

GCSS – Children’s Literature Titles Aligned to Third 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.

3rd Grade	American Indians
Chief Jake Swamp	Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message (Iroquois/Northeast)
Joseph Bruchac	Children of the Longhouse (Mohawk/Northeast)
Carole Lindstrom	We Are Water Protectors (NE US & Canada)
Joseph Bruchac	Squanto’s Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving (NE)
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)
Jerrie Oughton	How the Stars Fell Into the Sky: A Navajo Legend (Southwest)
Gerald McDermott	Arrow to the Sun: A Pueblo Indian Tale (Southwest)
Gerald McDermott	Coyote: A Trickster Tale from the American Southwest
Bill Martin Jr. & John Archambault	Knots on a Counting Rope (Navajo/Southwest)
Kevin Noble Maillard	Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story (Navajo/SW)
Ramona Maher	Alice Yazzie’s Year (Navajo/SW)
Rose Ann Tahe & Nancy Bo Flood	First Laugh, Welcome Baby! (Navajo/SW)
Joseph Bruchac	Thirteen Moons on Turtle’s Back: A Native American Year of Moons (multiple regions/tribes)
Becky Ray McCain	Grandmother’s Dreamcatcher (Chippewa/Northern Plains MN, WI, MI)
Carole Lindstrom	The Water Protectors (Anishinaabe/Métis/Ojibwe, Upper Midwest)
S. D. Nelson	Buffalo Bird Girl (Hidatsa/Northern Plains)
S. D. Nelson	Greet the Dawn the Lakota Way (Northern Plains)

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NMAI/Medicine Crow	Brave Wolf and the Thunderbird (Crow, Northern Plains)
Joseph Bruchac	A Boy Called Slow (Lakota Sioux/Plains)
Paul Goble	The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses (Plains Indians)
Paul Goble	Buffalo Woman (Plains Indians)
Tomie dePaolo	The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush (Plains)
Frank Keating	The Trial of Standing Bear (Ponca, Great Plains)
Gerald McDermott	Raven: A Trickster Tale from the American Northwest (Northwest)
Jan Andrews	Very Last First Time (Inuit/Arctic)
Tricia “Nyuaqik” Brown	Charlie and the Blanket Toss (Iñupiaq/Arctic)
Julie Flett	Birdsong (Cree, sub-arctic, extreme NE)
Susan Jeffers	Brother Eagle, Sister Sky (multiple regions/tribes – words based on Chief Seattle)
Doreen Rappaport	We Are the Many: A Picture Book of American Indians
Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve	Enduring Wisdom: Sayings From Native Americans

Informational texts:

If you Lived with the ...(Cherokee, Sioux, Iroquois, Indians of the NW Coast, Hopi, etc.)

A True Book series (The Sioux, the Wampanoag, the Inuit, the Pueblo, the Hopi, etc.)

Spotlight on series (Delaware/Lenape, etc.)

Social Studies Readers Series (the Plains, the Creek and the Cherokee, Woodland People, etc.)

3rd Grade	European Exploration
Mark Aronson & John W. Glenn	The World Made New: Why the Age of Exploration Happened & How it Changed the World
Betsey & Guilio Maestro	The Discovery of the Americas
Louise Borden	Sea Clocks: the Story of Longitude
Kathleen Krull & Kathryn Hewitt	Lives of the Explorers
Russell Freedman	Who Was First? Discovering the Americas
Diane Sansevere-Dreher	Explorers Who Got Lost
Wendy Conklin	Exploring the New World
Heather E. Schwartz	Early Explorers (Social Studies Readers)
Jane Yolen	Encounter
Michael Dorris	Morning Girl
Pam Conrad	Pedro’s Journal

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Jessica Gunderson	Christopher Columbus: New World Explorer or Fortune Hunter?
Fiona Macdonald	You Wouldn’t Want to Sail with Christopher Columbus: Uncharted Waters You’d Rather Not Cross
Jean Fritz	Where Do You Think You’re Going, Christopher Columbus?
Joan Elizabeth Goodman	Beyond the Sea of Ice: The Voyages of Henry Hudson
Amie Hazleton	Hernando de Soto: An Explorer of the Southeast (World Explorers)
Steven Roberts	John Cabot (Jr. Graphic Famous Explorers)

