Social Studies

Seventh Grade Reading List

FIC
ALC — Alcott, Louisa May. Little Women. New York: Ariel Books/Knopf, 1988.

Chronicles the joys and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in nineteenth-century New England.

B
WILL — Allison, Amy. Roger Williams. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.

Text and illustrations chronicle the life and achievements of controversial seventeenth-century Separatist Roger Williams, who founded the colony of Rhode Island and served three terms as its president; also includes a.glossary, chronology, colonial time line, and further reading list.

FIC
ALPHIN — Alphin, Elaine Marie. Ghost Soldier. New York: Holt, 2001.

Alexander, in North Carolina while his father decides whether to remarry and move there, meets the ghost of a Confederate soldier and helps him look for his family.

B
ALLEN — Aronson, Virginia. Ethan Allen. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.

Text and illustrations present the life of Ethan Allen, who led the Green Mountain Boys against the British in the Revolutionary War; also includes a chronology, a Revolutionary War time line, a glossary, and a further reading list.

FIC
ARR — Arrington, Frances. Bluestem. New York: Philomel Books, 2000.

With their father away and their mother traumatized by some unknown event, eleven-year-old Polly and her younger sister are left to take care of themselves and their prairie homestead.

FIC
AVI — Avi. The Fighting Ground. New York: Lippincott, 1984.

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

B
STU — Banks, Joan. Peter Stuyvesant. Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House, 2000.

A biography of the hot-tempered leader who, though intolerant and unpopular, brought major reforms to the colony of New Netherlands before its surrender to the British in 1664.

FIC
BEATTY Beatty, Patricia. Charley Skedaddle. New York: Morrow, 1987.

During the Civil War, a twelve-year-old Bowery Boy from New York City joins the Union Army as a drummer, deserts during a battle in Virginia, and encounters a hostile old mountain woman.

FIC
BEATTY Beatty, Patricia. Jayhawker. New York: Morrow Junior Books, 1992.

In the early years of the Civil War, teenage Kansan farm boy Lije Tulley becomes a Jayhawker, an abolitionist raider freeing slaves from the neighboring state of Missouri, and then goes under cover there as a spy.

FIC
BLOS Blos, Joan W. A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-32. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1979.

The journal of a 14-year-old girl, kept the last year she lived on the family farm, records daily events in her small New Hampshire town, her father's remarriage, and the death of her best friend.

FIC
BRE Brenner, Barbara. Wagon Wheels. New York: Harper and Row, 1978.

Shortly after the Civil War, a black family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act.

FIC
BRU Bruchac, Joseph. Sacajawea. New York: Harcourt, 2000.

Sacajawea, a Shoshoni Indian interpreter, peacemaker, and guide, and William Clark alternate in describing their experiences on the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the Northwest.

PB
WIL Wilder, Laura Ingalls. By the Shores of Silver Lake. New York: Scholastic, 1967.

Ma and the girls follow Pa west by train where they make their home at a rough railroad camp and plan for their own homestead.

342.73
BUR Burgan, Michael. The Bill of Rights. Minneapolis, MN: Compass Point Books, 2002.

Text and illustrations present the Bill of Rights and survey its creation, describing the impetus for it and the fight for its ratification, and providing a glossary, lists of important dates and people, and selected further resources.

B
ADAMS Burgan, Michael. John Adams. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.

Text and illustrations present the life second president, John Adams, who helped write the Declaration of Independence; also includes a chronology, a Revolutionary War time line, a glossary, and a further reading list.

FIC
BYARS Byars, Betsy Cromer. Trouble River. New York: Viking Press, 1969.

When he builds his raft, a twelve-year-old boy never dreams that it will serve as the sole means of escape for himself and his grandmother when hostile Indians threaten their prairie cabin.

PB
CAR Carbone, Stealing. Freedom. New York: Dell Yearling, 1998.

A novel based on the events in the life of a young slave girl from Maryland who endures all kinds of mistreatment and cruelty, including being separated from her family, but who eventually escapes to freedom in Canada.

FIC
CAU Caudill, Rebecca. Tree of Freedom. New York: Puffin Books, 1988.

The two eldest children of a pioneer family are determined to carry their love of beauty and learning to their new home in the Kentucky wilderness.

FIC
CHE Cheney, Cora. The Incredible Deborah: a Story Based on the Life of Deborah Sampson. New York: Scribner, 1967.

A fictional account of the life of a colonial girl, who, anxious to escape the narrow prescribed life of a female, disguises herself and serves with the Continental Army for three years during the Revolution.

FIC
CLA Clapp, Patricia. Constance. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co.,1968.

The journal of a young girl tells of her daily life, hardships, romances and marriage during the first years of the Pilgrim settlement at Plymouth.

FIC
CLA Clapp, Patricia. The Tamarack Tree. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1986.

An eighteen-year-old English girl finds her loyalties divided and all her resources tested as she and her friends experience the terrible physical and emotional hardships of the forty-seven day siege of Vicksburg in the spring of 1863.

