

# Social Studies

## Sixth Grade Suggested Readings

- 895.6  
A Atwood, Ann. Haiku-Vision in Poetry and Photography. New York: Scribner, 1977.
- A collection of the author's haiku accompanies text and color photographs which explore the application of Japanese art and poetry to photography.
- 573.3  
AFR Africa and the Origin of Humans. Milwaukee: Raintree, 1989.
- Surveys the early history of Africa, from the origin of humanity, through the blossoming of the continent, to the conquest of Africa by Rome.
- PICT  
394.1  
ALI Aliko. A Medieval Feast. New York: Crowell, 1983.
- Describes the preparation for and celebration of a medieval feast held at an English manor house entertaining royal guests.
- 954  
ARO Arora Lal, Sunandini. India. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 1999.
- This book gives an introduction to the geography, history, economy, culture, and people of the second most populous country in the world, India.
- PB  
BARRETTt Barrett, Tracy. Anna of Byzantium. New York: Dell, 2000.
- In the eleventh century the teenage princess Anna Comnena fights for her birthright, the throne to the Byzantine Empire, which she fears will be taken from her by her younger brother John because he is a boy.
- B  
CEASAR Barter, James. Julius Caesar and Ancient Rome in World History. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow, 2001.
- A biography of Julius Caesar, emphasizing how he helped bring about the end of the Roman Republic and the rise of the Roman Empire.

- B  
BAT Battuta, Ibn. Traveling Man. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2001.
- A pictorial account of the traveler and pilgrim Ibn Battuta in the fourteenth century, following him from Morocco to Jerusalem to Mecca and to the edges of the known world.
- 940.1  
BER Bergin, Mark. Castle. Danbury, CT: Franklin Watts, 1999.
- Discusses the history of castles, their purpose and uses, and the role in society held by them and their inhabitants.
- 937  
B Biel, Timothy. Pompeii. San Diego, CA: Lucent Books, 1989.
- Describes the destruction of the city of Pompeii during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in A.D. 79, and how its rediscovery nearly 1700 years later provided information about life in the Roman Empire.
- 912  
BRA Bramwell, Martyn. Maps in Everyday Life. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Co., 1998.
- Describes many different kinds of maps used in daily life including weather, road, and street maps, as well as those showing specialized information and even mall directories.
- 950  
BRA Bramwell, Martyn. Northern and Eastern Asia. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Co., 2000.
- Profiles twenty-five countries in southern and eastern Asia, describing the geography, climate, economy, industries, and agriculture of each, and providing color photos and maps.
- 950  
BRA Bramwell, Martyn. Northern and Western Asia. Minneapolis: Lerner Publications Co., 2000.
- Profiles twenty-four countries in northern and western Asia, describing the geography, climate, economy, industries, and agriculture of each, and providing color photos and maps.
- FIC  
BRA Branford, Henrietta. Fire, Bed, & Bone. Cambridge, MA : Candlewick Press, 1998.
- In 1381 in England, a hunting dog recounts what happens to his beloved master Rufus and his family when they are arrested on suspicion of being part of the peasants' rebellion led by Wat Tyler and the preacher John Ball.

- B  
ANA Brewster, Hugh. Anastasia's Album. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 1996.
- The last Russian tsar's youngest daughter tells her own story.
- PICT  
FIC  
BUN Bunting, Eve. I am the Mummy Heb-Nefert . San Diego: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1997.
- A mummy recalls her past life in ancient Egypt as the beautiful wife of the Pharaoh's brother.
- 573.3  
ICE Caselli, Giovanni. The Everyday Life of an Ice Age Hunter. New York: Peter Bedrick Books, 1992.
- Reconstructs the seasonal activities and daily life of an Ice Age tribe in Europe over 15,000 years ago.
- 355  
CAS Caselli, Giovanni. A Roman Soldier. New York: Harper & Row, 1986.
- Presents the story of a young auxiliary soldier at a fortress on Hadrian's Wall, depicting life in the Roman Army in the third century A.D.
- FIC  
CHE Cheetham, Ann. The Pit. New York: Henry Holt, 1990.
- Oliver, a contemporary London boy, finds himself, through a series of strange events, thrown back in time to the middle of the plague epidemic raging through London in the mid-seventeenth century.
- 297.09  
CHI Child, John. The Rise of Islam. New York : Peter Bedrick Books, 1993.
- Text and color illustrations examine the history of the Muslim religion, including its origin and its spread among Arabs and other peoples.
- FIC  
CHOI Choi, Sook Nyul. Echoes of the White Giraffe. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1993.
- Fifteen-year-old Sookan adjusts to life in the refugee village in Pusan, Korea, but continues to hope that the civil war will end and her family will be reunited in Seoul.
- 940.1  
CLA Clare, John D., ed. Classical Rome. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1993.
- Share in the struggles and triumphs of life in classical Rome.

