Social Studies
Common Core State Standards
Recommended Books

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An Annotated Comprehensive Bibliography

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A biography of Hillary Rodham Clinton-- former first lady and Yale Law graduate, senator from New York and former contender for the Democratic nomination for president.


Presents the life of John Lennon, from his early years through the rise and breakup of the Beatles to his final days in New York.


Born into slavery, young Booker T. Washington could only dream of learning to read and write. After emancipation, Booker began a five-hundred-mile journey, mostly on foot, to Hampton Institute, taking his first of many steps towards a college degree. When he arrived, he had just fifty cents in his pocket and a dream about to come true.

A biography of Barack Obama, the forty-fourth president of the United States.


A biography of the humanitarian whose greatest achievement was the founding of the American Red Cross.


Examines the life of George S. Patton. Covered in detail is Patton's role as a general during World War II, including his successful campaigns in North Africa and Europe.


This book describes the piracy of Edward Teach, known as Black Beard, an English privateer who turned to piracy and became a legend until his death in 1718 when he battled against Lieutenant Robert Maynard of the Royal Navy.


A biography of rapper Tupac Shakur that covers his upbringing, move to Baltimore with his family when he was young, and rise to fame and stardom as a musician and actor before his untimely death in 1996.


Brief biography of ragtime composer Scott Joplin.


A biography of Tina Fey, discussing her childhood, her start at the Second City comedy club in Chicago, her success on "Saturday Night Live," and her creation of the show "30 Rock."

A respected biographer teams up with an acclaimed artist to tell the story of the mail carrier who orchestrated the Great Savannah Boycott — and was instrumental in bringing equality to his community.


Profiles the life and work of Eleanor Roosevelt, from her life as an orphan from age nine, to her time as first lady and her work for women's and minority's rights.


A brief biography of Helen Keller.


An illustrated introduction to the life of the Indian princess Pocahontas and her contact with English settlers, especially John Smith.


Describes the life and career of the popular American singer and actress.


Batter up! It's 1919 and baseball is in trouble! All across the country, people are throwing down their bats, and giving up America's national pastime. It's up to Babe Ruth to win back fans and save baseball! Can he do it, or will he strike out?
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<td>A biography of Sarah Breedlove Walker who, though born in poverty, pioneered in hair and beauty care products for black women, and became a great financial success.</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
<td>Blackbeard, the Pirate King: Several Yarns Detailing the Legends, Myths, and Real-Life Adventures of History’s Most Notorious Seaman</td>
<td>Lewis, Patrick</td>
<td>Washington, DC: National Geographic, 2006.</td>
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<td>Now, the real-life adventures and the myths of the 18th century Pirate King Edward Teach have inspired a thrilling collection of biographical poems by J. Patrick Lewis--collected in a picture-book format that will quicken the pulses and fire the imaginations of young adventurers everywhere.</td>
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<td>Describes the life of Martin Luther King and the origin and celebration of the holiday in his honor.</td>
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<td>Ruth Bader Ginsburg: U.S. Supreme Court Justice</td>
<td>McCaffrey, Paul</td>
<td>New York: Chelsea House, 2010. (Other title by author: Michelle Obama)</td>
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<td>Describes how Ruth Bader Ginsburg overcame discrimination and tragedy to become the second female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.</td>
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<td>Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King</td>
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<td>Martin Luther King, Jr., had a dream of peace and equality. Because he worked so hard for freedom and helped so many people gain it, we honor him every year on his special day. This</td>
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Presents a biography of the former South African president best known for his political activism and fight to end apartheid.


Biography of Diana, Princess of Wales, who rose above personal difficulties to become a noted champion of humanitarian causes.


An exploration of the life and career of Michael Jackson that discusses his childhood, family, success, personal relationships, controversy, and untimely death.


Highlights the life and accomplishments of the Islamic extremist leader who has been linked to many terrorist attacks since the 1980s and briefly discusses important world events that have taken place during his lifetime.


Highlights the life and work of the nineteenth-century German writer and philosopher whose doctrines of socialism and communism influenced workers and leaders throughout the world.


A lively account of the accomplishments of Cal Ripken, an all-star shortstop for the Baltimore Orioles.

An illustrated exploration of the life of Harriet Tubman that covers her childhood, experiences as a slave, escape to freedom, work on the Underground Railroad, antislavery activism, and other topics.


Ted Williams, the legendary Red Sox slugger, lived a life full of dedication and passion. From his days as a young kid playing ball in North Park to his unmatched .406 season in 1941 to his stints as a fighter pilot in World War II and Korea, the story of Teddy Ballgame is the story of an American hero.


This spirited story of the invention of the potato chip is a testament to human ingenuity and a tasty slice of culinary history.


Angela Farris Watkins, the niece of Martin Luther King Jr., recounts her uncle's work to promote racial equality and introduces key events during the civil rights era.


