

World Languages

Jericho Middle School Reading List

- PICT
FIC
AAR
- Aardema, Verna. Borreguita and the Coyote : A Tale from Ayutla, Mexico. New York : Scholastic, Inc., 1994.
- A little lamb uses her clever wiles to keep a coyote from eating her up.
- B
COLUMBUS
- Austin, James. Christopher Columbus. Edina, MN : Abdo & Daughters, 1009.
- A brief biography of the Italian born explorer who was sponsored by Spain's Queen Isabella.
- 944
BAL
- Balerdi, Susan. France, The Crossroads of Europe. Minneapolis, MN : Dillon Press, 1984.
- Discusses France's history and geography, languages, foods, folklore, holiday traditions, family and school life, sports, and games, in addition to examining that country's contribution to American life.
- B
POLO
- Bandon, Alex. The Travels of Marco Polo. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2000.
- A biography of the Italian traveler who became the first European to cross Asia completely and document his experiences.
- B
JOAN
- Banfield, Susan. Joan of Arc. New York : Chelsea House Publishers, 1985.
- Chronicles the experiences of the peasant girl who led a French army against the English, was burned at the stake for witchcraft, and became a saint.
- 945
BAR
- Barghusen, Joan. Daily Life in Ancient and Modern Rome. Minneapolis, MN : Runestone Press, 1999.
- A historical exploration of events and daily life in Rome in both ancient and modern times.
- PICT
FIC
BARTONE
- Bartone, Elisa. Peppe the Lamplighter. New York : Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1993.
- At a time when streetlamps are lit by hand, Peppe lives in New York's Little Italy. With Mamma dead, Papa ill, and seven sisters at home, times are hard for this immigrant family. Still Papa is upset when Peppe takes a job as a lamplighter.

- 944
BEN Bender, Lionel. France. Morristown, NJ : Silver Burdett Press, 1988.
Text and pictures introduce the history, geography, people and culture of France.
- B
LA SALLE Bergen, Lara Rice. The Travels of Sieur de La Salle. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2001.
This brief biography describes La Salle's exploration of the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Louisiana Territory.
- B
PIZARRO Bergen, Lara. The Travels of Francisco Pizarro. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2000.
The life and conquests of the Spanish explorer who joined an expedition to the New World in 1502 and subsequently claimed for Spain parts of Mexico, Central America, and South America including Peru.
- 641.5
BIU Biucchi, Edwina. Italian Food and Drink. New York : Bookwright Press, 1987.
Describes, in text and illustrations, the food and beverages of Italy in relation to its history, geography and culture. Also includes recipes and information about regional specialities and festive foods.
- B
NAPOLEAN Blackwood, Alan. Napoleon. New York : Bookwright Press, 1987.
Traces the life of the powerful French military and political leader, focusing on his triumphs and defeats in the Napoleonic Wars.
- B
VERNE Born, Franz. Jules Verne, The Man Who Invented the Future. Englewood Cliffs, NJ : Prentice-Hall 1964.
A biography of the French novelist who wrote some of the first science fiction stories.
- B
JOAN Brooks, Polly Schoyer. Beyond the Myth : The Story of Joan of Arc. New York, NY : J.B. Lippincott, 1990.
Places the life of the fifteenth-century girl who has become a French national symbol within the social, religious, and political context of her time.
- 841.08
CAN Canfield, Kenneth F. Selections from French Poetry. Irvington-on-Hudson, NY : Harvey House, 1965.
This selection of poetry is presented in a unique bilingual format; English and French versions of the same poems appear on facing pages.