- 940.1  
KNI Clare, John D., ed. Knights in Armor. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1992.  
An overview of the lifestyle and changing role of the knight during the Middle Ages.
- 932  
CLA Clare, John D., ed. Pyramids of Ancient Egypt. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1992.  
Describes daily life in ancient Egypt during the time of the Pharaoh Chephren, including clothing, makeup, home life, religious practices, burial rituals, and the construction and role of the pyramids.
- 299  
COL Collier, Irene Dea. Chinese Mythology. Berkeley Heights, NJ : Enslow, 2001.  
Presents ten traditional Chinese myths, each accompanied by questions and answers and expert commentary; also includes a glossary and a list of related books and Web sites.
- FIC  
CONRAD Conrad, Pam. My Daniel. New York: Harper & Row, 1989.  
Ellie and Stevie learn about a family legacy when their grandmother tells them stories of her brother's historical quest for dinosaur bones on their Nebraska farm.
- 909  
COL Collard, Sneed B. 1,000 Years Ago on Planet Earth. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1999.  
Describes events and cultural developments all over the world 1,000 years ago, including the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia.
- FIC  
COO Cooney, Caroline B. For All Time. New York: Delecorte Press, 2001.  
Annie, a teenager in 1999, tries to travel back in time to join her lost love Strat in Egypt in 1899, but instead she ends up in ancient Egypt and in great danger.
- 909  
COR Corbishley, Mike. The Medieval World. New York: Peter Bedrick, 1992.  
Surveys the known world between 450 and 1500. Discusses Buddhism, Islam, Vikings, the Crusades, plague, medieval towns, and more.
- FIC  
CREW Crew, Linda. Children of the River. New York: Delecorte Press, 1989.  
Having fled Cambodia four years earlier to escape the Khmer Rouge army, seventeen-year-old Sundara is torn between remaining faithful to her own people and enjoying life in her Oregon high school as a "regular" American.

FIC  
CUS

Cushman, Karen. Catherine Called Birdy. New York: Harper Trophy, 1995.

Catherine's diary describes her life as a young girl during the Middle Ages whose mother wants her to be a "fine lady," and whose father wants to marry her off to a rich man.

FIC  
CUS

Cushman, Karen. Matilda Bone. New York: Houghton Mifflin, 2000.

Fourteen-year-old Matilda, an apprentice bone setter and practitioner of medicine in a village in medieval England, tries to reconcile the various aspects of her life, both spiritual and practical.

FIC  
CUS

Cushman, Karen. The Midwife's Apprentice. New York: Clarion Books, 1995.

In medieval England, a nameless, homeless girl is taken in by a sharp-tempered midwife, and in spite of obstacles and hardship, eventually gains the three things she wants most: a full belly, a contented heart, and a place in this world.

394.1  
DAW

Dawson, Imogen. Food & Feasts in the Middle Ages. New York: New Discovery Books, 1994.

A social history of the Medieval period, explaining why certain foods were eaten and how they were eaten, and what events brought about special celebrations and feasts.

614.5  
D

Day, James. The Black Death. New York: Bookwright Press, 1989.

Examines the origins, spread, and effects of the bubonic plague in fourteenth-century England and Europe, as well as the later discovery of its cause and cure.

930  
DEA

De Angelis, Therese. Wonders of the Ancient World. Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House Publishers, 1999.

In text and photographs, describes twenty-five ancient architectural wonders, including the Great Wall of China, the Kukulcan Pyramid in Mexico, and the Avenue of Lions in Greece.

