- 977.3  
MUR Murphy, Jim. The Great Fire. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1995.
- Derived from written accounts of survivors, this book recreates the thirty-one hours that the Chicago fire took place in October, 1871.
- FIC  
MYERS Myers, Walter Dean. The Journal of Joshua Loper: a Black Cowboy. New York: Scholastic, 1999.
- In 1871, Joshua Loper, a sixteen-year-old black cowboy, records in his journal his experiences while making his first cattle drive under an unsympathetic trail boss.
- FIC  
MYERS Myers, Walter Dean. The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins: a World War II Soldier. New York: Scholastic, 1999.
- A seventeen-year-old soldier from central Virginia records his experiences in a journal as his regiment takes part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and subsequent battles to liberate France.
- FIC  
NA Na, An. A Step from Heaven. Asheville, North Carolina: Front Street, 2001.
- A young Korean girl and her family find it difficult to learn English and adjust to life in America.
- FIC  
NELSON Nelson, Theresa. And One for All. New York: Orchard Books, 1989.
- Geraldine's close relationship with her older brother Wing and his friend Sam changes when Wing joins the Marines and Sam leaves for Washington to join a peace march.

- FIC  
NIXON Nixon, Joan Lowery. Land of Hope. New York: Bantam Books, 1992.
- Rebekah, a fifteen-year-old Jewish immigrant arriving in New York City in 1902, almost abandons her dream of getting an education when she is forced to work in a sweatshop.
- 323.1  
NG Ng, Franklin. Chinese American Struggle for Equality. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Corp., 1992.
- Identifies discrimination and discusses how Chinese-Americans have struggled for their civil rights.
- 973.8  
NOB Nobleman, Marc Tyler. Battle of the Little Big Horn. Minneapolis, MN: Compass Point Books, 2002.
- Text and illustrations survey the Battle of the Little Bighorn, explaining its causes, describing Custer's battle plan, relating its outcomes for Custer's soldiers and for the Sioux Native Americans, and providing a glossary, lists of important dates and people, and selected further resources.
- 973  
OHA O'Hara, Megan. Irish Immigrants. Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2002.
- Discusses the reasons Irish people left their homeland to come to America, the experiences immigrants had in the new country, and the contributions this cultural group made to American society. Includes side bars and activities.
- 973  
OLS Olson, Kay Melchisedech. Norwegian, Swedish, and Danish Immigrants. Mankato, MN: Blue Earth Books, 2002.
- Discusses reasons Scandinavian people left their homeland to come to America, the experiences immigrants had in the new country, and the contributions this cultural group made to American society. Includes sidebars and activities.
- FIC  
ORL Orlev, Uri. The Island on Bird Street. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1984.
- During World War II, a Jewish boy is left on his own for months in a ruined house in the Warsaw Ghetto, where he must learn all the tricks of survival under constantly life-threatening conditions.
- FIC  
ORW Orwell, George. Animal Farm. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1945.
- An account of the transformation of Manor Farm into Animal Farm, and of the brave struggle on the part of the animals to create a wholly democratic society built on the credo that "All Animals Are Created Equal."

- B  
PARKS Parks, Rosa. My Story. New York: Dial Books, 1992.
- Rosa Park's life story reveals the deliberate choices she made that earned her the title "Mother to a Movement."
- FIC  
PASTORE Pastore, Clare. Fiona McGilray's Story : A Voyage from Ireland in 1849. New York: Berkley Jam Books, 2001.
- During the time of the Irish Potato Famine, Fiona McGilray leaves Ireland and settles in Boston.
- FIC  
PAT Paterson, Katherine. Park's Quest. New York, NY: Puffin Books, 1989
- Eleven-year-old Park makes some startling discoveries when he travels to his grandfather's farm in Virginia to learn about his father who died in the Vietnam War.
- FIC  
PEC Peck, Richard. Fair Weather. New York: Dial Books, 2001.
- In 1893, thirteen-year-old Rosie and members of her family travel from their Illinois farm to Chicago to visit Aunt Euterpe and attend the World's Columbian Exposition, which, along with an encounter with Buffalo Bill and Lillian Russell, turns out to be a life-changing experience for everyone.
- B  
COL Plantz, Connie. Bessie Colman. Berkeley Heights: Enslow Publishers, Inc., 2001.
- Chronicles the life of Bessie Coleman, the early-twentieth-century African-American woman who became the world's first Black woman pilot, presenting photos of the remarkable woman and describing her efforts to increase opportunities for her race.
- PICT  
FIC  
POL Polacco, Patricia. The Butterfly. New York: Philomel Books, 2000.
- During the Nazi occupation of France, Monique's mother hides a Jewish family in her basement and tries to help them escape to freedom.
- PICT  
FIC  
POL Polacco, Patricia. The Keeping Quilt. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1988.
- A homemade quilt ties together the lives of four generations of an immigrant Jewish family, remaining a symbol of their enduring love and faith.