A biography of the life of Australian actor, Heath Ledger.


An illustrated biography that depicts television host Oprah Winfrey's childhood, covering her desire from a young age to talk for a living and other details of her upbringing.


**EASY**


While on a trip in 1956 to visit her grandmother in the South, six-year-old Sarah Marie experiences segregation for the first time, but discovers that things have changed by the time she returns the following year.


Young Michael Jordan, who is smaller than the other players, learns that determination and hard work are more important than size when playing the game of basketball.


The narrator observes and describes the many people and activities in his Mexican American neighborhood, from Amelia arguing with Anita to Zacarias who lives on Zachary Street.


As a Confederate family prepares for Passover the day after the Civil War has ended, a Yankee arrives on their Virginia doorstep and is invited to share their meal, to the dismay of ten-year-old Jacob. Includes historical notes about Corporal Myer Levy, on whom the story is based, and his prominent Philadelphia family.
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<td>Iron Thunder: the Battle Between the Monitor &amp; the Merrimac</td>
<td>New York: Disney, 2010.</td>
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<td>Tom's job as an assistant to Captain John Ericsson, the inventor of the Monitor, makes him a target of Confederate spies.</td>
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<td>In the small town of Rusty Nail, Minnesota, in the early 1950s, musically talented ten-year-old Franny wants to take advanced piano lessons from newcomer Olga Malenkov, a famous Russian musician suspected of being a communist spy by gossipy members of the community.</td>
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<td>Three Southern children, two black and one white, escape from their homes during the horrors of the Civil War and, after meeting in the woods, gradually come to rely on each other as they make their way slowly north, enduring hunger, fear, sickness, and constant danger, before arriving in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.</td>
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<td>Traveling to the New World in 1606 as the page to Captain John Smith, twelve-year-old orphan Samuel Collier settles in the new colony of James Town, where he must quickly learn to distinguish between friend and foe.</td>
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<td>In 1895, after his mother's death, twelve-year-old Nathan moves with his father and grandfather to Pea Island off the coast of North Carolina, where he hopes to join the all-black crew at the nearby lifesaving station, despite his father's objections.</td>
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Soft Rain, a nine-year-old Cherokee girl, is forced to relocate, along with her family, from North Carolina to the West.


A novel based on the true story of seventeen-year-old Clara Estby's walk across America with her mother Helga in 1896, to win a ten thousand dollar prize and save their home from foreclosure.


After his family dies of consumption in 1849, twelve-year-old Lucas becomes a doctor's apprentice.


When her brother is sent to fight in Vietnam, twelve-year-old Jamie begins to reconsider the army world that she has grown up in.


When four Englishmen and their guides venture into a "prehistoric," remote plateau in the South American jungle, they must rely on their cunning and intellect to escape from the plateau and its carnivorous inhabitants.


In 1926, nine-year-old Darby Carmichael stirs up trouble in Marlboro County, South Carolina, when she writes a story for the local newspaper promoting racial equality.


During World War II, after moving with her parents to Willow Run, Michigan, when her father gets a job in the B-24 bomber-
building factory, eleven-year-old Meggie learns about different kinds of bravery from all of the people around her.

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<td>As the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, May Amelia Jackson resents being expected to act like a lady while growing up in Washington state in 1899.</td>
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<td>Traces the hard life, filled with losses, adversity, and adventure, of Amos, son of a trapper and dowser, from 1833 when his mother dies giving birth to him until 1859, when he has grown up and has a son of his own.</td>
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<td>While his father is missing in action in the Pacific during World War II, twelve-year-old Jay moves with his mother to small-town Utah, where he sees prejudice from both sides, as a part-Navajo himself and through an unlikely friendship with Japanese American Ken from the nearby internment camp.</td>
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<td>After twelve-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.</td>
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<td>Seaman: the Dog who Explored the West with Lewis &amp; Clark</td>
<td>Karwoski, Gail</td>
<td>Atlanta: Peachtree, 2002. (Other title by author: Surviving Jamestown: the Adventures of Young Sam Collier and Quake! Disaster in San Francisco, 1906))</td>
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<td>Seaman, the Newfoundland dog belonging to Meriwether Lewis, proves his value as a hunter, navigator, and protector while accompanying the Corps of Discovery, led by his master and William Clark, on its two-year journey exploring the western territories.</td>
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It is 1946, and Dewey Kerrigan is now living near the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico with the Gordon family. Dewey and her "sister," Suze, share secrets, art, and science as they adjust to high school in an isolated desert town. Then, Dewey's long-lost mother, Rita Gallucci, reappears in their lives.


Joey, the batboy for the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, learns a hard lesson about respect for people of different races after Jackie Robinson joins the team.