FIC  
DEJ

De Jong, Meindert. The House of Sixty Fathers. New York: Harper, 1956.

Alone in a sampan with his pig and three ducklings, a little Chinese boy is whirled down a raging river, back to the town from which he and his parents had escaped the invading Japanese, and spends long and frightening days regaining his family and new home.

- B  
DAL Demi. The Dalai Lama. New York: Henry Holt, 1998.  
A biography of the Tibetan spiritual and political leader.
- 967.62  
DER Derr, Victoria. Kenya. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens Pub., 1999.  
This book provides an overview of the African nation of Kenya that includes information on its geography, history, government, lifestyles, language, customs, and current issues.
- FIC  
DEX Dexter, Catherine. The Gilded Cat. New York: Morrow Junior Books, 1992.  
Twelve-year-old Maggie buys a mummified cat at a yard sale and is drawn into a frightening world of ancient Egyptian magic.
- 930.12  
EAR Early Humans. New York: Dorling Kindersley, 1989.  
Text and photographs present a description of early humans: their origins; their tools and weapons; how they hunted and foraged for food; and the role of family life, money, religion, and magic.
- 292  
E Espeland, Pamela. The Story of Arachne. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1980.  
Because she boasts that she weaves better than anyone, Arachne is turned into a spider, in this Greek myth.
- 292  
E Espeland, Pamela. The Story of Baucis and Philemon. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1981.  
An old, impoverished couple are the only ones in Phrygia to take pity on two tired, hungry travelers who turn out to be Jupiter and Mercury in disguise, in this Greek myth.
- 292  
E Espeland, Pamela. The Story of King Midas. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1980.  
Because he speaks without thinking, King Midas is plagued with a golden touch and the ears of an ass, in this Greek myth.
- 292  
E Espeland, Pamela. The Story of Pygmalion. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1981.  
Pygmalion, a sculptor, falls in love with one of his statues and prays to Venus for help, in this Greek myth.

292

E Espeland, Pamela. Theseus and the Road to Athens. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1981.

When the time comes for him to join his father, King Aegeus, in Athens, Theseus decides to walk in order to test his courage in this Greek myth.

FIC  
FAR

Farmer, Nancy. A Girl Named Disaster. New York: Orchard Press, 1996.

While journeying to Zimbabwe, eleven-year-old Nhamo struggles to escape drowning and starvation and in so doing comes close to the luminous world of the African spirits.

956.94

FIS Fisher, Frederick. Israel. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens Pub., 2000.

This book provides an overview of the country of Israel, its geography, history, government, people, culture, and social issues.

398.21

FIS Fisher, Leonard Everett. Cyclops. New York: Holiday House, 1991.

Describes the encounter between the Cyclops Polyphemus and Odysseus and his men after the end of the Trojan War.

398.21

FIS Fisher, Leonard Everett. Jason and the Golden Fleece. New York: Holiday House, 1990.

Jason and his crew of Argonauts set sail on his ship the Argo in search of the golden fleece in this famous ancient Greek myth.

398.2

FIS Fisher, Leonard Everett. Theseus and the Minotaur : a Greek Myth. New York: Holiday House, 1988.

Retells the Greek myth of the hero Theseus and his battle with the bull-headed monster called the Minotaur.

FIC  
FLE

Fletcher, Susan. Shadow Spinner. New York: Atheneum, 1998.

When Marjan, a thirteen-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in ancient Persia, she gathers for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen's life.

909

WOR Fritz, Jean. The World in 1492. New York: H. Holt, 1992.

Introduces the history, customs, beliefs, and accomplishments of people living in Europe, Asia, Africa, Polynesia, and the Americas during the fifteenth century.