- 323.199  
POW Powledge, Fred. We Shall Overcome: Heroes of the Civil Rights Movement. New York: Scribner, 1993.
- Examines the system of segregation that existed in the United States until the mid-twentieth century and discusses the Civil Rights Movement that changed this system.
- 973.91  
PRE Press, Petra. The 1930s. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1999.
- This book discusses the political, economic, and cultural life of the United States in the troubled 1930s.
- 978  
PRE Press, Petra. A Multicultural Portrait of the Move West. North Bellmore, NY: Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 1994.
- Describes the history of westward expansion from the viewpoint of minorities and women.
- 973  
QUE Querry, Ronald B. Native American Struggle for Equality. Vero Beach, FL. : Rourke Corp., 1992.
- Discusses the effect discrimination has had and continues to have upon Native American peoples.
- B  
KING Rappaport, Doreen. Martin's Big Words : the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. New York: Jump at the Sun/Hyperion Books for Children, 2001.
- Looks at the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, explaining his work to bring about a peaceful end to segregation.
- PICT  
FIC  
RAY Ray, Deborah Koogan. My Daddy Was a Soldier : A World War II Story. New York: Holiday House, 1990.
- While Daddy's away fighting in the Pacific, Jeannie plants a Victory garden, collects scrap, and sends letters to her father as she anxiously awaits his return.
- 304.8  
REI Reimers, David M. Land of Immigrants. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1996.
- Looks at the immigrant experience in America, from the Native Americans to the Pilgrims, to the Irish and German influx in the 19th century, to the present day "melting pot" that is called America.

940.53  
REI

Reiss, Johanna. The Upstairs Room. New York: Harper& Row, 1972.

A Dutch Jewish girl describes the two-and-one-half years she spent in hiding in the upstairs bedroom of a farmer's house during World War II.

FIC  
REM

Remarque, Erich Maria. All Quiet on the Western Front. Boston: Little Brown and Company, 1958.

Paul Bäumer is just 19 years old when he and his classmates enlist. They are Germany's Iron Youth who enter the war with high ideals and leave it disillusioned or dead. Paul watches his Second Company --150 men strong-- reduced in a single battle to 32 weary survivors.

305.891  
RIE

Riehecky, Janet. Irish Americans. North Bellmore, NY: Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 1995.

The story of how Irish Americans overcame poverty and prejudice in America.

RIT

Ritchie, David. Frontier Life. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1996.

Discusses changes that occurred in frontier and pioneer life in the American West during the last half of the nineteenth century.

FIC  
ROB

Robinet, Harriette. Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2000.

Twelve-year-old Alfa Merryfield, his older sister, and their grandmother struggle for rent money, food, and their dignity as they participate in the Montgomery, Alabama bus boycott in the summer of 1956.

PICT  
FIC  
SAY

Say, Allen. Grandfather's Journey. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1993.

A Japanese-American man recounts his grandfather's journey to America, which he later also undertakes, and the feelings of being torn by a love for two different countries.

305.4  
SCH

Schneider, Dorothy and Carl J. Dchneider. American Women in the Progressive Era, 1900-1920. New York: Facts On File, Inc., 1993.

Radical changes took place during this time period including the temperance movement, muckraking journalism, and the passage of the 19th amendment, giving American women the right to vote.

