

GCSS – Children’s Literature Titles Aligned to Second Grade Social Studies Standards

Children’s Literature Titles – The book titles listed below have been recommended by Georgia teachers and GCSS. Teachers should always read books themselves before using them with their students, to determine their appropriateness for their particular students. The titles are not an exhaustive list and teachers are encouraged to grow their collection of books useful for teaching these concepts and historical figures.

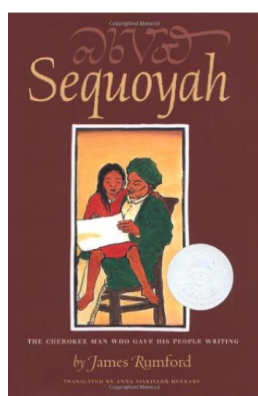
Standards are cited, followed by titles that align.

SS2H1 is taught with SS2G2a-d, although those geography standards are not cited here. SS2H1 is also taught with SS2CG3, character traits of historic figures and groups.

SS2H1 Describe the lives and contributions of historical figures in Georgia history.

b. Sequoyah (development of a Cherokee alphabet)

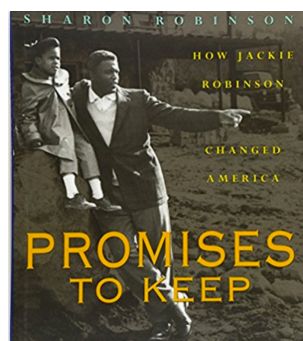
Children’s Books about Sequoyah:



Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man who Gave His People Writing by James Rumford, HMH Books for Young Readers, 2004 - Not only is his story beautifully told and illustrated, but the book includes parallel text in both English and Cherokee. The back matter of the book includes the syllabary, a timeline of his life, and further discussion about this amazing man.

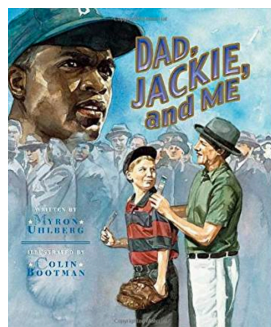
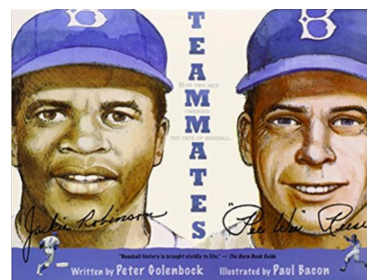
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c. Jackie Robinson (sportsmanship and civil rights)



Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America by Sharon Robinson. Written by Robinson’s daughter, Sharon, this book is packed with information and primary source photos and other material to share with students.

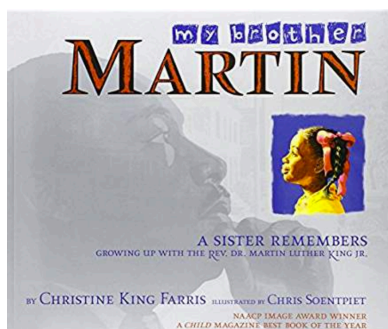
Teammates by Peter Golenbock tells the story of the friendship between Jackie Robinson and Pee Wee Reese, and helps illustrate the power of brotherhood and friendship.



Dad, Jackie, and Me by Myron Uhlberg and Colin Bootman tells the true story of Myron’s dad, who was deaf and yet a passionate fan of Jackie Robinson. This story provides another view of Robinson and the model he provided to his fans of a man who persisted and excelled despite prejudice and discrimination.

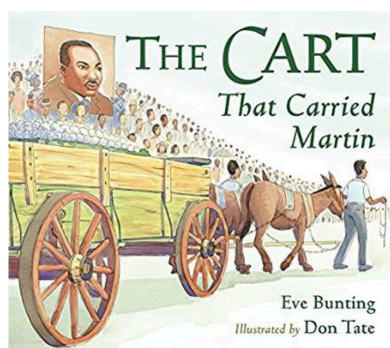
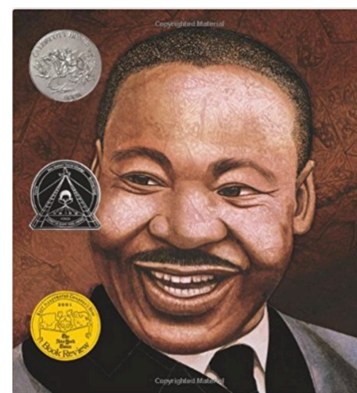
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d. Martin Luther King, Jr. (civil rights)



My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up With the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. by Christine King Farris and Chris Soentpiet describes King’s boyhood from the perspective of his sister, revealing him as a somewhat mischievous boy whom young learners will identify with, rather than the icon he has become.

