



# Social Studies Common Core State Standards Recommended Books

## Teaching Resources Center, Joyner Library A Selective Annotated Bibliography

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
<b>EASY</b>		
K - 2	Bildner, Phil. <i>Marvelous Cornelius: Hurricane Katrina and the Spirit of New Orleans</i> . San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books, 2015.  A man known as the "Trashcan Wizard" sings and dances his way through the French Quarter in New Orleans, keeping his beloved city clean, until Hurricane Katrina's devastation nearly causes him to lose his spirit.	E B491M
1 - 4	Blue, Rose. <i>Ron's Big Mission</i> . New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2009.  One summer day in 1959, nine-year-old Ron McNair, who dreams of becoming a pilot, walks into the Lake City, South Carolina, public library and insists on checking out some books, despite the rule that only white people can have library cards. Includes facts about McNair, who grew up to be an astronaut.	E B6253R

PreK - 1	Campoy, Isabel F. <i>Maybe Something Beautiful</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016.	E C158M
	Mira lives in a gray and hopeless urban community until a muralist arrives and, along with his paints and brushes, brings color, joy, and togetherness to Mira and her neighbors.	
K - 2	de la Peña, Matt. <i>Last Stop on Market Street</i> . New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2015.	E D3706L
	Every Sunday after church, CJ and his grandma ride the bus across town. But today, CJ wonders why they don't own a car like his friend Colby. Why doesn't he have an iPod like the boys on the bus? How come they always have to get off in the dirty part of town? Each question is met with an encouraging answer from grandma, who helps him see the beauty -- and fun -- in their routine and the world around them.	
1 - 5	Murphy, Claire Rudolph. <i>Marching with Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women's Suffrage</i> . Atlanta, GA: Peachtree, 2011.	E M9523M
	Not allowed to go hiking with her father and brothers because she is a girl, Bessie learns about women's rights when she attends a suffrage rally led by Susan B. Anthony.	
1 - 4	Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. <i>The Book Itch: Freedom, Truth, and Harlem's Greatest Bookstore</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 2015.	E N338B
	Relates the story of the National Memorial African Bookstore, founded in Harlem by Louis Michaux in 1939, as seen from the perspective of Louis Michaux Jr., who met famous men like Muhammad Ali and Malcolm X while helping there.	
3 - 6	Pinkney, Andrea Davis. <i>Boycott Blues: How Rosa Parks Inspired a Nation</i> . New York: Greenwillow Books, 2008.	E P65611B
	Illustrations and rhythmic text recall the December, 1955, bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama.	
4 - 12	Polacco, Patricia. <i>Pink and Say</i> . New York: Philomel Books, 1994.	E P7569PN
	Say Curtis describes his meeting with Pinkus Aylee, a black soldier, during the Civil War, and their capture by Southern troops. Based on a true story about the author's great-great-grandfather.	
PreK - 1	Reichert, Paul. <i>The Lemonade Ripple: A Sweet Story of Kindness and Charity</i> . New York: Better World Kids Books, 2012.	E R2718L

Caroline sets up a stand to sell her Grandmother's sweet lemonade to raise money for the new wheelchair her friend Shannon needs, which inspires others to help, as well, in bigger and better ways.