B
HUTCH Clark, Beth. Anne Hutchinson. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

A biography of the Puritan woman who was banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony for disagreeing with the prevailing religious practices

973.73
COF Coffey, Vincent J.The Battle of Gettysburg. Morristown, NJ: Silver Burdett Company,1985.

Presents the events of the Civil War leading up to the Battle of Gettysburg and describes the clash and its aftermath.

FIC
COL Collier, James Lincoln. My Brother Sam is Dead. New York: Scholastic, 1985.

Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeku family during the American Revolution, when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

973.3
COL Collier, Christopher and James Lincoln. The American Revolution : 1763-1783. Tarrytown, NY: Benchmark Books, 1998.

Examines the people and events involved in the war by which the thirteen original colonies broke away from England.

973.4
COL Collier, Christopher, and James Lincoln. Building a New Nation: the Federalist Era : 1798-1801. Tarrytown, NY: Benchmark Books, 1999.

Examines the events and personalities involved in the political development of the United States in the period following the creation of the Constitution.

979.02
COL Collier, Christopher, and James Lincoln. Hispanic America, Texas, and the Mexican War : 1835-1850. Tarrytown, NY: Benchmark Books, 1999.

Examines the settlement of the area that became the southwestern portion of the United States, detailing how it evolved from land settled by Native Americans, to Spanish territory, to states that were pawns between the North and South prior to the Civil War. 1979.02

973.4
COL Collier, Christopher, and James Lincoln. The Jeffersonian Republicans: the Louisiana Purchase and the War of 1812 : 1800-1823. Tarrytown, NY: Benchmark Books, 1999.

Discusses the events and personalities that shaped this country, from the hotly contested election of 1800 that brought Thomas Jefferson into office through the westward expansion to the War of 1812 and James Madison's presidency.

FIC
COL Collier, James Lincoln, and Christopher Collier. Jump Ship to Freedom. New York: Dell, 1981.

In 1787, a fourteen-year-old slave, anxious to buy freedom for himself and his mother, escapes from his dishonest master and tries to find help in cashing the soldiers' notes received by his father for fighting in the Revolution.

B
WIN Connelly, Elizabeth Russell. John Winthrop. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.

Text and illustrations chronicle the life and achievements of seventeenth-century Puritan leader John Winthrop, who led the Massachusetts Bay Company and helped create America's public schools; also includes a glossary, chronology, colonial time line, and further reading list.

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.

FIC
CRA Crane, Stephen. The Red Badge of Courage. New York: Amereon House.

During his service in the Civil war, a young Union soldier matures to manhood and finds peace of mind as he comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war.

FIC
CUSH Cushman, Karen. The Ballad of Lucy Whipple. New York: Clarion Books, 1996.

In 1849, twelve-year-old California Morning Whipple, who renames herself Lucy, is distraught when her mother moves the family from Massachusetts to a rough California mining town.

FIC
DEN Denenberg, Barry. The Journal of William Thomas Emerson, a Revolutionary War Patriot. New York: Scholastic, 1998.

William, a twelve-year-old orphan, writes of his experiences in pre-Revolutionary War Boston where he joins the cause of the patriots who are opposed to the British rule.

FIC
DEN Denenberg, Barry.When Will This Cruel War Be Over? : The Civil War Diary of Emma Simpson, Gordonsville,Virginia, 1864. New York: Scholastic, 1996.

The diary of a fictional fourteen-year-old girl living in Virginia, in which she describes the hardships endured by her family and friends during one year of the Civil War.

B
COL

Dodge, Steven C. Christopher Columbus and the First Voyages to the New World. New York: Chelsea House, 1991.

Examines the life and times of Christopher Columbus and describes his voyage to the New World.

FIC
EDM

Edmonds, Walter D. Drums along the Mohawk. Boston: Little, Brown, & Co., 1936.

The story of the forgotten pioneers of the Mohawk Valley during the Revolutionary War.

973.2
EGG

Egger-Bovet, Howard. USKids History. Book of the American Colonies. Boston: Little, Brown, 1996.

Discusses the reasons Europeans settled in America, the growth of the original colonies, and the reaction to the newcomers of the people already living in the "New World.

FIC
FAST

Fast, Howard. April Morning. New York: Bantam Books, 1981.

The American Revolution begins on April 19, 1775 at the Battle of Lexington, which you can experience when you read this novel.

B
FRA

Fish, Bruce. Benjamin Franklin. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

A biography of the well known American statesman, inventor, printer, and author of *Poor Richard's Almanac.*

B
PAINE

Fish, Bruce. Thomas Paine. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

A biography of the writer whose pamphlet "Common Sense" helped convince American colonists to fight for their freedom.

FIC
FLE

Fleischman, Paul. Bull Run. New York: Harper Collins Children’s Books, 1993.

Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys, and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

FIC
FLE Fleischman, Paul. Saturnalia. New York: Harper & Row, 1990.