Martin’s Big Words by Doreen Rappaport uses Dr. King’s own words to convey his commitment and his talent as a spokesman for the civil rights movement. This book provides selected quotes from Dr. King that second graders could analyze together.



The Cart That Carried Martin was written by Eve Bunting and illustrated by Don Tate. Inspired by a newspaper article read by Ms. Bunting, the story is of the humble cart that carried Dr. King’s coffin at his funeral ceremony. This true story is told in a simple and eloquent way; the book contains photographs of the cart, now housed at the King Center in Atlanta.

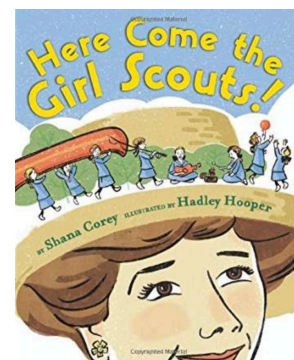
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e. Juliette Gordon Low (Girl Scouts and leadership)



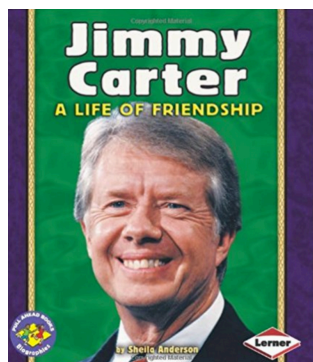
First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliette Gordon Low by Ginger Wadsworth is a well told biography of Low packed with photographs and other source material from her life.

Here Come the Girl Scouts!: The Amazing All-true Story of Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low and Her Great Adventure by Shana Corey and Hadley Cooper introduces children to Low in a lively engaging manner. The book features an energetic telling of her life’s work, along with primary sources related to Low and her legacy.



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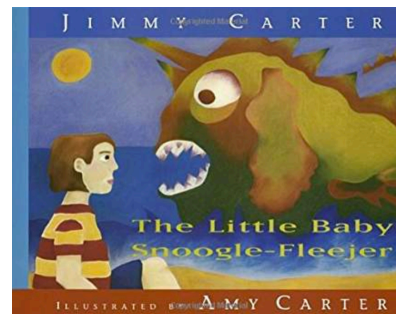
f. Jimmy Carter (leadership and human rights)



Jimmy Carter: A Life of Friendship by Sheila Anderson is a simple, introductory biography of our only president from Georgia. Use this book to model informational text about this historical figure, and explore the focus on him as being helpful to others.

The Little Baby Snoogle-Fleejer by Jimmy Carter, illustrated by Amy Carter, is not about Carter but can be used to illustrate his focus on helping others, especially those who are

different in some way.

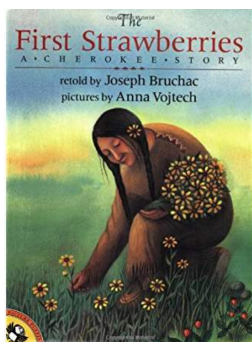


One thing to note is that there are limited good children’s books about Jimmy Carter. This provides an opportunity for students to learn about him and then create their own picture books that learners their age would enjoy.

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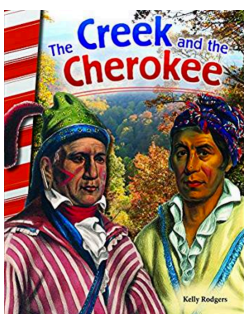
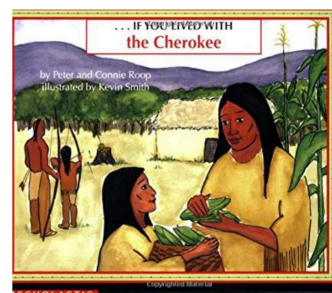
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a. Compare and contrast the Georgia Creek and Cherokee cultures of the past to those of Georgians today.



The First Strawberries by Joseph Bruchac and Anna Wojtech is a simple telling of a Cherokee legend reminding us to be kind, written by a master storyteller.

If You Lived With the Cherokee by Peter Roop and Connie Roop, offers a good informational text treatment of the early Cherokee, provided in an effective question-and-answer format.