- 641.5
CAN Cantrell, Rose. Spanish Cooking. Barre, MA : Weathervane Books, 1979.
- Provides an introduction to Spanish cuisine, what has influenced it, and general information about eating customs. Recipes offer a cross section of the cuisine found in all regions of Spain.
- SC
CAR Carlson, Natalie Savage. The Talking Cat and Other Stories of French Canada. New York : Harper, 1952.
- Seven tales that helped comprise the evenings' entertainment for French Canadians before radio and television.
- FIC
CAVANNA Cavanna, Betty. Stamp Twice for Murder. New York : Morrow, 1981.
- Mysterious events are set in motion when a sixteen-year-old American girl and her family come to France to claim their legacy of an abandoned country cottage.
- FIC
COOPER Cooper, Susan. Seaward. New York : Atheneum, 1983.
- West and Cally, who speak different languages and come from different countries thousands of miles apart, are wrenched by catastrophe out of reality into a perilous world through which they must travel toward the sea.
- B
CORTES Crisfield, Debbie. The Travels of Hernan Cortes. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2000.
- A biography of the explorer whose brutal conquest of the Aztecs in Mexico was responsible for the first Spanish settlements in the New World.
- B
CORONADO Crisfield, Deborah. The Travels of Francisco de Coronado. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2001.
- This brief biography describes this Spaniard's exploration of what is now the southwestern United States.
- B
PONCE DE LEON Crisfield, Deborah. The Travels of Juan Ponce de Leon. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2001.
- This brief biography discusses the explorations of Ponce de Leon with Columbus as well as his own expeditions to the Caribbean and the Americas (for Spain).

- 945
DEZ De Zulueta, Tana. We Live in Italy. New York : Bookwright Press, 1983.
Presents various aspects of life in Italy through interviews with twenty-eight people representing different age groups, occupations, and regions. Also includes a section of brief facts about the country and a glossary.
- 973
DI Di Franco, J. Philip. The Italian Americans. New York : Chelsea House Publishers, 1996.
Discusses the history, culture, and religion of the Italians, factors encouraging their emigration, and their acceptance as an ethnic group in North America.
- FIC
DICKENS Dickens, Charles. A Tale of Two Cities. New York : Dodd, Mead & Co., 1985.
During the French Revolution a young Englishman gives up his life to save the husband of the woman he loves.
- FIC
DIXON Dixon, Franklin W. Evil, Inc. Lakeville, CT : Grey Castle Press, 1988.
The Hardy Boys find themselves on their own in France, fighting the largest organized crime ring in the world.
- B
COLUMBUS 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 voyages to the New World.
- FIC
ELLIOTT Elliott, Laura. Under a War-Torn Sky. New York : Hyperion Books For Children, 2001.
After his plane is shot down by Hitler's Luftwaffe, nineteen-year-old Henry Forester of Richmond, Virginia, strives to walk across occupied France, with the help of the French Resistance, in hopes of rejoining his unit.
- 945
FIR Firmian, Giovanni. Matteo Lives in Italy. London : Young Library, 1984.
A ten-year-old boy from Verona tells of his life in Italy through photos and text.
- 944
FRA France. Milwaukee, WI : Gareth Stevens Children's Books, 1989.
Presents the life of a twelve-year-old girl and her family living in a village in Normandy, describing her home and school, daily activities, amusements, and some of the customs and celebrations of her country. (Children of the World series)

- 944
FRA France in Pictures. Minneapolis : Lerner, 1991.
Text and photographs present the topography, history, society, economy, and governmental structure of France.
- 982
FRA Frank, Nicole. Argentina. Milwaukee, WI : Gareth Stevens Pub., 2000.
A concise overview of Argentina which provides information on its geography, history, government, lifestyles, languages, art, food, customs, and current issues.
448.
3421
FRE French Phrase Book. Lincolnwood , IL : Passport Books, 2000.
Written for teens, it presents the words and phrases that kids really speak.
- B
LAFAYETTE Fritz, Jean. Why Not, Lafayette? New York : G.P. Putnam's, 1999.
Traces the life of the French nobleman who fought for democracy in revolutions in both the United States and France.
- 394.1
GAS Gaspari, Claudia. Food in Italy. Vero Beach, FL : Rourke Publications, 1989.
A brief survey of food products, customs, and preparation in Italy, describing regional dishes, cooking techniques, and recipes for a variety of meals.
- 944
GOF Gofen, Ethel. France. New York : Marshall Cavendish, 1996.
An overview of the geography, history, government, culture, and people of France.
- 946
GRA Grabowski, John F. Spain. San Diego : Lucent Books, 2000.
Examines the land, people, and history of Spain and discusses its current state of affairs and place in the world today.
- B
POLO Graves, Charles P. Marco Polo. New York : Chelsea Juniors, 1991.
This brief biography examines the political forces and personal ambition that drove Marco Polo in his explorations from his home in Venice to far off China.
- FIC
GREENE Greene, Bette. Morning Is a Long Time Coming. New York : Dial Press, 1978.
En route to Germany in search of the maternal love she never had, eighteen-year-old Patty Bergen lingers in Paris and experiences her first love affair. A sequel to "Summer of My German Soldier."