Lynch, Chris. **Casualties of War.** New York: Scholastic, 2013. (Part of the *Vietnam* series)

One of four friends who have volunteered to fight in the Vietnam War, the intellectual Beck is in the Air Force, where he is part of a crew spraying Agent Orange, but the destruction of the jungle and his isolation from the fighting going on below is starting to effect him.

McKissack, Pat. **Abby Takes a Stand.** New York: Viking, 2005. (Other title by author: *A Friendship for Today*)

Gee recalls for her grandchildren what happened in 1960 in Nashville, Tennessee, when she, aged ten, passed out flyers while her cousin and other adults held sit-ins at restaurants and lunch counters to protest segregation.


Ten years after the Civil War's end, twelve-year-old Addy, abandoned by her parents, is taken from the horrid town of No-Bob by schoolteacher Frank Russell and his bride, but when her father returns to claim her she must find another way to leave her O'Donnell past behind.

In 1968 Chicago, fourteen-year-old Sam Childs is caught in a conflict between his father's nonviolent approach to seeking civil rights for African Americans and his older brother, who has joined the Black Panther Party.


Raised in an Italian orphanage in the years following World War II, a biracial girl named Susanna and her best friend Pina want to be adopted but fear being separated.


When twelve-year-old Rebecca Carter's father brings a Native American accused of murder into their 1812 Ohio settlement town, Rebecca, witnessing the town's reaction to the Indian, struggles with the idea that an innocent man may be convicted and sentenced to death.


A boy in Illinois remembers the homefront years of World War II, especially his two heroes--his brother in the Air Force and his father, who fought in the previous war.


When her FBI-agent father is transferred to Jackson, Mississippi, in 1964, eleven-year-old Alice wants to be popular but also wants to reach out to the one black girl in her class in a newly-integrated school.


When his mother dies in 1947, ten-year-old Joey--an avid baseball fan who is half Jewish and half African-American--goes to live with his mother's estranged family. Joey is whisked away to Brooklyn, and though it's just across town, it might as well be a different world.
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Jimmy Cannon tells about his life in the 1940s as the son of a West Virginia railroad man, loving the trains and expecting one day to work on the railroad like his father and brothers.

Thirteen-year-old Q and fifteen-year-old Angela expect their lives to become complicated when his mother and her father, wildly popular musicians, marry, but not that they will face spies and terrorists in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

During World War II, eleven-year-old Felicity is sent from London to Bottlebay, Maine, to live with her grandmother, aunt, uncle, and a reclusive boy who helps her decode mysterious letters that contain the truth about her missing parents.

A young centurion ventures among the hostile tribes beyond the Roman Wall to recover the eagle standard of the Ninth, a legion which mysteriously disappeared under his father's command.

The summer before starting middle school, when eleven-year-old Goldenrod Moram sets out to make a very accurate map of the forest behind her home, she discovers a band of troublemakers, a mysterious old lady, and the ghost of her explorer idol.

Twelve-year-old Nick loves baseball so after a year in the hospital fighting polio and with a brace on one leg, Nick takes a job with the team for which his father is catcher and gets to see the great pitcher, Satchel Paige, play during the 1935 season.
In 1910, just before the earth passes through the tail of Halley's Comet, thirteen-year-old Hope McDaniels, whose father is a magician in a traveling vaudeville show, tries to earn enough money to quit the circuit by selling "anti-comet pills," with the help of fellow-performer Buster Keaton.

The 1960 civil rights sit-ins at the Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, are seen through the eyes of a young Southern black girl.

Franny Chapman just wants some peace. But that's hard to get when her best friend is feuding with her, her sister has disappeared, and her uncle is fighting an old war in his head. Her saintly younger brother is no help, and the cute boy across the street only complicates things. Worst of all, everyone is walking around just waiting for a bomb to fall. It's 1962, and it seems the whole country is living in fear.

It's 1910 in Pownal, Vermont. At 12 Grace and her best friend Arthur must go to work in the mill, helping their mothers work the looms. Together Grace and Arthur write a secret letter to the Child Labor Board about underage children working in the mill. A few weeks later, Lewis Hine, a famous reformer arrives undercover to gather evidence.

When their owner plans to sell one of them in 1802, twelve-year-old Sally and her family run away from their Georgia plantation to look for both freedom from slavery and a home in Florida with the Seminole Indians.
NON-FICTION


Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., civil rights leader. Fannie Lou Hamer, founder of the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. The Little Rock Nine, pioneers in social integration. Whether marching, speaking, or simply going to school, these brave men and women fought to advance social justice.


Independence Day, or the Fourth of July, is one of the most important days in the history of the United States of America. Discover how millions of Americans celebrate this national holiday each year.


Milestones of gay and lesbian life in the United States are brought together in the first-ever nonfiction book on the topic published specifically for teens. Profusely illustrated with period photographs, first-person accounts offer insight as each chapter identifies an important era.