In 1681 in Boston, fourteen-year-old William, a Narraganset Indian captured in a raid six years earlier, leads a productive and contented life as a printer's apprentice but is increasingly anxious to make some connection with his Indian past.

FIC
FLE Fleishman, Sid. Bandit's Moon. New York: Greenwillow Books, 1998.

Twelve-year-old Annyrose relates her adventures with Joaquín Murieta and his band of outlaws in the California gold-mining region during the mid-1800s.

FIC
FOR Forbes, Esther. Johnny Tremain. New York: Dell, 1943.

After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.

973.3
FRE Freedman, Russell. Give me Liberty! : The Story of the Declaration of Independence. New York: Holiday House, 2000.

Describes the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence as well as the personalities and politics behind its framing.

345.744
FRE Fremon, David K. The Salem Witchcraft Trials in American History. Springfield, NJ: Enslow Publishers,1999.

Discusses the issues and controversy surrounding the trials, highlighting possible causes and the key figures.

B
FRITZ Fritz, Jean. And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? New York: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1973.

Describes some of the well-known as well as the lesser-known details of Paul Revere's life and exciting ride.

FIC
FRITZ Fritz, Jean. Brady. New York: Penguin Group, 1987.

A young Pennsylvania boy takes part in the pre-Civil War anti-slavery activities.

B
FRITZ Fritz, Jean. Can't You Make Them Behave, King George? New York: Coward, & Geoghegan, 1977.

A biography of George the Third, King of Great Britain at the time of the American Revolution.

B
FRITZ Fritz, Jean. The Double Life of Pocahontas. New York: Puffin Books, 1987.

A biography of the famous American Indian princess, emphasizing her life-long adulation of John Smith and the roles she played in two very different cultures.

342.73
FRI Fritz, Jean. Shh! We're Writing the Constitution. New York: Putnam, 1987.

Describes how the Constitution came to be written and ratified. Also includes the full text of the document produced by the Constitutional Convention of 1787.

B
HEN Fritz, Jean. Where was Patrick Henry on the 29th of May? New York: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1975.

A brief biography of Patrick Henry tracing his progress from planter to statesman.

974.4
FRI Fritz, Jean. Who's That Stepping on Plymouth Rock? New York: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1975.

Relates the history of Plymouth Rock since the Pilgrims first landed on it to the present day.

B
ADAMS Fritz, Jean. Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams? New York: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1974.

A brief biography of Samuel Adams describing his activities in stirring up the revolt against the British and how he was finally persuaded to learn to ride a horse.

B
LAF Fritz, Jean. Why Not Lafayette? New York: Putnam's Sons, 1999.

Traces the life of the French nobleman who fought for democracy in revolutions in both the United States and France.

B
HAN Fritz, Jean. Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? New York: Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, 1976.

A biography of the first signer of the Declaration of Independence outlining all that he did for himself as well as what he did for Massachusetts and his new nation.

B
HAN Gaines, Ann Graham. John Hancock. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.

Text and illustrations present the life of John Hancock, who worked for the American cause during the Revolution, was president of the Second Continental Congress, and became a six-term governor of Massachusetts; also includes reference materials.

B
GEO Gaines, Ann Graham. King George III. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.

Text and illustrations present the life of England's King George III, who lost the Revolutionary War but was beloved by his British subjects; also includes a chronology, a Revolutionary War time line, a glossary, and a further reading list.

973.4
GAI Gaines, Ann. The Louisiana Purchase in American History. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 2000.

Describes the events leading up to the Louisiana Purchase and its impact on United States history.

FIC
GAI Gaines, Ernest J. Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman. New York: Bantam, 1971.

Fictional biography of a black slave who lived for 100 years after the Civil War.

FIC
GAR Garland, Sherry. A Line in the Sand : the Alamo Diary of Lucinda Lawrence. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1998.

In the diary she receives for her thirteenth birthday in 1835, Lucinda Lawrence describes the hardships her family and other residents of the "Texas colonies" endure when they decide to face the Mexicans in a fight for their freedom.

FIC
GIB Gibson, Fred. Old Yeller. New York: Harper & Row, 1956.

The story about a 14-year-old boy, Travis, and an ugly old yellow dog in the Texas hill country of the1860's.

FIC
GIFF Giff, Patricia Reilly. Nory Ryan's Song. New York: Delacorte, 2000.

When a terrible blight attacks Ireland's potato crop in 1845, twelve-year-old Nory Ryan's courage and ingenuity help her family and neighbors survive.

B
HUD Goodman, Joan Elizabeth. Beyond the Sea of Ice : the Voyages of Henry Hudson. New York: Mikaya Press, 1999.

An account of Henry Hudson's four voyages in search of a passage to the Orient in the early seventeenth century and the discoveries made by him on the northeastern coast of America.

B
GAM Goodman, Joan Elizabeth. A Long and Uncertain Journey: the 27,000-Mile Voyage of Vasco da Gama. New York: Mikaya Pr., 2001.