- B
LAFAYETTE Grote, JoAnn A. Lafayette : French Freedom Fighter. Philadelphia : Chelsea House Publishers, 2001.
- Text and illustrations present the life of French general Lafayette, who helped the Americans win the Revolutionary War and then fought for France's poor.
- 944
HAR Harris, Jonathan. The Land and People of France. New York : HarperCollins, 1989.
- Introduces the history, geography, people, culture, government, and economy of this European country that has made contributions to western civilization.
- 945
HAS Haskins, James. Count Your Way through Italy. Minneapolis, MN : Carolrhoda Books, 1990.
- Uses the numbers one through ten in Italian to introduce aspects of the history and culture of Italy.
- FIC
HAUGAARD Haugaard, Erik Christian. The Little Fishes. Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1967.
- A tale of the tragedy of war: The story of a twelve-year-old orphaned beggar in occupied Italy, his daily search for food and for meaning in the life he witnesses, and the development of compassion and understanding that will help him survive.
- 945
HAU Hausam, Josephine Sander. Italy. Milwaukee, WI : Gareth Stevens Pub., 1999.
- Surveys the geography, history, government, language, customs, and culture of Italy. Includes lots of color photos and illustrations.
- FIC
HEMINGWAY Hemingway, Ernest. A Farewell to Arms. New York : Scribner, 1929.
- This classic novel which deals with the grim realities of war, tells the story of an American soldier who, while serving in the Italian army during World War I, falls in love with a beautiful English nurse.
- 944.04
HIL Hills, Ken. The French Revolution. New York : M. Cavendish, 1988.
- Briefly examines the events of the French Revolution and how they influenced the course of history.
- FIC
HOL Holmes, Mary Z. Cross of Gold. Austin, TX. : Raintree Steck-Vaughn Publishers, 1992.
- In 1615, a friar sent to Santa Fe by the Viceroy of New Spain meets a boy who shares his concern for the local Indians and who helps him determine the future of this small outpost town.

- B
LAFAYETTE Horn, Pierre L. Marquis de Lafayette. New York : Chelsea House Publishers, 1989.
- Traces the life of the French general and statesman who was instrumental in persuading France to aid the colonists in the American Revolution and then returned to participate in the political scene in his own country.
- FIC
HOWARD Howard, Elizabeth. Mystery of the Magician. New York : Random House, 1987.
- Investigating the death of her uncle in Paris at the turn of the century, an American teenager meets the famous magician, Harry Houdini.
- 945
HUB Huber, Alex. We Live in Chile. New York : Bookwright Press, 1986.
- Presents various aspects of life in Chili through interviews with twenty-six people representing different age groups, occupations, and regions. Also includes a section of brief facts about the country and a glossary.
- 945
HUB Hubley, Penny. A Family in Italy. Minneapolis, MN : Lerer Publications Company, 1987.
- Describes the home, school, amusements, customs, and work of an eight-year-old girl and her family living in a small town outside of Florence.
- B
POL Hull, Mary. The Travels of Marco Polo. San Diego, CA : Lucent Books, 1995.
- A biography of the Italian traveler who became the first European to cross Asia completely and document his experiences.
- 986.1
JER Jermyn, Leslie. Colombia. Milwaukee, WI : Gareth Stevens Pub., 1999.
- An overview of the South American nation of Colombia that includes information on its geography, history, government, lifestyles, language, customs, and current issues.
- 972
JER Jermyn, Leslie. Mexico. Milwaukee, WI : Gareth Stevens Pub., 1999.
- Introduces the geography, history, economy, government, culture, food, and people of Mexico.
- FIC
Jimenez JimÈnez, Francisco. The Circuit : Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child. Albuquerque : University of New Mexico Press, 1997.
- A collection of autobiographical short fiction of Mexican migrant workers.