- 931  
GAN Ganeri, Anita. Legacies From Ancient China. Mankato, MN: Thameside Press,1999.  
Text and photographs provide insight into the lasting influence of ancient China culture on the modern world.
- 932  
GAN Ganeri, Anita. Legacies From Ancient Egypt. Mankato, MN: Thameside Press,1999.  
Text and photographs provide insight into the lasting influence of ancient Egypt's culture on the modern world.
- 938  
GAN Ganeri, Anita. Legacies from Ancient Greece. Mankato, MN: Thameside Press,1999.  
Text and photographs provide insight into the lasting influence of ancient Greek culture on the modern world.
- 937  
GAN Ganeri, Anita. Legacies from Ancient Rome. Mankato, MN: Thameside Press,1999.  
Text and photographs provide insight into the lasting influence of ancient Rome culture on the modern world.
- FIC  
GAR Garland, Sherry. Song of the Buffalo Boy. San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1992.  
Shunned and mistreated because of her mixed heritage and determined to avoid an arranged marriage, seventeen-year-old Loi runs away to Ho Chi Minh City with the hope that she and the boy she loves will be able to go to the United States to find her American father.
- 909.097  
GEO George, Linda S. The Golden Age of Islam. Tarrytown, NY : Benchmark Books, 1998.  
Covers the civilization of the Islamic Empire from the last years of the eighth century to the thirteenth century.
- 493  
G Giblin, James. The Riddle of the Rosetta Stone : Key to Ancient Egypt. New York: Crowell, 1990.  
Describes how the discovery and deciphering of the Rosetta Stone unlocked the secret of Egyptian hieroglyphics.

951  
GOH

Goh, Sui Noi. China. Milwaukee, WI: Gareth Stevens Pub., 1998.

This book surveys the history, culture, traditions, people, and foreign relations of the "land of the dragon," where a fifth of humanity lives.

FIC  
GOO

Goodman, Joan E. The Winter Hare. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1996.

In 1140, with England divided between the supporters of King Stephen and those of the Empress Matilda, twelve-year-old Will Belet, small for his age but longing to be a knight, comes to his Uncle's castle to be a page and soon finds himself involved in dangerous intrigues and adventures.

FIC  
GRA

Graham, Harriet. A Boy and His Bear. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 1996.

Dickon rescues his bear cub friend from certain death at the hands of bear catchers in Medieval England. Told in part from the point of view of the cub.

940.1  
GRA

Gravet, Christopher. Knight. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1993.

Discusses the age of knighthood, covering such aspects such as arms, armor, training, ceremonies, tournaments, the code of chivalry, and the Crusades.

FIC  
GRAY

Gray, Elizabeth Janet. Adam of the Road. New York: Puffin Books, 1987.

The adventures of eleven-year-old Adam as he travels the open roads of thirteenth-century England searching for his missing father, a minstrel, and his stolen red spaniel, Nick.

FIC  
HAD

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. Just Ella. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1999.

In this continuation of the Cinderella story, fifteen-year-old Ella finds that accepting Prince Charming's proposal ensnares her in a suffocating tangle of palace rules and royal etiquette, so she plots to escape.

940.1  
HAR

Harris, Nicholas. Castle. New York: Barron's, 2001.

Learn the story of a castle as you travel through time.

- 932  
HAS Haslam, Andrew and Alexandra Parsons. Ancient Egypt. New York: Thomson Learning, 1995.
- Describes the lives and culture of ancient Egyptians. Includes projects such as making clothes, model homes, and art work.
- 390.0952  
HAS Haslam, Andrew and Clare Doran. Old Japan. New York: Thomson Learning, 1995.
- Discusses how the Japanese, throughout history, developed a way of life that sustained them both physically and spiritually. Includes projects such as making a kimono, paper, and sushi.
- PICT  
FIC  
HEIDE Heide, Florence Parry and Judith Heide Gilliland. The Day of Ahmed's Secret. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1990.
- After he does his chores throughout the city of Cairo, Ahmed hurries home to share his secret.
- 952  
HEI Heinrichs, Ann. Japan. New York: Children's Press, 1998.
- Describes the history and culture of the island nation of Japan.
- FIC  
HO Ho, Minfong. Rice Without Rain. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1990.
- After social rebels convince the headman of a small village in northern Thailand to resist the land rent, his seventeen-year-old daughter Jinda finds herself caught up in the student uprising in Bangkok.
- 932  
HOO Hooper, Meredith. Who Built the Pyramid? Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2001.
- Illustrations and simple text teach children the different roles people played in building the pyramids of ancient Egypt.
- FIC  
HOR Horowitz, Anthony. The Devil and His Boy. New York: Philomel Books, 2000.
- In 1593, thirteen-year-old Tom travels through the English countryside to London, where he falls in with a troupe of actors and finds himself in great danger from several sources.