An illustrated biography of Vasco da Gama, the Portuguese explorer who opened the sea route between Europe and India in the late fifteenth century.

370
GRA Graves, Kerry A. Going to School in Pioneer Times. Mankato, MN: Blue Earth Books.

Discusses the school life of children in pioneer times, including lessons, books, teachers, examinations, and special days. Includes activities and side bars.

FIC
GRE Greene, Jacqueline Dembar. Out of Many Waters. New York: Walker, 1988.

Kidnapped from their parents during the Portuguese Inquisition and sent to work as slaves at a monastery in Brazil, two Jewish sisters attempt to make their way back to Europe to find their parents, but instead one becomes part of a group founding the first Jewish settlement in the United States.

973
GRE Greene, 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
GRE Gregory, Kristiana.The Winter of Red Snow : the Revolutionary War Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 1777-1778. New York: Scholastic, 1996.

Eleven-year-old Abigail presents a diary account of life in Valley Forge from December 1777 to July 1778 as General Washington prepares his troops to fight the British.

B
HEN Grote, JoAnn A. Patrick Henry. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

A biography of Patrick Henry, the Virginia lawmaker and politician known for his stirring speeches and eloquent writing.

B
REV Grote, JoAnn A. Paul Revere. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

A biography of the silversmith and Revolutionary War hero who made the famous ride to warn American troops of the British approach to Lexington and Concord.

FIC
HAHN Hahn, Mary Downing. Promises to the Dead. New York: Clarion Books, 2000.

Twelve-year-old Jesse leaves his home on Maryland's Eastern Shore to help a young runaway slave find a safe haven in the early days of the Civil War.

973
HAK Hakim, Joy. From Colonies to Country. New York: Oxford University Press, 1993.

Covers American history from the French and Indian War to the Constitutional Convention.

973.6
HAK Hakim, Joy. Liberty for All? New York: Oxford University Press, 1994.
Discusses the period of growth in American history prior to the Civil War, describing the lives of people from a variety of backgrounds, including Jedediah Smith, Emily Dickinson, John James Audubon, and Sojourner Truth.

973.2
HAK Hakim, Joy. Making Thirteen Colonies. New York: Oxford University Press, 1993.

Presents the history of the United States, from the colonization of the New World through the middle of the eighteenth century.

FIC
HAN Han, Stephen. Pike McCallister. Anchorage, Alaska: Publication Consultants, 1998.

In his thirteenth year, Pike McCallister is witness to his mother’s kidnapping by renegade Confederate soldiers and sets out to find and rescue her.

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.

FIC
HOT Hotze, Sollace. A Circle Unbroken. New York: Clarion Books, 1988.

Captured by a roving band of Sioux Indians and brought up as the chief's daughter, Rachel is recaptured by her white family and finds it difficult to adjust, as she longs to return to the tribe.

FIC
HOW Howard, Ellen. The Gate in the Wall. New York: Atheneum Books For Young Readers, 1999.

In nineteenth-century England, ten-year-old Emma, accustomed to long working hours at the silk mill and the poverty and hunger of her sister's house, finds her life completely changed when she inadvertently gets a job on a canal boat carrying cargoes between several northern towns.

FIC
HUN Hunt, Irene. Across Five Aprils. New York: Berkely Books, 1964.

Young Jethro Creighton grows from a boy to a man when he is left to take care of the family farm in Illinois during the difficult years of the Civil War.

B
HAM Jones, Veda Boyd. Alexander Hamiliton. Philadelphia: Chelsea House, 2000.

Describes the career of Alexander Hamilton, who rose from humble beginnings to become a delegate to the Constitutional Convention and the first Secretary of the Treasury.

B
JEF Jones, Veda Boyd. Thomas Jefferson. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

A biography of the multi-talented leader who wrote the Declaration of Independence and became the third president of the United States, discussing his childhood, education, involvement in colonial politics, writings, and career as a statesman.

B
HAM Kallen, Stuart. Alexander Hamilton. Edina, MN: ABDO Publishing Co., 2001.

A biography of the noted statesman and political leader, who was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr.

688.7
KAL Kalman, Bobbie. Old-Time Toys. New York: Crabtree Publishing Company, 1995.

This book examines the different toys with which children played in the nineteenth century.

B
JAY Kallen, Stuart. John Jay. Edina, MN: ABDO Publishing Co., 2001.

Describes the life and political career of the man who was a delegate to the First Continental Congress, one of the authors of "The Federalist," and first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

FIC
KAR Karr, Kathleen. Go West Young Women. New York: HarperCollins, 1996.

When a disaster claims the men of their wagon train, spunky twelve-year-old Phoebe, her mother, sister, and other women rely on their own resources to complete the journey to Oregon in 1845.

PB
KEI Keith, Harold. Rifles for Watie. New York: Harper & Row, 1987.

A sixteen-year-old boy leaves Kansas to join the Union's cause during the Civil War. When he is sent to spy behind enemy lines, he falls in love with a rebel girl. He must choose between escaping the enemy or joining it.