- 946
KOH Kohen, Elizabeth. Spain. New York : Marshall Cavendish, 1996.
Introduces the geography, history, economy, culture, and people of Spain.
- 944
KOM Komroff, Manuel. The Battle of Waterloo; One Hundred Days of Destiny. New York : Macmillan, 1964.
Chronicles Napoleon's last campaign, from the Isle of Elba to St. Helena, as he carried the ever loyal French forces to battle against Wellington and Blücher on the fields of Belgium.
- 398.2
LAF La Fontaine, Jean de. The Fables of La Fontaine. New York, Viking Press 1964.
A collection of fables written by seventeenth-century French author Jean de La Fontaine.
- 641.5
LAF Lafargue, Françoise. French Food and Drink. New York : Bookwright Press, 1987.
Describes the food and beverages of France in relation to its history, geography, and culture. Also includes recipes and information about regional specialties and festive foods.
- FIC
LASKY Lasky, Kathryn. Marie Antoinette. New York : Scholastic, 2000.
In 1769, thirteen-year-old Maria Antonia Josepha Johanna, daughter of Empress Maria Theresa, begins a journal chronicling her life at the Austrian court and her preparations for her future role as queen of France.
- FIC
LEWIN Lewin, Waldtraut. Freedom Beyond the Sea. New York : Delacorte Press, 2001.
To escape the Inquisition, Esther Marchadi, the sixteen-year-old daughter of a murdered Jewish rabbi, disguises herself as a boy and joins the crew of Christopher Columbus's "Santa Maria."
- 861
LEW Lewis, Richard. Still Waters of the Air; Poems by Three Modern Spanish Poets. New York : Dial Press, 1970.
Poems by F. García Lorca, J. R. Jiménez, and A. Machado y Ruiz in Spanish, with English translations.

- 973
LIC Lick, Sue Fagalde. The Iberian Americans. New York : Chelsea House Publishers, 1990.
- Discusses the history, culture, and religion of the Iberians, factors encouraging their emigration, and their acceptance as an ethnic group in North America. (Iberians includes the Spanish, Portuguese, and Basques.)
- B
PICASSO MacDonald, Patricia A. Pablo Picasso. Englewood Cliffs, NJ : Silver Burdett Press, 1990.
- Examines the life and works of the renowned modern artist.
- 641.5
MAC MacMiadhachain, Anna. Spanish & Mexican Cooking. New York : Crescent Books, 1979.
- This authentic collection of recipes includes Pailla, tacos and tortillas, gazpacho and hearty soups and casseroles from provincial Spain. Each chapter introduction provides fascinating information about the origin of local dishes.
- 945
MAR Mariella, Cinzia. Passport to Italy. London : F. Watts, 1986.
- Describes the geography, people, industry, culture, and daily life of Italy.
- FIC
MARTINEZ Martinez, Victor. Parrot in the Oven : Mi Vida : A Novel. New York : HarperCollins Publishers, 1996.
- Manny relates his coming of age experiences as a member of a poor Mexican American family in which the alcoholic father only adds to everyone's struggle.
- B
CEZANNE Mason, Anthony. Cezanne. New York : Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 1993.
- An introduction to Cezanne's life, achievements and his most famous works. Hands-on projects allow the reader to experiment with the artist's techniques.
- B
MONET Mason, Anthony. Monet. Happaug, NY : Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 1995.
- An introduction to Monet's life, achievements and his most famous works. Hands-on projects allow the reader to experiment with the artist's techniques.
- B
PICASSO Mason, Anthony. Picasso. London : Watts, 1994.
- An introduction to Picasso's life, achievements and his most famous works.