- 909.07  
HOW  
Howarth, Sarah. Medieval People. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1991.  
A description of the lives of thirteen medieval people through the use of quotations, case studies and illustrations of the time.
- 391  
HOW  
Howarth, Sarah. Renaissance People. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1992.  
Presents thirteen walks of life from the Renaissance, including banker, artist, and explorer. Includes quotations from contemporary sources.
- 915.04  
H  
Humble, Richard. The Travels of Marco Polo. New York,: Franklin Watts, 1990.  
Discusses the journey of Marco Polo to the court of the Mongols emperor, Kublai Khan, in the thirteenth century and includes his lesser-known journeys as well.
- 932  
JAM  
James, John, and Louise James. How We Know About the Egyptians. New York: Peter Bedrick Books, 1997.  
An illustrated survey of life in Egypt during the era of the Pharaohs, discussing family life, farming, trade, hunting and fishing, religion, and warfare.
- 938  
JAM  
James, John, and Louise James. How We Know About the Greeks. New York: Peter Bedrick Books, 1997.  
Looks at some of the evidence for the ancient Greek way of life, including archaeological research and the works of philosophers and playwrights.
- 937.6  
JAM  
James, John, and Louise James. How We Know About the Romans. New York : Peter Bedrick Books, 1997.  
An illustrated survey of the history, culture, politics, warfare, and religion of the ancient Romans.
- 493  
KAT  
Katan, Norma Jean. Hieroglyphics: the Writing of Ancient Egypt. New York: Atheneum, 1981.  
Explains the origins of hieroglyphics and what they mean, tells how this ancient form of writing was decoded, and describes the training and importance of scribes.

PICT  
FIC  
LAS

Lasker, Joe. A Tournament of Knights. New York: T.Y. Crowell, 1986.

Justin, a young knight in the Middle Ages, prepares to engage in his first tournament, while an experienced challenger plans to defeat him.

FIC  
LESTER

Lester, Julius. Pharaoh's Daughter. New York: Harcourt, Inc., 2000.

A fictionalized account of a Biblical story in which an Egyptian princess rescues a Hebrew infant who becomes a prophet of his people while his sister finds her true self as a priestess to the Egyptian gods.

560  
LIN

Lindsay, William. Prehistoric Life. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1994.

Discover the origins of life on Earth - from the first bacteria through the giant dinosaurs, to the coming of humans.

PICT  
FIC  
LOBEL

Lobel, Arnold. Ming Lo Moves the Mountain. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1982.

A wise man tells Ming Lo how to move the mountain away from his house.

292.2  
LOE

Loewen, Nancy. Athena. Mankato, MN: RiverFront Books, 1999.

This book surveys classical mythology, discussing the relationship between Greek and Roman myths, and describes the birth and life of the goddess Athena.

292.2  
LOE

Loewen, Nancy. Hercules. Mankato, MN: RiverFront Books, 1999.

This book surveys classical mythology, discussing the relationship between Greek and Roman myths, and describes the birth and life of the demigod Hercules, known as Heracles in Greek mythology.

292.2  
LOE

Loewen, Nancy. Venus. Mankato, MN: RiverFront Books, 1999.

This book surveys classical mythology, discussing the relationship between Greek and Roman myths, and describes the birth and life of the goddess Venus.

292.2  
LOE

Loewen, Nancy. Zeus. Mankato, MN: RiverFront Books, 1999.

This book surveys classical mythology, discussing the relationship between Greek and Roman myths, and describes the life and exploits of the god Zeus.