A brief explanation on how to read a map.


Describes the different ways the United States can be mapped and how the information shown by these maps varies.


Gives information on types and features of community maps. Includes quizzes and a mapmaking activity.
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<td>Using numbers many of North Carolina's state symbols, history, landscapes, and famous people are introduced. Topics include Pilot Mountain, Corolla wild horses, peanuts, and Scottish bagpipers. Each topic is introduced with a poem and detailed expository text.</td>
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<td>The story of the settling of Plymouth Colony and the first Thanksgiving.</td>
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<td>Learn about North Carolina, its geography, history and the state today.</td>
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<td>Discusses the migration of people from the eastern part of America to the western frontier in the 1840s and the related origins of the cowgirl in the form of sharpshooters, outlaws, legislators, wranglers, and performers who helped settle the American West.</td>
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<td>North Carolina is known for its southern charm. This book offers a great introduction to this diverse state, from the awe-inspiring Appalachians to the fragile, scenic Outer Banks.</td>
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<td>A volume of evocative and moving poems considers the experiences of slaves in a variety of circumstances including a house slave, a mother who loses her daughter on the auction block, and a slave fleeing through the Underground Railroad.</td>
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Chronicles the FBI's long history of rooting out corrupt public officials and bringing them to justice for crimes such as bribery, extortion, and embezzlement.


An introduction to the history, government, economy, resources, and people of the North Carolina colony. Includes maps and charts.


Today, satellites map the earth. Weather systems depend on maps for information about dangerous conditions. Computers can make maps faster and more accurately. Maps are now used to plan our future.


Discusses different types of maps, how they are used, and how they represent geographical areas. Includes hands-on activities.


The story of Marian Anderson's Easter Sunday concert in 1939 at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.


Describes how to identify different types of maps and recognize map features such as legends, scales, geographic grids, and reference points; explains the operation of a compass; and offers exercises and activities.


Highlights the life and accomplishments of the founder of Microsoft, discusses the history of the company, and describes the
charitable works done by him and his wife through their foundation.


Depicts the life of a forty-niner during the California Gold Rush.


Describes the history, geography, animals, economy, government, people, and culture of the continent of South America.


Presents facts about the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico that began on April 20, 2010.


Frames United States history in visits to 20 significant historic places, from the bustling ancient North American city of Cahokia and colonial battlefields of Saratoga and Gettysburg to Ellis Island and an early 1950s suburban tract house.

N/A Olien, Rebecca. *Looking at Maps and Globes*. New York: Children’s Press, 2013. (Other titles by author: *Map Keys*) 912.01 OL3L

This fact-filled Rookie Read-About Geography book introduces the youngest readers to the many uses of maps and globes.


Introduces different types of maps, including political maps, road maps, transit routes, and topographic maps.

Introduces bread, discussing how it was introduced in the ancient world, the modern processes of making bread, different types, and the higher wheat prices which are causing hunger in the poorer countries of the world.


Offers a comprehensive review of America's first national seashore park, discussing its historical significance, how its barrier islands were formed, the different types of wildlife that live there, and its many natural features.


A biography of the African American woman and civil rights worker whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus led to a boycott which lasted more than a year in Montgomery, Alabama.


What is America? It's the special places that remind us of important events. It's the people who have dedicated themselves to improving our country. And most of all, it's the ideals and beliefs that we share.


Describes how the decline and fall of the Roman Empire temporarily halted the progress of European science while technology grew, and the rebirth in the 14th century.


Before Ruth was traded, the Red Sox had been the best team in baseball, winning five of fifteen World Series. Since then, the Yankees have had twenty-six World Series to their credit. The Red Sox have come painstakingly close over those decades, but not close enough.

Provides comprehensive information on the geography, history, wildlife, governmental structure, economy, cultural diversity, peoples, religion, and landmarks of North Carolina.


This travelogue-like book is filled with current state facts and statistical data about North Carolina. Important historical information about the state segues to up-to-date details on cities, economics, geography, sports, climate, and more.


Provides comprehensive information on land management, its importance, and the environmental threats placed upon it.


Brings together the late young author's essays, poems, artwork, and e-mail correspondence with former President Jimmy Carter to share his message of hope for universal peace.


A young white girl rides the bus with her father to the March on Washington in 1963--at which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., would give his "I Have a Dream" speech. She comes to see that Dr. King's dream belongs not just to Blacks but to all Americans.


Simple text and color photographs explore a variety of occupations and the shoes that are worn for the particular jobs.

Introduces different types of maps and how they are used, including those that show how to get to a place and those that show what you will find when you arrive.


In Mapping Communities you'll learn about town maps, transport maps, and other maps for small communities. Reading this book will give you the skills to map your own community!


An introduction to the people, places, and beliefs behind seven creations of ancient Central and South America.

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