- B
CHAMPLAIN Mattern, Joanne. The Travels of Samuel de Champlain. Patrick O'Brien.
Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2001.
- Describes Champlain's exploration of New France and his relations with the Indians.
- B
GAMA Mattern, Joanne. The Travels of Vasco da Gama. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck,
2001.
- Describes da Gama's expeditions to the Cape of Good Hope, the East Indies, and Calicut.
- FIC
MIKLOWITZ Miklowitz, Gloria D. Secrets in the House of Delgado. Grand Rapids, Mich. :
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.
- 946
MIL Millar, Heather. Spain in the Age of Exploration. New York : Benchmark Books,
1999.
- Surveys the important events in the history of Spain between the voyages of Columbus and the defeat of the Spanish Armada, and examines the role of the arts and religion during these two centuries.
- B
COLUMBUS Monchieri, Lino. Christopher Columbus. New York : Silver Burdett Company,
1985.
- A brief illustrated account of Columbus's four transatlantic voyages.
- 989..5
MOR Morrison, Marion. Let's Visit Uruguay. Bridgeport, CT : Burke, 1985.
- An introduction to the geography, history, economy, culture, and people of the small South American country often referred to as the "Banda Oriental" because of its location on the east bank of the Uruguay River.
- FIC
MOSHER Mosher, Richard. Zazoo. New York : Clarion Books, 2001.
- Amid old secrets revealed and rifts healed, a thirteen-year-old Vietnamese orphan raised in rural France by her aging "Grand-Pierre" learns about life, death, and love.

- 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
NAPOLI Napoli, Donna Jo. Three Days. New York : Dutton Children's Books, 2001.
- When her father suddenly dies while on a business trip leaving her alone on an Italian highway, eleven-year-old Jackie worries what will happen when she is picked up by two men with unknown motives.
- 944
NGC NgCheong-Lum, Roseline. France. Milwaukee : Gareth Stevens, 1999.
- An overview of France, discussing its history, geography, government, economy, culture, and relations with North America.
- B
JOAN Nottridge, Harold. Joan of Arc. New York : Bookwright Press, 1988.
- A biography of the young French woman who, inspired by visions from God, led the French army against English invaders, was burned at the stake as a heretic, and eventually was declared a saint.
- FIC
O'DELL O'Dell, Scott. The Amethyst Ring. Boston : Houghton Mifflin, 1983.
- Spanish seminarian Julian Escobar, known to the Mayas as Lord Kukulcan and worshipped as a god, witnesses the fall of the Mayan and Incan civilizations with the coming of Cortes and Pizarro.
- 861
OUT Out of the Dump : Writings and Photographs by Children from Guatemala. New York : Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books, 1995.
- A compilation of poems with photographs by children who live in the municipal dump in Guaremala City.
- 945
PAR Park, Ted. Italy. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2000.
- Introduces the geography, points of interest, way of life, economy, and culture and people of Italy.
- 945
PAR Park, Ted. France. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2001.
- Briefly profiles the people, history, geography, economy, and culture of France; includes lots of color photos.

