

GCSS – Children’s Literature Titles Aligned to Fourth 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.

| 4th Grade | 1770’s to 1860 |
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| Mara Rockliff | Gingerbread for Liberty |
| Deborah Chandra | George Washington’s Teeth |
| Lynn Cullen | Dear Mr. Washington |
| Peter Cook & David Antram | You Wouldn’t Want to Be at the Boston Tea Party: Wharf Water Tea You’d Rather Not Drink |
| Laurie Halse Anderson | Independent Dames: What You Never Knew About the Women and Girls of the American Revolution |
| Jean Fritz | Where was Patrick Henry on the 29 th of May? |
| Freedman, Russell | Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candle-Maker’s Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty |
| Illus by Christopher Bing | The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere |
| Cheney, Lynne | When Washington Crossed the Delaware |
| Brown, Don | Henry and the Cannons |
| Rosalyn Schanzer | George vs. George |
| Jean Fritz | Can’t You Make Them Behave, King George? |
| Winters, Kay | Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak |
| Jean Fritz | And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? |
| Betsy & Giulio Maestro | A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution |
| Patricia Reeder Eubank | Seaman’s Journal: On the Trail With Lewis and Clark |
| Susan Campbell Bartoletti | The Flag Maker |
| Kristen Fulton | Long May She Wave: The True Story of Caroline Pickersgill and Her Star-Spangled Creation |
| Illustrated by Peter Spier | The Star-Spangled Banner |
| Peter Alderman | The Rocket’s Red Glare: Celebrating the History of the ‘Star-Spangled Banner’” |
| Don Brown | Dolley Madison Saves George Washington |
| Lisa Papp | The Town That Fooled the British: A War of 1812 Story |
| Verla Kay | Rough, Tough Charley |
| Carole Boston Weatherford | Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom |
| Anne Rockwell | Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth |
| Ellen Levine | Henry’s Freedom Box: A True Story From the Underground Railroad |
| Henry Cole | Unspoken: A Story From the Underground Railroad |

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| Ann Malaspina | Heart on Fire: Susan B. Anthony Votes for President |
| Claire Rudolf Murphy | Marching With Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women’s Suffrage |
| Nikki Giovanni | Lincoln and Douglass: An American Friendship |

| 4th Grade | Civil War |
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| Ann McGovern | If You Grew Up With Abraham Lincoln |
| Brad Meltzer | I Am Abraham Lincoln |
| Dawn Fitzgerald | Vinnie and Abraham |
| Kay Winters | Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books |
| Lane Smith | Abe Lincoln’s Dream |
| Nikki Giovanni | Lincoln and Douglass |
| Ann Turner | Abe Lincoln Remembers |
| Bernard Waber | Just Like Abraham Lincoln |
| Judith St. George | Stand Tall, Abe Lincoln |
| Karen B. Winnick | Mr. Lincoln’s Whiskers |
| Stephanie Kuligowski | Amazing Americans: Abraham Lincoln |
| Russell Freedman | Lincoln: A Photobiography |
| Alan Schroeder | Abe Lincoln: His Wit and Wisdom From A-Z |
| Doreen Rappaport | Abe’s Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln |
| J. Patrick Lewis | The Brothers’ War: Civil War Voices in Verse |
| Patricia Polacco | Pink and Say |
| Patricia Polacco | Clara and Davie: The True Story of Young Clara Barton, Founder of the American Red Cross |
| David A. Adler | A Picture Book of Robert E. Lee |
| Robin Friedman | The Silent Witness: A True Story of the Civil War |
| Ann Turner | Nettie’s Trip South |
| Ted Lewin | Red Legs: A Drummer Boy of the Civil War |
| Romare Bearden | Li’l Dan, The Drummer Boy: A Civil War Story |
| Bobbi Miller | The Girls of Gettysburg |
| Patricia Beatty | Charley Skedaddle |
| Carolyn Reeder | Shades of Gray |
| Patricia Beatty | Turn Homeward, Hannalee |

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| Anne Ylvisaker | The Luck of the Buttons |
| Anne Ylvisaker | The Curse of the Buttons |
| Rodman Philbrick | The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg |
| Susan Fletcher | Dadblamed Union Army Cow |
| Ann Turner | Drummer Boy: Marching to the Civil War |
| Anita Silvey | I’ll Pass For Your Comrade: Women Soldiers in the Civil War |
| Norman Bolotin | Civil War A to Z: A Young Readers’ Guide to Over 100 People, Places, and Points of Importance |
| Angela Johnson & E.B. Lewis | All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom |
| Floyd Cooper | Juneteenth for Mazie |

| 4th grade | Reconstruction |
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| Marie Bradby | More Than Anything Else |
| Eve Bunting | Train to Somewhere |
| Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard | Virgie Goes to School With Us Boys |
| Lesa Cline-Ransome & James E. Ransome | Freedom’s School |
| Joyce Hansen | Out From This Place |
| Harriette Gillem Robinet | Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule |
| Jewell Parker Rhodes | Sugar |
| Joyce Hansen | I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly |
| <i>Patricia Beatty</i> | <i>Be Ever Hopeful, Hannalee (check libraries, currently out of print)</i> |
| A. LaFaye | Stella Stands Alone |
| Marilyn Bishop Shaw | Solomon |
| Alison Hart | Fires of Jubilee |
| A. B. Westrick | Brotherhood (read this first to determine if it is right for your students) |
| Margaret McMullan | When I Crossed No-Bob |
| Christopher Paul Curtis | Elijah of Buxton |
| Kadir Nelson | Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans |
| Jabari Asim | The Road to Freedom: A Story of the Reconstruction |
| Jabari Asim | Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington |
| Kelly Starling Lyons | Hope’s Gift |

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| Kelly Starling Lyons | Ellen’s Broom |
| Kelly Starling Lyons | Tea Cakes for Tosh |
| Sarah Elder Hale | Rebuilding a Nation: Picking Up the Pieces (Cobblestone: the Civil War) |
| Chris Barton | The Amazing Story of John Roy Lynch |
| Kathleen E. Bradley | Reconstruction: Expanding and Preserving the Union (Reader’s Theater) |
| Zachary Kent | Andrew Johnson: Seventeenth President of the United States |
| Deborah Hopkinson | A Band of Angels: A Story Inspired by the Jubilee Singers |
| Angela Johnson & E.B. Lewis | All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom |
| Floyd Cooper | Juneteenth for Mazie |
| Sharon Draper | Stella by Starlight |

| 4th Grade | Government/Civics Titles |
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| Gwenyth Swain | Documents of Freedom: A Look at the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the U.S. Constitution |
| Judith St. George | The Journey of the One and Only Declaration of Independence |
| Jean Fritz | Will You Sign Here, John Hancock? |
| Elizabeth Levy | If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution |
| Jean Fritz | Shh! We’re Writing the Constitution |
| David Catrow | We the Kids: The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States |
| Lynne Cheney | We the People: The Story of Our Constitution |
| Norman Pearl | The U.S. Constitution |
| Norman Pearl | The Bill of Rights |