B
MAD Kelley, Brent P. James Madison. Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.

A biography of the "Father of the Constitution" and fourth president of the United States.

B
MON Kelley, Brent P. James Monroe. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.

Text and illustrations present the life of James Monroe, who fought for America's freedom and became the fifth U.S. president; also includes a chronology, a Revolutionary War time line, a glossary, and a further reading list.

FIC
KIR Kirkpatrick, Katherine. Trouble's Daughter: the Story of Susanna Hutchinson: Indian Captive. New York: Delacorte Press, 1998.

When her family is massacred by Lenape Indians in 1643, nine-year-old Susanna, daughter of Anne Hutchinson, is captured and raised as a Lenape.

FIC
LASKY Lasky, Kathryn. The Journal of Augustus Pelletier: the Lewis and Clark Expedition. New York: Scholastic, 2000.

A fictional journal kept by twelve-year-old Augustus Pelletier, the youngest member of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery.

FIC
LASKY

Lasky, Kathryn. A Journey to the New World: the Diary of Remember Patience Whipple. New York: Scholastic, 1995.

Twelve-year-old Mem presents a diary account of the trip she and her family made on the Mayflower in 1620 and their first year in the New World.

FIC
LATHAM

Latham, Jean Lee. Carry on, Mr. Bowditch. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1955.

A fictionalized biography of the mathematician and astronomer who realized his childhood desire to become a ship's captain and authored The American Practical Navigator.

811
LON

Longfello, Henry Wadsworth. The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere. Brooklyn, New York: Handprint Books, 2001.

Presents the famous narrative poem recreating Paul Revere's midnight ride in1775 to warn the people of the Boston countryside that the British were coming, complemented by maps, documents, and illustrations.

B
HALE

Lough, Loree. Nathan Hale. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

Presents a biography of the school teacher turned Revolutionary War soldier who served as an American spy and was captured and eventually executed by the British army.

FIC
LUNN

Lunn, Janet. The Hollow Tree. New York: Viking, 1997.

Fifteen-year-old Phoebe Olcott, distraught when her beloved cousin Gideon is hanged as a British spy, becomes caught up in the turmoil of war when she decides to deliver the secret message Gideon was carrying to the British general at Fort Ticonderoga.

B
ARN

Lutz, Norma Jean. Benedict Arnold. Philadelphia: Chelsea House, 2000.

A biography of the infamous traitor who sold secret military information to the British army during the American Revolution.

B
JONES

Lutz, Norma Jean. John Paul Jones. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

A biography of the well-known naval leader, John Paul Jones, from his birth in Scotland through his participation in the American Revolution, to his death in Paris at the age of forty-five.

B
WAS Mello, Tara Baukus. George Washington. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

A biography of George Washington, the general who led the American army in the Revolutionary War and then became the first president of the United States.

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 the servant of a wealthy family of Conversos, converted Jews, at a time when the Jews are being expelled from the country and the Inquisition is searching for religious heretics.

FIC
MAC MacLachlan, Patricia. Sarah, Plain and Tall. New York: Harper & Row, 1985.

When their father invites a mail-order bride to come live with them in their prairie home, Caleb and Anna are captivated by their new mother and hope that she will stay.

B
HUD Mattern, Joanne. The Travels of Henry Hudson. Austin, TX: Raintree/Steck, 2000.

A biography of the English explorer and sea captain who explored three North American waterways later named for him--the Hudson River, Hudson Bay, and Hudson Strait.

973.049
MCC McCall, Barbara A. Daily Life. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke, 1994.

Describes the daily life of Native Americans.

FIC
MCK McKissack, Patricia C. A Picture of Freedom: the Diary of Clotee, a Slave Girl. New York: Scholastic, 1997.

In 1859, twelve-year-old Clotee, a house slave who must conceal the fact that she can read and write, records in her diary her experiences and her struggle to decide whether to escape to freedom.

973.7
MCP McPherson, James M. Gettysburg. Nashville, TN: Rutledge Hill Press,1993.

Presents the battle of Gettysburg through the paintings of Mort Künstler with text that focuses on the men who participated in the fight that marked a turning point in the Civil War.

133.4
Mel

Meltzer, Milton. Witches and Witch Hunts. New York: The Blue Sky Press, 1999.

Traces the origins and progression of hysteria, fear, and persecution associated with witches and witchcraft in western societies.

FIC
MIL

Miles, Miska. Annie and the Old One. Boston: Little, Brown, 1971.

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

B
ROSS

Miller, Susan Martins. Betsy Ross: American Patriot. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

A biography of the Philadelphia seamstress who helped design and make the first flag to represent the United States of America.

FIC
MIT

Mitchell, Margaret. Gone with the Wind. New York: Macmillan, 1936.

Set during the American Civil War, this story focuses on the lives and loves of Southerners during this period and the hardships they endured.

FIC
MOORE

More, Robin. The Bread Sister of Sinking Creek. New York: J.B. Lippincott, 1990.