- 945
PAR Park, Ted. Mexico. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2000.
Introduces the geography, points of interest, way of life, economy, and culture and people of Mexico.
- 945
PAR Park, Ted. Spain. Austin, TX : Raintree/Steck, 2000.
Profiles the people, history, geography, economy, and culture of Spain.
- 784.4
PAZ Paz, Elena. Favorite Spanish Folksongs. New York : Oak Publications, 1965.
Provides the words and music for traditional songs from Spain and Latin America.
- 985
PER Peru in Pictures. Minneapolis : Lerner, 1987.
Photographs and brief text introduce the geography, history, government, industries, people, and culture of the fourth largest Latin American country.
- PICT
FIC
POLACCO 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.
- B
MATISSE Raboff, Ernest Lloyd. Henri Matisse. New York : Lippincott, 1988.
A brief biography of the modern French artist accompanies reproductions and analyses of several of his works.
- B
LEONARDO Raboff, Ernest Lloyd. Leonardo da Vinci. New York : Lippincott, 1987.
Explains some basic techniques of Da Vinci by analyzing a few of his better-known paintings.
- B
MICHELANGELO Raboff, Ernest Lloyd. Michelangelo Buonarroti. New York : J.B. Lippincott, 1988.
Discusses the life and art of the Renaissance sculptor, poet, and painter. Includes color and black and white reproductions of many of his works.
- B
PICASSO Raboff, Ernest Lloyd. Pablo Picasso. New York : J.B. Lippincott, 1987.
Provides a short biographical sketch, a helpful interpretation of the artist's paintings, and 15 full-color reproductions of the artist's work.

- 946
RUT Rutland, Jonathan. Spain. New York : Franklin Watts, 1980.
Highlights several of Spain's most famous landmarks and provides a brief introduction to the country and its people.
- FIC
SACHS Sachs, Marilyn. A Pocket Full of Seeds. Garden City, NY : Doubleday, 1973.
During World War II in occupied France, a young Jewish girl returns from an overnight visit with a friend to find her family has disappeared.
- FIC
SAINT-
EXUPERY Saint-Exupery, Antoine de. The Little Prince. New York : Harcourt Brace & World, 1971.
A pilot makes a forced landing on the barren Sahara Desert. He is befriended by a little prince from the planet Asteroid B-612.
- 985
S St. John, Jetty. A Family in Peru. Minneapolis, MN : Lerer Publications Company, 1987.
Describes the home, customs, work, school and amusements of a Peruvian girl and her family living in a small town high in the Andean mountains.
- B
BAKER Schroeder, Alan. Josephine Baker. New York, NY : Chelsea House, 1991.
Biography of the black American singer and dancer who achieved fame in Paris in the 1920s and was awarded the French Legion of Honor for her work during World War II.
- 860.8
SCH Schwartz, Kessel. Introduction to Modern Spanish Literature; An Anthology of Fiction, Poetry, and Essay. New York, Twayne Publishers 1968.
A comprehensive introduction to Spanish literature.
- 468.3421
SPA Spanish Phrase Book. Lincolnwood , IL : Passport Books, 2000.
Written for teens, it presents the words and phrases that kids really speak.
- 946
STA Stadler, Christa. Alberto Lives in Spain. London : Young Library, 1985.
An eleven-year-old boy from Madrid tells of his life in Spain through photos and text.

- B
Joan Stanley, Diane. Joan of Arc. New York : Morrow Junior Books, 1998.
A biography of the fifteenth-century peasant girl who led a French army to victory against the English and was burned at the stake for witchcraft.
- B
MICHELANGELO Stanley, Diane. Michelangelo. New York : HarperCollins, 2000.
A biography of the Renaissance sculptor, painter, architect, and poet, well known for his work on the Sistine Chapel in Rome's St. Peter's Cathedral.
- 398.2
SUD Suddeth, Ruth Elgin. Tales of the Western World; Folk Tales of the Americas. Austin, TX : Steck Co., 1953.
Included are folk tales from the Andes, the Caribbean islands, and Mexico.
- B
PAGANINI Sugden, John. Niccolo Paganini, Supreme Violinist or Devil's Fiddler? Neptune City, NJ : Paganiniana Publications, 1980.
Profiles the Italian composer and principal violin virtuoso of the 19th century, who inspired the Romantic mystique of the virtuoso and revolutionized violin technique.
- B
GALILEO Suggett, Martin. Galileo and the Birth of Modern Science. England : Wayland, 1981.
Profiles the Italian natural philosopher, astronomer, and mathematician who made fundamental contributions to the sciences of motion, astronomy, and the development of the scientific method.
- 641.5
SUN Sunset French Cook Book. Menlo Park, CA : Lane Pub. Co., 1976.
Color photos complement recipes for popular French dishes.
- 861.08
TAL Talbot, Toby. Coplas: Folk Poems in Spanish and English. New York : Four Winds Press, 1972.
Coplas are the poetry of the *pueblo* (the Spanish village). They are short, improvised verses which tell of the tragic and comic events of everyday life.
- B
VERDI Tames, Richard. Giuseppe Verdi. New York : F. Watts, 1991.
Examines Verdi's life and musical achievements in the context of his historical period.