The Creek and The Cherokee by Kelly Rodgers is a thorough and well-written overview of these tribes for young learners. Includes primary sources and supportive documentation.

SS2CG1 Define the concept of government and the need for rules and laws.

SS2CG2 Identify the following elected officials of the executive branch and where they work:

The intent of this standard is to introduce the executive branch of government as the branch in charge of enforcing the laws of the state or nation. There is an executive branch at the national level, the state level, and the city level.

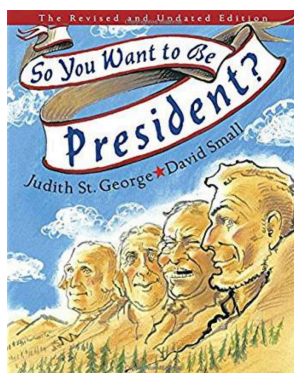
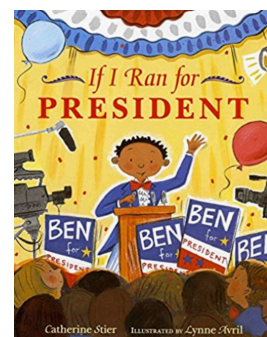
SS2CG2 Identify the following elected officials of the executive branch and where they work:

a. President (leader of our nation) and Washington, D.C. – White House



Vote by Eileen Christelow is a lively and engaging introduction to voting by an acclaimed children’s author.

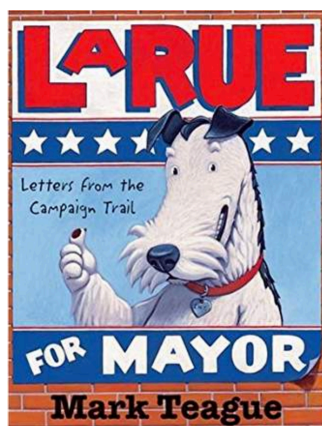
If I Ran for President by Catherine Stier is another great introduction to presidential campaigns and elections.



So You Want to be President by Judith St. George packs her book on the presidents with fun facts and entertaining and appealing information. David Small’s illustrations enhance the light touch. A brief biography of each president is included in the back matter.

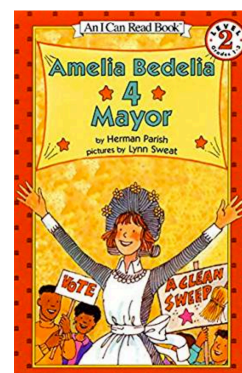
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c. Mayor (leader of a city) and city hall



LaRue for Mayor: Letters from the Campaign Trail by Mark Teague is a kid-friendly look at a mayoral campaign and that rascally dog, LaRue.

Amelia Bedelia 4 Mayor by Herman Parish is another kid-friendly introduction to mayoral politics (and word play!)



SS2E1 Explain that because of scarcity, people must make choices that result in opportunity costs.

Titles reinforcing the concept of opportunity costs include:

Judith Viorst - *Alexander, Who Used To Be Rich Last Sunday*
Peter Collington – *Clever Cat*
Lynne Cherry – *The Great Kapok Tree*
Pat Hutchins – *The Doorbell Rang*

SS2E2 Identify some ways in which goods and services are allocated (such as: price, majority rule, contests, force, sharing, lottery, authority, first-come-first-served, and personal characteristics).

Titles reinforcing the concept of allocation of goods and services include:

Andrea Chang – *Anna the Bookbinder*
Arnold Lobel – *On Market Street*
Donald Hall – *The Ox-Cart Man*
Tomie dePaola – *Strega Nona Meets Her Match*
Laura Joffe Numeroff – *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*
Alice Schertle – *Down the Road*

SS2E3 Explain that people usually use money to obtain the goods and services they want and explain how money makes trade easier than barter.

Titles reinforcing the concept of trade/barter include:

Marjorie Priceman – *How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World* and *How to Make a Cherry Pie and See the U.S.A.*
Donald Hall – *Ox-cart Man*
Laura Ingalls Wilder – *Going to Town (My First Little House)*
Harriet Ziefert – *A New Coat for Anna*
Nonny Hogrogian – *One Fine Day*

SS2E4 Describe the costs and benefits of personal saving and spending choices.

Titles reinforcing the concept of saving and spending include:

Vera Williams – *A Chair for My Mother*
Tololwa Mollel – *My Rows and Piles of Coins*
Stuart J. Murphy – *The Penny Pot*
Patricia Polacco – *Chicken Sunday*