Fourteen-year-old Maggie Callahan, who has a special talent for making bread, struggles to survive on the Pennsylvania frontier in the late 1700s.

FIC
MOSS

Moss, Marisa. Emma's Journal : the Story of a Colonial Girl. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1999.

From 1774 to 1776, Emma describes in her journal her stay in Boston, where she witnesses the British blockade and spies for the American militia. Features hand-printed text, drawings, and marginal notes.

FIC
MUR

Murphy, Jim. The Journal of James Edmond Pease, a Civil War Union Soldier. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1998.

James Edmond, a sixteen-year-old orphan, keeps a journal of his experiences and those of "G" Company, which he joined as a volunteer in the Union Army during the Civil War.

FIC
MYE Myers, Walter Dean. Monster. New York: Harper Collins, 1999.

While on trial as an accomplice to a murder, sixteen-year-old Steve Harmon records his experiences in prison and in the courtroom in the form of a film script as he tries to come to terms with the course his life has taken.

FIC
NIXON Nixon, Joan Lowery. A Family Apart. New York: Bantam Books, 1987.

When their mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri in 1860.

973.7
NOF Nofi, Albert A. Spies in the Civil War. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

Describes the covert actions which occurred on both sides during the Civil War.

FIC
ODE O'Dell, Scott. Sarah Bishop. New York: Scholastic, 1980.

Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.

PB
ODE O'Dell, Scott. Sing Down the Moon. New York: Dell, 1970.

The forced migration of Navahos from their original homeland in Arizona to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, is described from the Indian point of view.

FIC
ODE O'Dell, Scott. Streams to the River, River to the Sea: A Novel of Sacagawea. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1986.

A young Indian woman, accompanied by her infant and cruel husband, experiences joy and heartbreak when she joins the Lewis and Clark Expedition seeking a way to the Pacific.

FIC
ODE O'Dell, Scott and Elizabeth Hall. Thunder Rolling in the Mountains. New York: Dell, 1992.

Sound of Running Feet, daughter of Chief Joseph, narrates the story of Nez Perce.

FIC
OSB Osborne, Mary Pope. My Brother's Keeper: Virginia's Diary. New York: Scholastic, 2000.

In 1863, as the Civil War approaches her quiet town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, nine-year-old Virginia records in a journal the horrible things she witnesses before, during, and after the Battle of Gettysburg

FIC
OSB Osborne, Mary Pope. Standing in the Light: The Captive Diary of Catherine Carey Logan. New York: Scholastic, 1998.

A Quaker girl's diary reflects her experiences growing up in the Delaware River Valley of Pennsylvania and her capture by Lenape Indians in 1763.

FIC
PATT Patterson, Katherine. Jip : His Story. New York: Lodestar Books, 1996.

While living on a Vermont poor farm during 1855 and 1856, Jip learns his identity and that of his mother and comes to understand how he arrived at this place.

PB
PAU Paulsen, Gary. Mr. Tucket. New York: Delacorte Press,1995.

In 1848, while on a wagon train headed for Oregon, fourteen year old Francis Tucket, is kidnapped by Pawnee Indians and then falls in with a one-armed trapper who teaches him how to live in the wild.

FIC
PAU Paulsen, Gary. Soldier's Heart. New York: Delecorte Press, 1998.

Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat.

FIC
PAT Paterson, Katherine. Lyddie. New York: Lodestar Books, 1991.

Impoverished Vermont farm girl, Lyddie Worthen, is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840s.

FIC
PAU Paulsen, Gary. Soldier's Heart: A Novel of the Civil War. New York: Delecorte Press, 1998.

Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of the Civil War.

FIC
PEA Pearsall, Shelly. Trouble Don't Last. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2002.

Samuel, an eleven-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada via the Underground Railroad.

641.5
PER

Perl, Lila. Slumps, Grunts, and Snickerdoodles: What Colonial America Ate and Why. New York: Seabury Press, 1975.

Examines the diets and culinary innovations of the American colonists and gives thirteen colonial recipes, including succotash, snickerdoodles, and spoon bread.

FIC
PETRY

Petry, Ann. Tituba of Salem Village. New York: Crowell,1964.

Tituba, a slave from Barbados, was one of the first three “witches” to be condemned at the Salem Witch Trials in 1692.

973.04
PIG

Piggins, Carol Ann. A Multicultural Portrait of the Civil War. North Bellmore, NY: Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 1994.

Portrays the Civil War from the vantage point of Afro-Americans and women.

FIC
PLA

Platt, Richard Pirate Diary. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick, 2001.

The fictional diary of a ten-year-old boy who, in 1716, sets off from North Carolina to become a sailor but ends up a pirate instead.

B
JAY

Powell, Phelan. John Jay. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.

Text and illustrations present the life of John Jay, who fought for the U.S. as a diplomat and became the country's first Supreme Court chief justice; also includes a chronology, a Revolutionary War time line, a glossary, and a further reading list.

PICT
FIC
POL

Polacco, Patricia. Pink and Say .New York: Philomel Books, 1994.