- 623.19  
MAC Macaulay, David. Castle. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1977.
- Text and detailed drawings follow the planning and construction of a "typical" castle.
- 690.6  
MA Macaulay, David. Pyramid. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1975.
- Text and black and white illustrations follow the intricate step-by-step process of building an ancient pyramid.
- 940.1  
MAC Macdonald, Fiona, and Mark Bergin. A Medieval Castle. New York: Peter Bedrick Books, 1990.
- Text and cutaway illustrations depict how people lived and worked inside a medieval castle.
- 937  
MAL Malam, John. Myths and Civilization of the Ancient Romans. New York: Peter Bedrick, 1999.
- This book presents Roman myths, with each myth followed by an information section examining an aspect of Roman culture and society.
- 909.049  
MAN Mann, Kenny. The Ancient Hebrews. Tarrytown, NY: Benchmark Books, 1999.
- Examines the history, culture, religion, daily life, and legends of the Jewish people.
- 355  
MAR Marshall, Chris. Warfare in the Medieval World. Austin, TX: Steck-Vaughn, 1999.
- Provides an overview of the evolution of military conflicts from the fifth through the fifteenth centuries, describing changes in the make-up of the armies, fighting tactics, and weapons.
- 936  
MAR Martell, Hazel Mary. Myths and Civilization of the Celts. New York: Peter Bedrick Books, 1999.
- Information on daily life and artifacts, combined with the story of King Arthur and earlier myths, tell what the Celts believed and how they lived.
- B  
CEASAR Matthews, Rupert. Julius Caesar. New York: Bookwright Press, 1989.
- A biography of the Roman general and statesman whose brilliant military leadership helped make Rome the center of a vast empire.

- 932  
MCC  
McCall, Henrietta. Egyptian Mummies. New York: Franklin Watts, 2000.  
Illustrations and text help explain how Egyptians prepared mummies for burial.
- 932  
MCC  
McCall, Henrietta. Pyramid. New York: Franklin Watts, 1999.  
Describes the construction and uses of pyramids in ancient Egypt, the culture of that time period, and other kinds of pyramids around the world.
- 292.1  
MCC  
McCaughrean, Geraldine. Greek Gods and Goddesses. New York: Margaret K McElderry Books, 1997.  
This book is a collection of 15 stories about the Greek gods and goddesses - Zeus, the most powerful; his wife Hera; and their large, extended family.
- 572  
MCC  
McCord, Anne. Early Man. Hayes Publishing, 1977.  
An illustrated history of prehistoric man.
- FIC  
MCM  
McMullan, Kate. Under the Mummy's Spell. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1992.  
When Peter Harring kisses a mummy mask on a dare, he finds that he has fulfilled an age-old prophecy and must contend with an ancient Egyptian sorceress in order to right a terrible wrong.
- FIC  
MIK  
Miklowitz, Gloria D. Secrets in the House of Delgado. Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2001.  
In Spain in 1492, fourteen-year-old Maria, a Catholic orphan, becomes a servant to a wealthy family of Conversos, converted Jews, at a time when the Jews are being expelled from the country and when the Inquisition is diligently searching for religious heretics.
- PICT  
FIC  
MOSEL  
Mosel, Arlene. Tikki Tikki Tembo. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 1968.  
When the eldest son fell in the well and most of the time getting help was spent pronouncing the name of the one in trouble, the Chinese, according to legend, decided to give all their children short names.

- 355.7  
M Monks, John. The Great Book of Castles. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Enterprises, 1988.
- Describes the structures and functions of castles and everyday life inside a medieval castle.
- 932  
MOR Morley, Jacqueline Mark Bergin, and John James. An Egyptian Pyramid. New York: Peter Bedrick Books, 1991.
- Text and illustrations depict the construction and uses of the pyramids in ancient Egypt and explore how people lived and worked in that time
- FIC  
MORRIS Morris, Gerald. The Savage Damsel and the Dwarf. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2000.
- Sequel to: *The Squire, His Knight, and his Lady*. Lynet, a feisty young woman, journeys to King Arthur's court in order to find a champion to rescue her beautiful older sister, and she is joined in her quest by a clever dwarf and a bold kitchen knave, neither of whom are what they seem.
- FIC  
NAM Namioka, Lensey. The Coming of the Bear. New York: Harper Collins, 1992.
- Two unemployed samurai are saved from drowning by the Ainus, a primitive people on a northern Japanese island, and are torn in their loyalties when the possibility of war arises between the Ainus and a band of Japanese settlers.
- 299  
NAR Nardo, Don. Egyptian Mythology. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow, 2001.
- Discusses various Egyptian myths, including creation stories and histories of principal gods and goddesses, along with background information and discussion questions and answers.
- 956.94  
ODI Odijk, Pamela. The Israelites. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Silver Burdett Press, 1990.
- Explores Jewish life and culture in ancient Israel.
- 935.01  
ODI Odijk, Pamela. The Sumerians. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Silver Burdett Press, 1989.
- Describes the civilization of the Sumerians, which today is Iraq, in the beginning of the fourth millennium B.C.