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| 2 - 4 | Reynolds, Aaron. <b><i>Back of the Bus</i></b> . New York: Philomel Books, 2009.   | E<br>R333BA |
|       | From the back of the bus, an African American child watches the arrest of Rosa Parks.  |             |
| 1 - 4 | Ryan, Pam Muñoz. <b><i>Amelia and Eleanor Go for a Ride: Based on a True Story</i></b> . New York: Scholastic Press, 1999.   | E<br>R957A  |
|       | A fictionalized account of the night Amelia Earhart flew Eleanor Roosevelt over Washington, D.C. in an airplane.   |             |
| 2 - 4 | Thompson, Lauren. <b><i>The Forgiveness Garden</i></b> . New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2012.   | E<br>T3751F |
|       | Two children from separate, long-feuding villages decide to put aside their hatred and build a forgiveness garden to bridge the gap between their communities and end the cycle of violence.   |             |
| K - 2 | Tunnell, Michael O. <b><i>Mailing May</i></b> . New York: Greenwillow Books, 1997.   | E<br>T835M  |
|       | In 1914, because her family cannot afford a train ticket to her grandmother's town, May gets mailed and rides the mail car on the train to see her grandmother.  |             |
| 2 - 5 | Weatherford, Carole Boston. <b><i>Dear Mr. Rosenwald</i></b> . New York: Scholastic Press, 2006.   | E<br>W3784D |
|       | Young Ovella rejoices as her community comes together to raise money and build a much-needed school in the 1920s, with matching funds from the president of Sears, Roebuck, and Company and support from Professor James of the Normal School.   |             |
| 1 - 4 | Winter, Jonah. <b><i>Lillian's Right to Vote: A Celebration of the Voting Rights Act of 1965</i></b> . New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2015.  | E<br>W7345L |
|       | As an elderly woman, Lillian recalls that her great-great-grandparents were sold as slaves in front of a courthouse where only rich white men were allowed to vote, then the long fight that led to her right--and determination--to cast her ballot since the Voting Rights Act gave every American |             |

the right to vote.

- K - 3      Woodruff, Elvira. *The Memory Coat*. New York: Scholastic, 1999.      E  
W86ME

In the early 1900s, two cousins leave their Russian shtetl with the rest of their family to come to America, hopeful that they will all pass the dreaded inspection at Ellis Island.

## FICTION

- 4 - 6      Blume, Lesley. *The Rising Star of Rusty Nail*. New York: Yearling Books, 2007.      F  
B62595R

In the small town of Rusty Nail, Minnesota, in the early 1950s, musically talented ten-year-old Franny wants to take advanced piano lessons from newcomer Olga Malenkov, a famous Russian musician suspected of being a communist spy by gossipy members of the community.

- 6 - 9      Bradley, Kimberly Brubaker. *Jefferson's Sons: A Founding Father's Secret Children*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2011.      F  
B7286J

A fictionalized look at the last twenty years of Thomas Jefferson's life at Monticello through the eyes of three of his slaves, two of whom were his sons by his slave, Sally Hemings.

- 6 - 12      Curtis, Christopher Paul. *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963*. New York: Delacorte Press, 1995.      F  
C941W

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

- 2 - 5      Levine, Ellen. *Henry's Freedom Box*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2007.      F  
L57863H

A fictionalized account of how in 1849 a Virginia slave, Henry "Box" Brown, escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden crate from Richmond to Philadelphia.

- 3 - 4 Machlachlan, Patricia. *Sarah, Plain and Tall*. New York: Harper & Row, 1985. F M22SA
- 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.
- 5 - 8 Rhodes, Jewell Parker. *Sugar*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2013. F R3467S
- In 1870, Reconstruction brings big changes to the Louisiana sugar plantation where spunky ten-year-old Sugar has always lived, including her friendship with Billy, the son of her former master, and the arrival of workmen from China.
- K - 4 Weatherford, Carole Boston. *Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2005. F W3784F
- The 1960 civil rights sit-ins at the Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, are seen through the eyes of a young Southern black girl.

## NONFICTION

- 2 - 6 Smith, David J. *If America Were a Village: A Book About the People of the United States*. Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 2009. (Also by author: *If the World Were a Village: A Book About the World's People*) 304.60973 SM543I
- This book uses a simple metaphor to create a snapshot--past, present and future--to help readers imagine America as a village of 100 people, exploring their lives to help children and readers of all ages to discover a whole new vision of America.
- 7 - 9 Lester, Julius. *To Be A Slave*. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1968. 326.0973 L5673T
- \*Ronnie Barnes Collection\**
- A compilation, selected from various sources and arranged chronologically, of the reminiscences of slaves and ex-slaves about their experiences from the leaving of Africa through the Civil War and into the early twentieth century.
- K - 3 Levy, Elizabeth. *If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution*. New York: Scholastic, 2006. 342.73 L5795I
- This book takes you behind the locked doors of Philadelphia's State House during the history-making summer of 1787. You will meet the key delegates and

find out what is going on.

- 1 - 4      Anderson, Laurie Halse. ***Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving***. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2002.      394.2649  
AN2394T

Relates how Sarah Hale, a magazine editor and author, persuaded President Lincoln to transform Thanksgiving Day into a national holiday.

