

Book Titles for Social Studies, Grades 6 – 12: 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.

	Multiple grades – general cultures titles
Sheri Sinykin	Zayde Comes to Live
Chris and Melanie Rice	How Children Lived: A First Book of History
Margy Burns Knight	Talking Walls
Margy Burns Knight	Who Belongs Here: An American Story
Jeannie Baker	Mirror: Two Cultures, Two Stories
Peter Spier	People
Norah Dooley	Everybody Cooks Rice
Shelley Rotner & Sheila M. Kelly	Many Ways: How Families Practice Their Beliefs and Religions
Susan Kuklin	How My Family Lives in America
Laine Falk	This is the Way We Eat Our Food
Barnabas & Anabel Kindersley	Children Just Like Me (in association with UNICEF)
Barbara Kerley	You and Me Together: Moms, Dads, and Kids Around the World
Barbara Kerley	One World, One Day
Maya Ajmera, Elise Hofer Derstine, & Cynthia Pon	What We Wear: Dressing Up Around the World
Shaun Tan	The Arrival

	6th grade (Latin America, the Caribbean, Canada, Europe, and Australia)
Lynn Cherry	The Great Kapok Tree
Dr. Seuss	The Butter Battle Book
Dr. Seuss	Yertle the Turtle

Tony Johnston	The Harmonica
Omar Castaneda	Abuela's Weave
Marcie Aboff	Guatemala ABC's
Christina Gonzalez	The Red Umbrella
Enrique Flores-Galbis	90 Miles To Havana
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	The War That Saved My Life (WWII Britain)
Gloria Whelan	Megan's year: An Irish Traveler's Story
Duncan Tonatiuh	Dear Primo: A Letter to My Cousin
Duncan Tonatiuh	Funny Bones: Posada and His Day of the Dead <i>Calaveras</i>
Roland Smith	Jaguar
Patricia Reilly Giff	Until I Find Julian
Ben Mikaelson	Red Midnight
Marjorie Agosín	I Lived on Butterfly Hill
Gary Soto	The Skirt
Ann Nolan Clark	Secret of the Andes
Eve Bunting	Going Home
Carmen Deedy	Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale
Lois Ehlert	Cuckoo: Cucú
David Wisniewski	Rain Player
Tomie dePaola	Adelita
Laurie Krebs & Christopher Corr	Off We Go to Mexico! An Adventure in the Sun
Richard Keep	Clatter Bash! A Day of the Dead Celebration
Antonio Sacre	La Noche Buena: A Christmas Story

	7th grade (Africa, SW Asia - Middle East, Southern & Eastern Asia)
Karen Leggett Abouraya	Malala Yousafzai: Warrior With Words
Yukio Tsuchiya	Faithful Elephants: A True Story of Animals, People and War
Carmen Agra Deedy	14 Cows for America
Linda Sue Park	A Long Walk to Water
Katherine Applegate	Home of the Brave
Natasha Yim	Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas
Eve Bunting	Jin Woo

Mel Friedman	Thailand: Enchantment of the World (informational text)
Ina R. Friedman	How My Parents Learned to Eat
Anne Sibley O'Brien	A Path of Stars
Jorma Rodieck	The Little Bitty Snake
Judy Sierra	Tasty Baby Belly Buttons
Pamela S. Turner	Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog
Ginnie Lo	Mah Jong All Day Long
Frances Park & Ginger Park	Good-bye, 382 Shin Dang Dong
Yangsook Choi	The Name Jar
Nami Rhee (retold & illus)	Woodcutter and Tiger Brother
Bruce Edward Hall	Henry and the Kite Dragon
Allen Say	Erika-San
Lenore Look	Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding
Farhana Zia	The Garden of My Imaan
Reem Faruqi	Lailah's Lunchbox (A Ramadan Story)
Hena Khan	Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim Book of Colors
Linda Sue Park	The Third Gift
Liz Lofthouse	Ziba Came on a Boat
Jeanette Winter	Malala: A Brave Girl from Pakistan/Iqbal: A Brave Boy From Pakistan
Dinah Brown	Who is Malala Yousafzai?
Malala Yousafzai & Patricia McCormick	I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World
Rukhsana Khan	Big Red Lollipop
Mina Javaherbin (reteller)	Elephant in the Dark: Based on a poem by Rumi
Aisha Saeed	Written in the Stars
Gloria Whelan	Homeless Bird
Kashmira Sheth	My Dadima Wears a Sari
Herb Shovelter	Ryan and Jimmy: And The Well in Africa That Brought Them Together
Claire A. Nivola	Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai
Frank Prévot	Wangari Maathai: The Woman Who Planted Millions of Trees
Andrea Davis Pinckney	The Red Pencil
William Kamkwamba with Bryan Meador	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (picture book version) – set in Malawi