3rd Grade	British Colonial America
Rosalyn Schanzer	John Smith Escapes Again
Verla Kay	Tattered Sails
Kate Waters	Sarah Morton’s Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Girl
Kate Waters	Tapenum’s Day: A Wampanoag Indian Boy in Pilgrim Times
Kate Waters	Samuel Eaton’s Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Boy
Candice Ransom	Why Did English Settlers Come to Virginia? And Other Questions About the Jamestown Settlement
Marcia Sewall	James Towne: Struggle for Survival
Glennette Tilley Turner	Fort Mose: And the Story of the Man Who Built the First Free Black Settlement in Colonial America
Ann McGovern	The Pilgrims’ First Thanksgiving
Laurie Halse Anderson	Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving
Katherine Ross	The Story of the Pilgrims
Cheryl Harness	Three Young Pilgrims
Ann McGovern	If You Sailed on the Mayflower
Kate Waters	On the Mayflower: Voyage of the Ship’s Apprentice & a Passenger Girl
Plimoth Plantation	Mayflower 1620: A New Look at a Pilgrim Voyage
Kate Messner	History Smashers: The Mayflower
Jean Fritz	Who’s That Stepping on Plymouth Rock?
Barbara Cohen	Molly’s Pilgrim
Joseph Bruchac	Squanto’s Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving
Alice McGill	Molly Bannaky

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Laban Carrick Hill	Dave the Potter: Artist, Poet, Slave
Jacqueline Morley	You Wouldn’t Want to be an American Colonist
Ann McGovern	If You Lived in Colonial Times
Elizabeth Raum	The Dreadful, Smelly Colonies: The Disgusting Details About Life in Colonial America
Christina Hill	Racing to Colonize the New World
Kay Winters	Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak * (this title is good for both colonial times and Revolutionary War (4 th grade)
Donald Hall	Ox-Cart Man
David Edwards	The Pen That Pa Built
Walter D. Edmonds	The Matchlock Gun (encourage your students to ask lots of questions about perspective)
Elizabeth George Speare	The Sign of the Beaver (a novel of this period that presents a more complex view of interactions between colonists/settlers and American Indians)
Phillip Hoose	We Were There, Too! Young People in U.S. History (teacher select excerpts to share with students)
Susan Buckley & Elspeth Leacock	Kids Make History: A New Look at America’s Story (the first few two stories in particular could be shared with students)

3rd Grade	Other Topics
<i>Government/Civics titles</i>	
Kathiann M. Kowalski	Checks and Balances: A Look at the Powers of Government
Syl Sobel	How the U.S. Government Works
Eileen Christelow	Vote
<i>Economics titles</i>	
<i>Productive Resources</i>	
Gary Paulson	The Tortilla Factory (all resources)
Lois Ehlert	Growing Vegetable Soup (natural resources)
Chris Van Allsburg	Just a Dream (natural resources)
Eric Carle	Walter the Baker (human resources)
Sherley Anne Williams	Working the Cotton (human resources)
Tomie dePaola	Charlie Needs a Cloak (human resources)

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Eugenia Trivizas & Helen Oxenbury	The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig (capital resources)
Karen Barbour	Little Nino’s Pizzeria (entrepreneurship)
<i>Taxes & Government services</i>	
Sarah De Capua	Paying Taxes (A True Book)
Baron Bedesky	What Are Taxes (Economics in Action) * teachers pull excerpts from this text-heavy book
Leslie Harper	Why Do We Pay Taxes? (Civics Q & A series)
Linda Crotta Brennan	Taxes
Nancy Loewen	Taxes! Taxes! Where the Money Goes
<i>Interdependence and trade</i>	
Marjorie Priceman	How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World
Marjorie Priceman	How to Make a Cherry Pie and See the U.S.A.
Anne Miranda	To Market, To Market
Leyla Torres	Saturday Sancocho
Harriet Ziefert	A New Coat for Anna
Barbara Johnston-Adams	The Go Around Dollar
Jane Cowen-Fletcher	It Takes a Village
Dyanne DiSalvo-Ryan	Grandpa’s Corner Store
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Sweet Strawberries
<i>Spending and Saving</i>	
Judith Viorst	Alexander, Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday
Vera B. Williams	A Chair for My Mother
Page McBrier	Beatrice’s Goat
Mary Ann Wells	Bunny Money
Amy Axelrod	Pigs Will be Pigs
Margaret King Mitchell	Uncle Jed’s Barbershop