- FIC  
SCH Schultz, Jan Newbert. Horse Sense. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, Inc., 2001.
- When his beloved mare is stolen by the James gang after an attempted bank robbery in the nearby town of Northfield, Will joins the posse looking for the outlaws.
- B  
REA Schwartzberg, Renee. Ronald Reagan. New York: Chelsea House, 1991.
- A biography of the first movie star president, with photos, captions, and quotes.
- B  
COC Schwarz, Melissa. Cochise: Apache Chief. New York: Chelsea House, 1992.
- Examines the life and career of the noted Apache warrior chief.
- B  
ROO Steffoff, Rebecca. Theodore Roosevelt : 26th President of the United States. Ada, OK: Garrett Educational Corp., 1989.
- Describes the childhood, education, employment, and political career of the energetic man who served as the twenty-sixth president of the United States.
- 325  
SIE Siegel, Beatrice. Sam Ellis's Island. New York: Four Winds Press, 1985.
- An illustrated history of the tiny island which at one time was the gateway to the United States for millions of immigrants.
- FIC  
STE Steinbeck, John. The Grapes of Wrath. New York: Viking, 1936.
- The story of the Joad family, "Okies" who travel from the Dust Bowl of the American Southwest to California in search of a better life.
- 344.73  
STE Stevens, Leonard A. The Case of Roe v. Wade. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1996.
- Examines the people, events, and legal questions connected to the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.
- 973.924  
STE Stewart, Gail B. The 1970s. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1999.
- This book discusses the political, economic, and cultural life of the United States in the 1970s, including Vietnam, race relations, feminism, the environment, fashion, music, television, and film.

940.54  
SUL

Sullivan, George. The Day Pearl Harbor Was Bombed: A Photo History of World War II. New York: Scholastic, 1991.

Discusses the buildup of the Japanese military and relations between nations prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor, which drew the United States into World War II.

940.54  
TAN

Tanaka, Shelly. Attack on Pearl Harbor: The True Story of the Day America Entered World War II. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2001.

Attack on Pearl Harbor : The true story of the day America entered World War II; text by Shelley Tanaka ; paintings by David Craig ; maps by Jack McMaster historical consultation by John Lundstrom.

FIC  
TAY

Taylor, Mildred D. The Land. New York: Phyllis Fogelman, 2001.

Paul-Edward, the son of a part-Indian, part-African slave mother and a white plantation owner father, finds himself caught between the two worlds of his parents as he pursues his dream of owning land in the aftermath of the Civil War.

FIC  
TAY

Taylor, Mildred D. Mississippi Bridge. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1990.

During a heavy rainstorm in 1930s rural Mississippi, a ten-year-old white boy sees a bus driver order all the black passengers off a crowded bus to make room for late-arriving white passengers and then set off across the raging Rosa Lee River.

FIC  
TAY

Taylor, Mildred D. The Road to Memphis. New York: Dial Books, 1990.

Sadistically teased by three white boys in the 1940s rural Mississippi, a black youth severely injures one of the boys with a tire iron and enlists Cassie's help in trying to flee the state.

FIC  
TAY

Taylor, Mildred D. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry. New York: Dial Books, 1976.

A black family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

FIC  
TAY

Taylor, Mildred D. The Well: David's Story. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1995.

In Mississippi in the early 1900s, ten-year-old David Logan's family generously shares their well water with both white and black neighbors in an atmosphere of potential racial violence.

FIC  
TRIPP

Tripp, Valerie. Molly Learns a Lesson: a School Story. Madison, WI: Pleasant, 1986.

During World War II, nine-year-old Molly and her friends work on projects to aid the war effort.

FIC  
TUN

Tunnell, Michael O. Brothers in Valor: A Story of Resistance. New York: Holiday House, 2001.

Three German teenagers who are members of the Mormon Church join forces to create a youth resistance movement during World War II, putting their lives at risk.

FIC  
TUR

Turner, Ann. The Girl Who Chased away Sorrow: The Diary of Sarah Nita, a Navajo Girl. New York: Scholastic Inc, 1999.

Sarah Nita describes what happened during the Navajo's "Long Walk" to Fort Sumner in 1864.