- B
MICHELANGELO Ventura, Piero. Michelangelo's World. New York : G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1988.
 Recounts the life of the famous sculptor, painter, poet, and architect who flourished during the Italian Renaissance.
- FIC
VERNE Verne, Jules. Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea. Maidenhead : Purnell, 1976.
 A nineteenth-century science fiction tale in which a French professor and his companions, trapped aboard a fantastic submarine with a mad sea captain, come face to face with exotic ocean creatures and strange sights hidden from the world above.
- B
VERDI Vernon, Roland. Introducing Verdi. Philadelphia : Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.
 This series looks at the influences and historical events that shaped the lives of the great composers. It provides an essential introduction to the lives of those who produced some of the world's most enduring music.
- B
VIVALDI Vernon, Roland. Introducing Vivaldi. Philadelphia : Chelsea House Publishers, 2000.
 This series looks at the influences and historical events that shaped the lives of the great composers. It provides an essential introduction to the lives of those who produced some of the world's most enduring music.
- 641.5
WAL Waldee, Lynne Marie. Cooking the French Way. Minneapolis : Lerner Publications Co., 1982.
 An introduction to the cooking of France, featuring basic recipes for everyday breakfast, lunch, and dinner dishes. Also includes typical menus and a brief description of the special features of a French table setting.
- B
DREYFUS Werstein, Irving. I Accuse; The Story of the Dreyfus Case. New York : J. Messner 1967.
 This is the fascinating story of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, who was convicted of treason and sentenced to life in prison by a French military court in 1894. The fact that he had been falsely accused and made a scapegoat for the discovery of a leak in military security took years to prove. This book serves as an inspiration and a warning for the present: "It is only necessary that good men stand mute for evil to triumph..."

- FIC
WHEELER Wheeler, Jill. There's No Place Like Rome. Bloomington, MN : Abdo & Daughters, 1988.
- Twins Tanya and Todd travel back in time to ancient Rome in this brief adventure book.
- B
JOAN Williams, Brian. Joan of Arc. New York : Marshall Cavendish, 1989.
- A biography of the peasant girl who led the French army to victory against the English and paved the way for the coronation of King Charles VII.
- 973
WIT Witkoski, Michael. Italian Americans. Vero Beach, FL : Rourke Corp., 1991.
- Discusses Italians who have immigrated to the United States, their reasons for coming, where they have settled, and how they have contributed to their new country.
- B
CHAMPLAIN Zadra, Dan. Champlain : Explorer of New France (1567-1635). Mankato, MN : Creative Education, 1988.
- A biography of the French explorer who founded Quebec, discovered Lake Champlain, and was called the Father of New France.
- B
CORONADO Zadra, Dan. Coronado : Explorer of the Southwest (1510-1554) Mankato, MN : Creative Education, 1988.
- A brief biography of the Spanish explorer who led an expedition into the American Southwest in search of seven cities of gold.
- B
DESOTO Zadra, Dan. De Soto : Explorer of the Southeast (1500-1542). Mankato, MN : Creative Education, 1988.
- A biography of the wealthy Spanish explorer who became the first white man to cross the Mississippi.
- B
LAFAYETTE Zadra, Dan. Lafayette : Freedom's General (1757-1834). Mankato, MN : Creative Education, 1988.
- An easy-to-read biography of the French nobleman who was a leader in both the American and French revolutions.