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. 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.

2 nd Grade	Historical Figures in Georgia History (SS2H1, SS2G2a-d, SS2CG3)
James Rumford	Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing
Kelly Rodgers	Sequoyah and the Written Word
Sharon Robinson	Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America
Peter Golenbock	Teammates
Myron Uhlberg & Colin Bootman	Dad, Jackie, and Me
Sharon Robinson	The Hero Two Doors Down
Sudipta Bardhan-Quallen	The United States v. Jackie Robinson
Sharon Robinson	Testing the Ice: A True Story About Jackie Robinson
Stephanie Macceca	Jackie Robinson: Hero on the Baseball Field (Primary Source Reader)
Sharon Robinson	Jackie's Gift
Christine King Farris & Chris	My Brother Martin
Soentpiet	
Doreen Rappaport	Martin's Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Barry Wittenstein & Jerry	A Place to Land: Martin Luther King, Jr., and The Speech That Inspired a Nation
Pinkney	
Martin Luther King Jr & Kadir	I Have a Dream (book and CD)
Nelson	
Carol Boston Weatherford	Be a King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream and You
Monica Clark-Robinson	Let the Children March
Alice Faye Duncan	Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop
Cynthia Levinson	The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist
Eve Bunting	The Cart That Carried Martin
Ginger Wadsworth	First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliette Gordon Low
Shana Corey and Hadley Hooper	Here Come the Girl Scouts!: The Amazing All-true Story of Juliette Gordon Low and Her Great
	Adventure

Sheila Anderson	Jimmy Carter: A Life of Friendship
Jimmy Carter, illus by Amy	The Little Baby Snoogle-Fleejer
Carter	
Dona Herweck Rice	Jimmy Carter: For the People (Social Studies Readers)
Bethany Hegedus	Hard Work, but It's Worth It: The Life of Jimmy Carter
David Rubel	If I Had a Hammer: Stories of Building Homes and Hope with Habitat for Humanity (teachers can
	share excerpts)

2 nd Grade	American Indians (SS2H2, SS2G2a-d, Ss2CG3)
Joseph Bruchac	The First Strawberries (Cherokee Indians/Southeast)
Traci Sorell	We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga (Cherokee, SE)
Traci Sorell	At the Mountain's Base (Cherokee, SE)
Traci Sorell	We Are Still Here!: Native American Truths Everyone Should Know
James Rumford	Sequoyah (Cherokee, SE)
Cornelia Cornelissen	Soft Rain: A Story of the Cherokee Trail of Tears (Cherokee, SE)
Alex W. Bealer	Only the Names Remain: the Cherokee and the Trail of Tears (Cherokee, SE)
Heather E. Schwartz	Forced Removal: Cause and Effects of the Trail of Tears (Cherokee, SE)
Alison Behnke	A Timeline History of the Trail of Tears (Cherokee, SE)
Peter Roop	If You Lived with the Cherokee
Kelly Rodgers	The Creek and the Cherokee
Joseph Bruchac	Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back: A Native American Year of Moons (multiple regions/tribes)
Doreen Rappaport	We Are the Many: A Picture Book of American Indians
Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve	Enduring Wisdom: Sayings From Native Americans

2 nd Grade	Civics/Government (SS2CG1-2)
Eileen Christelow	Vote!
Catherine Stier	If I Ran for President
Judith St. George	So You Want to be President
Mark Teague	LaRue for Mayor
Herman Parish	Amelia Bedelia 4 Mayor

2 nd Grade	Economics (SS2E1-4)
Opportunity Costs	
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
Goods and services	
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
Trade and Barter	
Marjorie Priceman	How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World
Donald Hall	The 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
Spending and Saving	
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