- FIC  
PAR Park, Linda Sue. A Single Shard. New York: Clarion Books, 2001.
- Tree-ear, a thirteen-year-old orphan in medieval Korea, lives under a bridge in a potters' village, and longs to learn how to throw the delicate celadon ceramics himself.
- 932  
PER Perl, Lila. Mummies, Tombs, and Treasure : Secrets of Ancient Egypt. New York: Clarion Books, 1987.
- Text and photographs examine the mummies and tombs of ancient Egypt.
- 664.72  
PER Pernoud, Regine. A Day with a Miller. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publishing Group, 1997.
- Describes, both factually and fictionally, a day in the life of a miller in medieval Europe.
- 944.02  
PER Pernoud, Regine. A Day with a Noblewoman. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publishing Group, 1997.
- Describes, both factually and fictionally, the life of Blanche of Navarre, countess of Champagne in thirteenth-century France.
- 731.4  
PER Pernoud, Regine. A Day with a Stonecutter. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publishing Group, 1996.
- Describes, both factually and fictionally, the life of a stonecutter in medieval Europe.
- 841.109  
PER Pernoud, Regine. A Day with a Troubadour. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publishing Group, 1997.
- Presents factual information about the lyric poets of medieval Europe as well as a fictional account of Peire Vidal, a twelfth-century troubadour from Provence, France.
- 394.26  
Pickels, Dwayne E. Ancient and Annual Customs. Philadelphia: Chelsea House, 1998.
- Describes various ancient customs and traditions, such as the ducking stool, the maypole, and calling the hours, as well as the historic roots of holiday celebrations still followed.

- 398.2  
PIC Pickels, Dwayne E. Roman Myths, Heroes, and Legends. Philadelphia: Chelsea House, 1999.
- Costume, tradition, and culture, reflecting on the past.
- 954.1  
POL Pollard, Michael. The Ganges. Tarrytown, NY: Benchmark Books, 1998.
- Traces the course of this famous river in India and describes its physical features, history, and importance.
- 916.2  
POL Pollard, Michael. The Nile. Tarrytown, NY: Benchmark Books, 1998.
- Traces the course of the famous African river and describes its physical features, history, and importance.
- 951.2  
POL Pollard, Michael. The Yangtze. Tarrytown, NY: Benchmark Books, 1998.
- Traces the course of the third longest river in the world, the Yangtze in China, and describes its physical features, history, importance as a source of food and for transportation, and more.
- 393  
PUT Putnam, James. Mummy. New York: Dorling Kindersley, 2000.
- Documents the history and significance of mummies, both natural and man-made, and describes the principles and ceremonies associated with them.
- 932  
QUI Quie, Sarah. Myths and Civilization of the Ancient Egyptians. New York: Peter Bedrick, 1998.
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Fifteen-year-old Maya learns the cause of the rift she feels between her and her mother and is finally able to come to terms with her divided loyalties when she leaves New York to spend the summer with her grandmother in southern India, the land of her birth.

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THE

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Whelan  
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- When thirteen-year-old Koly enters into an ill-fated arranged marriage, she must either suffer a destiny dictated by India's tradition or find the courage to oppose it.
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A twelve-year-old girl who knows little about her Chinese heritage is sent to live with her grandmother in San Francisco's Chinatown.

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YEP

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A retelling of seventeen Chinese-American folk tales from a variety of Chinese communities in the United States.

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In 1920 in India, two children who have been raised by wolves are discovered and brought to an orphanage to be taught human behavior again.

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YOLEN

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While living in Liberia with her possessive, diabetic mother and often-absent father, twelve-year-old Sarina longs for a friend with whom to experience the world beyond her yard.