

GCSS – Children’s Literature Titles Aligned to First 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. Be aware that specific titles go in and out of print regularly, so do not be surprised to find that some titles may be harder to find than others. Often you may be able to snag a used copy of an out-of-print book that is perfectly fine for your use. You will notice here a new format for this booklist in order to provide you with a greater variety of titles.

1st Grade	Historical Figures in American History (SS1H1, SS1G1, SS1CG1)
Gene Barretta	Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin
Michael McCurdy	So Said Ben
Rosalyn Schanzer	How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning
Frank Murphy	Ben Franklin and the Magic Squares
Mara Rockliff	Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery That Baffled All of France
Susan Grigsby	First Peas to the Table: How Thomas Jefferson Inspired a School Garden
Frank Murphy	Thomas Jefferson’s Feast
Barb Rosenstock	Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library
Maira Kalman	Thomas Jefferson: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Everything
Suzanne Tripp Jurmain	Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and the True Story of an American Feud
Shirley Raye Redmond	Lewis and Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President
Rosalyn Schanzer	How We Crossed the West: The Adventures of Lewis and Clark
Patricia Reeder Eubank	Seaman’s Journal
Shirley Raye Redmond	Lewis and Clark: A Prairie Dog for the President
Brad Meltzer	I am Sacagawea
Judith St. George	You’re On Your Way, Teddy Roosevelt
Teddy Roosevelt (ed. Ellen Jackson)	My Tour of Europe, By Teddy Roosevelt, Age 10
Barb Rosenstock	The Camping Trip That Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and our National Parks
Doreen Rappaport	To Dare Mighty Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt
Barbara Kerley	What to Do About Alice?
Frank Murphy	The Legend of the Teddy Bear
Evan Turk	You Are Home: An Ode to the National Parks
Aliki	A Weed is a Flower

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Laura Driscoll	George Washington Carver: The Peanut Wizard
Tonya Bolden	George Washington Carver
Ruby Bridges & Margo Lundell	Through My Eyes
Robert Coles	The Story of Ruby Bridges
Toni Morrison	Remember: The Journey to School Integration
Duncan Tonatiuh	Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family’s Fight for Desegregation
Christy Hale	Todos Iguales – All Equal: Un corrido de (A Ballad of) Lemon Grove

1st Grade	Geography (SS1G2, SS1G3)
Joan Sweeney	Me on the Map
Loreen Leedy	Mapping Penny’s World
Sara Fanelli	My Map Book
Christy Hale	Water Land: Land and Water Forms Around the World
Matt Lamothe	This is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from Around the World

1st Grade	Civics/Government (SS1CG2)
Linda Skeers	The Impossible Patriotism Project
Katherine Lee Bates, illus by Chris Gall	America the Beautiful
Katherine Lee Bates, illus. by Bryan Collier	America the Beautiful: Together We Stand
Robert Sabuda	America the Beautiful: A Pop-up Book
Samuel Francis Smith	My Country, Tis of Thee
Barack Obama	Of Thee I Sing: A Letter to my Daughters

1st Grade	Economics (SS1E1-4)
Multiple econ standards	
Jon Klassen	I Want My Hat Back, This is Not My Hat, We Found a Hat
Goods and services	

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Andrea Chang	Anna and the Bookseller
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
<i>Scarcity</i>	
Dr. Seuss	The Lorax
Virginia Lee Burton	The Little House
Eve Bunting	Fly Away Home
Janet Stevens & Susan Stevens Crummel	The Great Fuzz Frenzy
Jan Brett	The Mitten
Verna Aardema	Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
<i>Consumers and Producers</i>	
Omar Castañeda	Abuela’s Weave
H. A. Rey	Curious George Takes a Job
Carol Foskett Cordsen	Market Day
David Edwards	The Pen That Pa Built
Janet Stevens	Tops and Bottoms
Anne Miranda	To Market, To Market
<i>Spending and Saving</i>	
Paige McBrier	Beatrice’s Goat
Vera B. Williams	A Chair for My Mother
Tololwa Mollel	My Rows and Piles of Coins
Stuart J. Murphy	The Penny Pot
Patricia Polacco	Chicken Sunday