

NHPS Social Studies Program Suggested Reading Grades K-12

Grade Kindergarten - 2

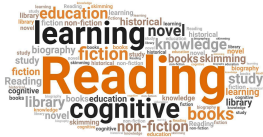
- Of Thee I Sing, A letter to my daughters* - Barack Obama
- The Little Engine that Could* - Watty Piper
- Little Stevie Wonder* - Quincy Troupe
- Under My Hijab* - Hena Khan and AAliya Jaleel
- I am Harriet* - Brad Metzger
- You Should Meet: Katherine Johnson* - Thea Feldman
- Last Stop at Market Street* - Matt de la Pena
- Beautiful Blackbird* - Bryan Ashley
- Keep On! The Story of Mathew Henson, Co-Discoverer of the North Pole* - Deborah Hopkinson Family - Isabel Monk

Grade 2-3

- The Librarian Who Measured the Earth* - Kathryn Lasky
- That is not a Good Idea* - Mo Willems
- Each Kindness* - Jacqueline Woodson
- Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter To His Daughter* - Mark Gonzales and Mehrdokht
- Ramona's World* - Beverly Cleary
- Mummies in the Morning* - Mary Pope Osborne
- Don't Say a Word, Mama/No Digas Nada, Mama* - Joe Hayes
- Light in the Darkness: A Story about how slaves learned in secret* - Lesa Cline-Ransome
- Earthquake in the Third* - Laurie Myers

Grade 4-5

- Herodotus and the Road to History* - Jeanne Bendick
- A Computer Called Katherine* - Suzanne Slade
- Baseball's Best - Five True Stories* - Andrew Gutelle
- Tale of Despereaux* - Kate DiCamillo
- The Life and Times of Corn* - Micucci Charles
- Quest for the Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea* - Sy Montgomery
- Those Shoes* - Maribeth Boelts
- Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race* - Margot Lee Shetterly and Laura Freeman



Grade 4-5 Continued...

- Making Changes: Poems about Great African Americans - Dina Anastasio*
- Martin's Big Words - Bryan Collier*
- Grandpa Stops a War: A Paul Robeson Story - Susan Robeson*

Grade 5-6

- I, Too, Am America - Bryan Collier*
- Brown Girl Dreaming - Jacqueline Woodson*
- The Camping Trip That Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and our National Parks - Barb Rosenstock*
- Sixteen Years in Sixteen Seconds: The Sammy Lee Story - Paula Yoo*
- The Skin I'm In - Sharon Flake*
- The Red Pony - John Steinbeck*
- When Marian Sings - Brian Selznick and Pam Munoz Ryan*
- We are the Change - Harry Belafonte*
- Venture Smith's Colonial Connecticut - Elizabeth Norman*
- Young Frederick Douglass: The Slave Who Learned to Read - Linda Walvoord Girard*
- Mission Control, This is Apollo: The Story of the First Voyages to the Moon - Andrew Chaikin*

Grade 6 - 7

- Kensuke's Kingdom - Michael Morpurgo*
- Watson's go to Birmingham - Christopher Paul Curtis*
- The Giving Tree - Shel Silverstein*
- Ruby Bridges - Robert Coles*
- The Three Questions - Jon J Muth*
- The Journey That Saved Curious George: The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey - Louise Borden*
- Addison Cooke and the Treasure of the Incas - Jonathan W. Stokes*
- Archimedes And The Door of Science - Jeanne Bendick*



Grade 7

- The Royal Kingdoms of Ghana, Mali, and Songhay: Life in Medieval Africa* - Patricia McKissack
- Mansa Musa and the Empire of Mali* - James Oliver
- Mansa Musa: Leader of Mali: World Cultures Through Time* - Lias Zamosky
- The Kingdom of Kush: The History and Legacy of the Ancient Nubian Empire* - Charles River
- Hannibal Barca: A Captivating Guide to the Carthaginian General Who Fought in the Second*
- Punic War Between Carthage And Ancient Rome*
- Ticket To India* - N.H. Senzai
- The Grand Mosque of Paris: A Story of How Muslims During the Holocaust* - Karen Gray Ruelle and Deborah Durland Desaix

Grade 6-8

- We Could Be Brothers* - Derrick Barnes
- What Color is My World?* - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- A Long Walk to Water: Based on a true story* - Linda Sue Park
- Words in the Dust* - Trent Reedy
- The Time Traveling Fashionista & Cleopatra Queen of the Nile* - Bianca Turetsky
- The Lost History of African-American Inventors* - Raymond Obstfeld
- The House on Mango Street* - Sandra Cisneros
- The Giver* - Lois Lowry
- Night* - Elie Wiesel
- Proud: Living My Muslim Dream* - Ibthihaj Muhammad

Grade 8

- The Scarlet Letter* - Nathaniel Hawthorne
- My Brother Sam is Dead* - Christopher Collier
- The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child*-Francisco Jimenez
- Mission Control, this is Apollo: the Story of the First Voyages to the*
- Moon* - Andrew Chaikin



Grade 8 Continued...

- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*
- Venture Smith - Chandler B. Saint*
- Copper Sun - Sharon Draper*
- Reaching for the Moon - Katherine Johnson*
- March: Book One - John Lewis*
- Dear Martin - Nic Stone*

Grade 7-9

- The Interesting Narrative and Other Writings - Olaudah Equiano*
- Amistad: A Novel - Alexis D. Pate*
- A Tale of Two Cities - Charles Dickens*
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn - Betty Smith*
- Someone Like Me - Julissa Are*
- I am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban - Malala Yousafzau*
- Dreams from My Father - Barack Obama*

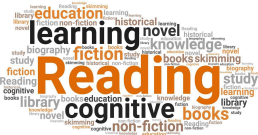
High School

Social Justice

- Before The Mayflower – Lerone Bennett*
- Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury*
- The New Jim Crow - Michelle Alexander*
- Roots - Alex Haley*
- Constance Baker Motley: One Woman’s Fight for Civil rights and Equal Justice under Law by Gary L. Ford*
- Making Freedom: The Extraordinary Life of Venture Smith by Chandler B. Saint*

Multicultural

- An African American and LatinX History of the United States - Paul Ortiz*
- The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao - Junot Diaz*
- Dreaming in Cuban - Cristina Garcia*
- Out of the Briars: An autobiography and sketch of the Twenty-ninth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers by A. H. Newton*



Grade 9 - AP World, Geography, Comparative

- The Fall of the Ottomans: The Great War in the Middle East* - Eugene Rogan
- Things Fall Apart* - Chinua Achebe
- Night* - Elie Wiesel

Grade 10 - 12

- The Souls of Black Folks* - W. E.B. DuBois
- Bronx Masquerade* - Nikki Grimes
- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* - Rebecca Skloot
- Ishi: Last of His Tribe* - Theodora Kroeber
- The Grapes of Wrath* - John Steinbeck
- Our Kind of People* - Lawrence Otis Graham
- Farewell to Manzanar: A True Story of Japanese American Experience during and After the*
- World War II Internment* - Jeanne Wakatsuki
- King of the Cats* - Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.
- The Autobiography of Malcolm X*
- Maggie's American Dream* - James P. Comer
- Fahrenheit 451* - Ray Bradbury

Books that need parental permissions

- The Hate You Give* - Angie Thomas
- Becoming Jazz: My Life as a (Transgender) Teen* - Jazz Jennings
- The Jungle* - Upton Sinclair

Audio

- The Narrative of an African American, Venture Smith (1798): Preface by Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro and read by Robert Hall*