- K - 3      Dauvillier, Loïc. ***Hidden: A Child's Story of the Holocaust***. New York: First Second, 2014.      940.53  
D269H

A grandmother shares the story of her experiences in WWII with her grandchild in this graphic novel for young readers.

- 5 - 12      Stone, Tanya Lee. ***Courage Has No Color***. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2013.      940.54  
ST724C

Examines the role of African-Americans in the military through the history of the Triple Nickles, America's first black paratroopers, who fought against attacks perpetrated on the American West by the Japanese during World War II.

- 1 - 4      Rosenstock, Barb. ***The Camping Trip That Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and Our National Parks***. New York: Dial Book for Young Readers, 2012.      979.4  
R7272C

Offers insight into the camping trip that President Theodore Roosevelt and naturalist John Muir took to the redwoods of Yosemite in 1903, during which the two men had experiences and conversations that eventually contributed to the establishment of national parks in the United States.

## BIOGRAPHY

- K      Bridges, Ruby. ***Let's Read About ... Ruby Bridges***. New York: Scholastic, 2003.      B  
B7646B

Ruby Bridges was born during the time of segregation in the South. In 1960, she made history when she attended an all-white school. Follow her story and learn why we still celebrate her courage today.

- 2 - 5      Macy, Sue. ***Basketball Belles: How Two Teams and One Scrappy Player Put Women's Hoops on the Map***. New York: Holiday House, 2011.      B  
C582M

Raised on a cattle ranch, Agnes Morley was sent to Stanford University to learn

to be a lady. Yet in no time she exchanged her breeches and spurs for bloomers and a basketball; and in April 1896 she made history. In a heart-pounding game against the University of California at Berkeley, Agnes led her team to victory in the first-ever intercollegiate women's basketball game, earning national attention and putting women's basketball on the map.

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| K - 3    | Markel, Michelle. <b><i>Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909</i></b> . New York: Balzer + Bray, 2013.  | B<br>L5437M |
|          | An illustrated account of immigrant Clara Lemlich's pivotal role in the influential 1909 women laborer's strike describes how she worked grueling hours to acquire an education and support her family before organizing a massive walkout to protest the unfair working conditions in New York's garment district. |             |
| 2 - 3    | Robinson, Fiona. <b><i>Ada's Ideas: The Story of Ada Lovelace, the World's First Computer Programmer</i></b> . New York: Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2016.  | B<br>L942R  |
|          | A picture book biography of mathematician Ada Lovelace, the first computer programmer.  |             |
| 7 - 12   | Reef, Catherine. <b><i>Florence Nightingale: The Courageous Life of the Legendary Nurse</i></b> . Boston: Clarion Books, 2017.  | B<br>N564R  |
|          | A biography for young adult readers on Florence Nightingale, the pioneering nurse best known for her work during the Crimean War, where she rectified horrifying conditions and made nightly rounds to check on patients, saving hundreds of lives and sparking worldwide healthcare reform.                        |             |
| 2 - 3    | Taylor, Charlotte. <b><i>Barack Obama: The First African-American President</i></b> . New York: Enslow Publishing, 2016.  | B<br>OB1TA  |
|          | A biography of US president Barack Obama.   |             |
| PreK - 3 | White, Becky. <b><i>Betsy Ross</i></b> . New York: Holiday House, 2011.   | B<br>R733WH |
|          | Tells the story of the colonial seamstress who, according to legend, stitched the first American flag, after a design by George Washington.   |             |
| 1 - 4    | Stone, Tanya Lee. <b><i>Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote</i></b> . New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2008.   | B<br>ST263S |

This inspiring story is about an extraordinary woman who changed America forever because she wouldn't take no for an answer.

- 1 - 4      Ochiltree, Dianne. *Molly, By Golly! The Legend of Molly Williams, America's First Female Firefighter*. Honesdale, PA: Calkins Creek, 2012.      B  
W6745O

Introduces the first known female firefighter, Molly Williams, an African American cook for New York City's Fire Company 11, who one winter day in 1818 with many volunteers sick with influenza jumped into action to stop a house fire.

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