

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. 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.

4th Grade	1770’s to 1860 (also check the kindergarten list for more titles re: Washington and Lincoln; and the 3rd grade list for more books about American Indians throughout U.S. history)
Mara Rockliff	Gingerbread for Liberty
Deborah Chandra	George Washington’s Teeth
Lynn Cullen	Dear Mr. Washington
Erica Armstrong Dunbar	Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha’s Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away
Dennis Brindell Fradin	Let It Begin Here! Lexington & Concord: First Battles of the American Revolution
Laurie Halse Anderson	Fever 1793
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?
Sarah Jane Marsh	Thomas Paine and the Dangerous Word
Emily R. Smith	Phillis Wheatley
Maira Kalman	Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Everything
Freedman, Russell	Becoming Ben Franklin: How a Candle-Maker’s Son Helped Light the Flame of Liberty
Mara Rockliff	Mesmerized: How Ben Franklin Solved a Mystery That Baffled All of France
Lane Smith	John, Paul, George, and Ben
Pamela Duncan Edwards	Boston Tea Party
Marissa Moss	America’s Tea Parties: Not One But Four!
Peter Cook & David Antram	You Wouldn’t Want to Be at the Boston Tea Party: Wharf Water Tea You’d Rather Not Drink
Illus by Christopher Bing	The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere
Cheney, Lynne	When Washington Crossed the Delaware
Brown, Don	Henry and the Cannons
Richard Berleth	Samuel’s Choice
Ann McGovern	The Secret Soldier
Ann Turner	Katie’s Trunk
Katherine Kirkpatrick	Redcoats and Petticoats

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Susanne Tripp Jurmain	Worst of Friends: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and the True Story of an American Feud
Barb Rosenstock	Thomas Jefferson Builds a Library
Deborah Hopkinson	Independence Cake
Kate Messner	Ranger in Time: Night of Soldiers and Spies
Rosalyn Schanzer	George vs. George
Jean Fritz	Can’t You Make Them Behave, King George?
Steve Sheinkin	King George: What Was His Problem?
Winters, Kay	Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak
Jean Fritz	And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?
Camille Andros	From a Small Seed: The Story of Eliza Hamilton
Cokie Roberts	Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies
Jeri Chase Ferris	Noah Webster and His Words
Betsy & Giulio Maestro	A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution
Charles R. Smith, Jr.	Brick by Brick (the building of the White House)
Laban Carrick Hill	Dave the Potter
Patricia Reeder Eubank	Seaman’s Journal: On the Trail With Lewis and Clark
Kathleen Krull	Women Who Broke the Rules: Sacajawea
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’”
Steven Kroll	By the Dawn’s Early Light: The Story 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
Eve Bunting	Dandelions
Deborah Hopkinson	Apples to Oregon
Kate Messner	Ranger in Time: Rescue on the Oregon Trail
Tracey E. Fern	Buffalo Music
S.D. Nelson	Buffalo Bird Girl: A Hidatsa Story
Patricia MacLachlan	Sarah, Plain and Tall (set in late 1800’s but good descriptions of prairie life)
Katherine Applegate	The Buffalo Storm

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Olaf Baker	Where the Buffaloes Begin
M. C. Helldorfer	Hog Music (out of print but paperback copies may still be found)
Sonia Levitin	Nine for California
Sonia Levitin	Boom Town
Dan Burr & Ruth Hailstone	The White Ox
Russell Freedman	Children of the Wild West
Virginia Hamilton	The People Could Fly: The Picture Book
Kwame Alexander, Kadir Nelson	The Undefeated
Heather Henson	Lift Your Light a Little Higher: The Story of Stephen Bishop, Slave-Explorer
Ashley Bryan	Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, their lives and dreams brought to life by
Lesa Cline Ransome	Before She Was Harriet
Carole Boston Weatherford	Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom
Anne Rockwell	Only Passing Through: The Story of Sojourner Truth
Gary D. Schmidt	So Tall Within: Sojourner Truth’s Long Walk Toward Freedom
Margot Theis Raven	Night Boat to Freedom
James E. Ransome	The Bell Rang
Ellen Levine	Henry’s Freedom Box: A True Story From the Underground Railroad
Henry Cole	Unspoken: A Story From the Underground Railroad
Cynthia Grady	Like a Bird: The Art of the American Slave Song
Gretchen Woelfle	Mumbet’s Declaration of Independence
Kate Messner	Ranger in Time: Long Road to Freedom
Susan E Goodman	The First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial
Steven Sellers Lapham & Eugene Walton	Philip Reid Saves the Statue of Freedom
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
Stephanie Kuligowski	Amazing Americans: Susan B. Anthony
Emily Arnold McCully	The Ballot Box Battle
Tanya Lee Stone	Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote
Doreen Rappaport	Elizabeth Started All the Trouble
Linda Arms White	I Could Do That! Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote
Alexandra Wallner	Susan B. Anthony

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Deborah Hopkinson	Susan B. Anthony: Fighter for Women’s Rights
Lucile Davis	Susan B. Anthony: Photo-Illustrated Biographies
Jean Fritz	You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?
Kate Messner	History Smashers: Women’s Right to Vote
Nikki Grimes	Chasing Freedom: The Life Journeys of Harriet Tubman and Susan B. Anthony Inspired by Historical Facts
Doreen Rappaport	Frederick’s Journey
Walter Dean Myers	Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History
Nikki Giovanni	Lincoln and Douglass: An American Friendship

4th Grade	Civil War
Ann McGovern	If You Grew Up With Abraham Lincoln
Brad Meltzer	I Am Abraham Lincoln
Dawn Fitzgerald	Vinnie and Abraham
Margarita Engle	Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreño Played the Piano for President Lincoln
Kay Winters	Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books
Lane Smith	Abe Lincoln’s Dream
Donna Janell Bowman	Abraham Lincoln’s Dueling Words
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 (<i>screen carefully but excellent resource</i>)
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

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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
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
Thomas Ratliff	You Wouldn’t Want to be a Civil War Soldier!
Ann Turner	Drummer Boy: Marching to the Civil War
Debbie Levy	Soldier Song: A True Story of the Civil War
Anita Silvey	I’ll Pass For Your Comrade: Women Soldiers in the Civil War
Marissa Moss	Nurse, Soldier, Spy: The Story of Sarah Edmonds
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
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
Patricia Beatty	<i>Be Ever Hopeful, Hannalee (check libraries, currently out of print)</i>

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A. LaFaye	Stella Stands Alone
Marilyn Bishop Shaw	Solomon
Alison Hart	Fires of Jubilee
A. B. Westrick	Brotherhood <i>(read this first to determine if it is right for your students)</i>
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
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
Marti Rosner & Frye Gaillard	The Slave Who Went to Congress
Don Tate	The Remarkable Story of George Moses Horton, Poet
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
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

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Norman Pearl	The U.S. Constitution
Cynthia Levinson & Sanford Levinson	Fault Lines in the Constitution (esp. good for teacher background and to pull excerpts from to share); also available in a graphic format
Norman Pearl	The Bill of Rights
Traci Sorell	We Are Still Here! Native American Truths Everyone Should Know