Say Curtis describes his meeting with Pinkus Aylee, an African-American soldier, during the Civil War and their capture by Southern troops.

FIC
REE

Reeder, Carolyn. Shades of Gray. New York: Macmillan,1989.

At the end of the Civil War, twelve-year-old Will, having lost all his immediate family, reluctantly leaves his city home to live in the Virginia countryside with his aunt and the uncle he considers a "traitor" because he refused to take part in the war.

FIC
RIN Rinaldi, Ann. The Education of Mary: A Little Miss of Color, 1832. New York: Hyperion Books, 2000.

In 1832, Prudence Crandall begins admitting black girls to her exclusive Connecticut school, scandalizing white society and eventually causing her arrest and the closing of her school.

FIC
RIN Rinaldi, Ann. In My Father's House. New York: Scholastic, 1993.

For two sisters growing up surrounded by the Civil War, there is conflict both outside and inside their home.

FIC
RIN Rinaldi, Ann. The Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce : a Pilgrim Boy. New York: Scholastic, 2000.

A fourteen-year-old indentured servant keeps a journal of his experiences on the Mayflower and during the building of Plymouth Plantation in 1620 and 1621.

FIC
RIN Rinaldi, Ann. Mine Eyes Have Seen. New York: Scholastic, 1998.

In the summer of 1859, fifteen-year-old Annie travels to the Maryland farm where her father, John Brown, is secretly assembling his provisional army prior to their raid on the United States arsenal at nearby Harpers Ferry.

FIC
RIN Rinaldi, Ann. Time Enough for Drums. New York: Holiday House,1986.

Sixteen-year-old Jem and her servant struggle to keep things going at home in Trenton, New Jersey, when the family men join the war for independence from the British king.

PICT
FIC
RIN Ringgold, Faith. Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky. New York: Crown Publishers, 1992.

With Harriet Tubman as her guide, Cassie retraces the steps escaping slaves took on the Underground Railroad in order to reunite with her.

B
JAC Robertson, James I. Standing Like a Stone Wall. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2001.

An illustrated chronicle of the life of General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, covering his orphan childhood, his marriages, his time at West Point, and his military leadership in the Mexican-American War and Civil War.

FIC
SAP

Sappey, Maurren Stack. A Rose at Bull Run. Shippensburg, PA: White Main Books, 1998.

After being caught up in the savage battle of Bull Run, Julia changes her romantic ideas of war and learns to respect the more realistic attitude of her sister.

973.7
SAV

Savage, Douglas.The Civil War in the West. Philadelphia: Chelsea House, 2000.

Describes how the Civil War was influenced by events that took place in the American West more than forty years earlier.

973.7
SAV

Savage, Douglas J. Civil War Medicine. Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

Describes the state of medical knowledge and the practice of medicine, particularly by military medical personnel, during the Civil War.

973.7
SAV

Savage, Douglas. Rangers, Jayhawkers, and Bushwhackers in the Civil War. Philadelphia: Chelsea House, 2000.

Describes the fighting tactics of the bushwhackers, jayhawkers, and Black Cavalry soldiers who fought in the Civil War.

973.7
SAV

Savage, Douglas. Ironclads and Blockades in the Civil War. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

Describes how the United States Navy was expanded and improved during the Civil War and how ironclads and other armored vessels were used in various military operations.

973.7
SAV

Savage, Douglas. Prison Camps in the Civil War. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

Describes the situation of prisoners in the Civil War, the 150 Federal and Confederate prison camps where they were held, and their care.

973.7
SAV

Savage, Douglas. The Soldier's Life in the Civil War. Philadelphia: Chelsea House, 2000.

Describes what daily life was life for the Confederate and Union soldiers fighting in the Civil War.

973.7
SAV

Savage, Douglas. Women in the Civil War. Philadelphia: Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.

Describes the different roles women played in the Civil War.

FIC
SCH

Schwartz, Virginia Frances. If I Just Had Two Wings. New York: Stoddart Kids, 2001.

Thirteen-year old Phoebe uses the Underground Railroad to escape from slavery in the American South.

FIC
SCH

Schwartz, Virginia Frances. Send One Angel Down. New York: Holiday House, 2000.

A young slave tries to hide the horrors of slavery from his younger cousin, a light-skinned slave who is the daughter of the plantation owner.

FIC
SHA

Shaara, Michael. The Killer Angels. New York: Random House, 1974.

The story of Gettysburg, told from the viewpoints of Robert E. Lee and James Longstreet, and some of the other men who fought there.

973.7
SIS

Sisson, Mary Barr. The Gathering Storm: From the Framing of the Constitution to Walker's Appeal 1787-1829. Philadelphia: Chelsea House, 1997.

Presents a partial history of slavery and the abolitionist movement in the United States.

FIC
SPE

Speare, Elizabeth George. The Sign of the Beaver. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1983.

Left alone to guard the family's wilderness home in eighteenth-century Maine, a boy is hard-pressed to survive until local Indians teach him their skills.