FIC  
TUR

Turner, Ann. Grasshopper Summer. New York: Macmillan, 1989.

In 1874 eleven-year-old Sam and his family move from Kentucky to the southern Dakota Territory, where harsh conditions and a plague of hungry grasshoppers threaten their chances for survival.

FIC  
TUR

Turner, Ann Warren. Third Girl from the Left. New York: Macmillan, 1986.

Itching to do something different, eighteen-year-old Sarah leaves Maine for the harsh Montana environment as a mail-order bride, and is soon left a widow with a 2000-acre ranch to run.

B  
UCH

Uchida, Yoshiko. The Invisible Thread. New York: Beech Tree Paperback Book, 1991.

Children's author Uchida, who grew up in California as a second-generation Japanese American, describes her childhood and her family's internment in a Nevada concentration camp during World War II.

973.91  
USC

Uschan, Michael V. The 1910s. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1999.

This book describes aspects of the political, economic, and cultural life of the United States between 1910 and 1919 including the Progressive Movement, World War I, and the silent film.

973.91  
USC

Uschan, Michael V. The 1940s. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1998.

This book discusses the political, economic, and cultural life of the United States in the 1940s.

920  
USC

Uschan, Michael V. The Kennedys. San Diego: Lucent Books, 2002.

Presents an introduction to the Kennedy family, looking specifically at the lives of patriarch Joseph Kennedy; his sons, John, Robert, and Edward; John's wife, Jackie; and their son, John F. Kennedy Jr.

FIC  
WAR

Warner, Sally. Finding Hattie. New York: HarperCollins, 2001.

In 1882 Hattie, a fourteen-year-old orphan, joins her cousin Sophie in attending boarding school at Miss Bulkley's Seminary for Young Ladies in Tarrytown, New York, and tries to find her place in the world.

920  
WAR

Warren, Andrea. We Rode the Orphan Trains. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001.

Examines the history of the Children's Aid Society, the organization that sponsored the orphan train program through which an estimated 200,000 orphans found homes in the years between 1854 and 1929, and presents the stories of nine participants in the program.

B  
ROO

Weidt, Maryann N. Stateswoman to the World : a Story about Eleanor Roosevelt. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1991.

A biography of the First Lady, focusing on her fight for the rights of women, Blacks, and the poor, and her role as a peace advocate and delegate to the United Nations.

331.4  
WEI

Weiss, Ann E. The Glass Ceiling : A Look at Women in the Workforce. Brookfield, CT: Twenty-First Century Books, 1999.

Considers women in the work force throughout history and the development of a "glass ceiling" that keeps them from rising to high levels in many corporations.

973  
WEI

Weisbrot, Robert. Marching toward Freedom. New York: Chelsea House, 1994.

Photographs and text chronicle the struggle of African-Americans to gain their civil rights between 1957 and 1965, highlighting the key people and events of that time.

973.91  
WOO

Woog, Adam. The 1900s. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1999.

This book discusses the political, economic, and cultural life of the United States in the first decade of the twentieth century.

305.8  
WOR

Wormser, Richard. The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow : The African-American Struggle against Discrimination, 1865-1954. New York: Franklin Watts, 1999.

Discusses the laws and practices that supported discrimination against African Americans from Reconstruction to the Supreme Court decision that found segregation to be illegal.

305.8  
WRI

Wright, David K. A Multicultural Portrait of Life in the Cities. North Bellmore, NY: Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 1994.

Discusses the history of such cities as New York, San Francisco, Detroit, and Miami.

355  
WOR

Worth, Richard. Women in Combat : The Battle for Equality. Springfield, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 1999.

Discusses women's changing role in the military and examines the issues related to whether or not women should be allowed to serve in combat.

810.9  
YEP

Yep, Laurence. American Dragons. New York,: Harper Collins, 1993.

Includes short stories, poems, and excerpts from plays that relate what it is like growing up Asian American.

FIC  
YEP

Yep, Laurence. The Journal of Won Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner. New York: Scholastic, 2000.

A young Chinese boy nicknamed Runt records his experiences in a journal as he travels from southern China to California in 1852 to join his uncle during the Gold Rush.