PB
SPE

Speare, Elizabeth George. The Witch of Blackbird Pond. New York: Dell, 1978.

Orphaned Kit Tyler must come to terms with the reality of leaving her Caribbean home behind for a Puritan Connecticut. She befriends a recluse whom everyone considers a witch. When their friendship is discovered, Kit is faced with suspicion, fear and anger.

FIC
STE

Steele, William Owen. The Perilous Road. New York: Hardcourt, 1958.

A young Southern boy during the Civil War reports the approach of a Yankee supply troop to the Confederates, only to learn that his brother is probably part of that troop.

FIC
STO

Stowe, Harriet Beecher. Uncle Tom's Cabin. New York: Dodd, Mead and Company, 1952.

The horrors of slavery are revealed when Tom's kind-hearted owner is forced to separate him from the only home he has ever know to fulfill a debt to a cruel slave driver.

B
TUB

Swift, Hildegarde Hoyt. The Railroad to Freedom. New York: Hardcourt, Brace & World, 1932.

A biography of Harriet Tubman who helped slaves to escape to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

FIC
THO

Thomas, Carroll. Matty's War. Lyme, NH: Smith and Kraus, Inc., 1999.

Two cousins share their experiences during the Civil War, both in the Simsbury, Connecticut, home of one girl, and through the letters the other writes when she goes, disguised as a boy, to fight in Virginia.

PICT
FIC
TURNER

Turner, Ann. Dakota Dugout. New York: Macmillan, 1985.

A woman describes her experiences living with her husband in a sod house on the Dakota Prairie.

PICT
FIC
TURNER

Turner, Ann. Nettie's Trip South. New York: Macmillan, 1987.

A ten-year-old northern girl encounters the ugly realities of slavery when she visits Richmond,Virginia, and sees a slave auction.

FIC
TWA

Twain, Mark. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 1948.

The story of a teenaged misfit who finds himself floating on a raft down the Mississippi River with an escaping slave, Jim.

FIC
WAL Walter, Mildred Pitts. Second Daughter: Story of a Slave Girl. New York: Scholastic, 1996.

In late eighteenth-century Massachusetts, Aissa, the fictional younger sister of Elizabeth Freeman, relates how her sister gains freedom for herself and her family by bringing a suit against their owner in court.

362.734
WAR Warren, Andrea. Orphan Train Rider : One Boy's True Story. Boston Houghton Mifflin, 1996.

Discusses the placement of over 200,000 orphaned or abandoned children in homes in the Midwest from 1854 to 1929 by recounting the story of one boy and his brothers.

973.2
WAS Washburne, Carolyn Kott. A Multicultural Portrait of Colonial Life. North Bellmore NY: Marshall Cavendish Corporation, 1994.

Describes colonial history from the point of view of minorities and women.

811
WHE When the Rain Sings: Poems by Young Native Americans. New York: Simon and Schuster, 1999.

A collection of poems written by young Native Americans, inspired or matched with artifacts and people from the National Museum of the American Indian.

PB
WIL Wilder, Laura Ingalls. By the Shores of Silver Lake. New York: Scholastic, 1967.

Ma and the girls follow Pa west by train where they make their home at a rough railroad camp and plan for their own homestead.

FIC
WIL Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Little Town on the Prairie. New York: Harper & Row, 1953.

Pa's homestead thrives, Laura gets her first job in town, blackbirds eat the corn and oats crops, Mary goes to college, and Laura gets into trouble at school, but becomes a certified school teacher.

FIC
WIL Wilder, Laura Ingalls. The Long Winter. New York: Harper & Row, 1971.

After an October blizzard, Laura's family moves from the claim shanty into town for the winter, a winter that an Indian has predicted will be seven months of bad weather.

FIC
WIL Wilder, Laura Ingalls. These Happy Golden Years. New York: Harper, 1953.

Laura has her first experiences as a teacher, and is courted by Almanzo Wilder.

FIC
YOLEN Yolen, Jane. Encounter. New York: Harcourt Brace & Co., 1992.

A Tiano Indian boy on the island of San Salvador recounts the landing of Columbus and his men in 1492.

973.7
ZEI Zeinert, Karen. Those Courageous Women of the Civil War. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1998.

Examines the important contributions of various women, Northern, Southern, and slave, to the American Civil War, on the battlefield, in the government, on the home front, and in other areas where they challenged traditional female roles.

973.7
ZEI Zeinert, Karen. The Lincoln Murder Plot. North Haven, CT: Shoe String Press, 1999.

Text, including quotations from contemporary sources such as the diary of John Wilkes Booth, the testimony of witnesses, letters, and accounts by others involved, examines the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln.

345.744
Z Zeinert, Karen. The Salem Witchcraft Trails. New York: Franklin Watts, 1989.

Relates the causes, events, and aftermath of the witchcraft trials which took place in Salem, Massachusetts in the early 1690's and resulted in the deaths of more than nineteen people.