William Kamkwamba with Bryan Mealor	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (the full biography) set in Malawi
Michael Burgan	Kenya: Enchantment of the World (informational text)
Miranda Paul	One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and The Recycling Women of the Gambia
Margaret Ruurs	My Librarian is a Camel: How Books Are Brought to Children Around the World
Susan L. Roth & Karen Leggett Abouraya	Hands Around the Library: Protecting Egypt's Treasured Books
Kadir Nelson	Nelson Mandela (beautiful picture book biography)
Floyd Cooper	Mandela: from the Life of the South African Statesman
Archbishop Desmond Tutu & Douglas Carlton Abrams	Desmond and the Very Mean Word
Verna Aardema (reteller)	Half a Ball of Kenki (An Ashanti tale retold)
Susan Ross	Kiki and Jacques
Jan West Schrock	Give a Goat

	8th grade (see also books listed for grade 2, and U.S. topics in grades 3-5)
James Rumford	Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing
Margaree King Mitchell	Uncle Jed's Barbership
Lewis, J. Patrick	The Brothers' War: Civil War Voices in Verse
Polacco, Patricia	Pink and Say
Fletcher, Susan	Dadblamed Union Army Cow
Thomas Ratliff & David Salariya	You Wouldn't Want to be a Civil War Soldier!
Kathryn Senior	You Wouldn't Want to be a Nurse During the American Civil War!
Ann Turner	Drummer Boy: Marching to the Civil War
Angela Johnson & E.B. Lewis	All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom
Patricia Beatty	Turn Homeward, Hannalee (set in Roswell, GA)
Harold Keith	Rifles for Watie
Carolyn Reeder	Shades of Gray
Paul Fleischman	Bull Run
Cheryl Harness	Ghosts of the Civil War
James M. McPherson	Fields of Fury: The American Civil War

Irene Hunt	Across Five Aprils
Patricia Beatty	Charley Skedaddle
Jim Murphy	The Boy's War: Confederate and Union Soldiers Talk About the Civil War

	U.S. History (see also the book titles from grades 3-5)
Max Brooks	Harlem Hellfighters
Anne Westrick	Brotherhood
Eve Bunting	Terrible Things: An Allegory of the Holocaust
Yin	Coolies
Laurie Halse Anderson	Fever 1793
Walter Dean Myers	Invasion
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley	The War That Saved My Life
Matt Faulkner	Gaijin: American Prisoner of War
Andrea Beaty	Rosie Revere: Engineer

	American Government
Avi	Nothing But the Truth: A Documentary Novel
Sherman Alexie	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian
Arthur Miller	The Crucible
Reginald Rose	Twelve Angry Men
George Orwell	Animal Farm
George Orwell	1984
William Shakespeare	Julius Caesar
William Shakespeare	Richard II
Suzanne Collins	The Hunger Games #1
Robert Penn Warren	All the King's Men
John Grisham	The Pelican's Brief
Aldous Huxley	Brave New World
Victor Hugo	Les Misérables
Margaret Atwood	The Handmaid's Tale
Joseph Heller	Catch-22
Ellen Levine	A Fence Away from Freedom (about Japanese internment and relocation camps)
Paul Goldstein	A Patent Lie (inside look at high stakes lawyering)

Akhil Reed Amar	America's Constitution: A Biography
Paul Goldstein	Errors and Omissions
John Grisham	The Appeal
Paul Fleischman	Whirligig
Dr. Seuss	The Butter Battle Book
Walter Dean Myers	Scorpions
S. E. Hinton	The Outsiders
Ouida Sebestyen	Words by Heart
Mildred Pitts Walter	The Girl on the Outside
Dr. Seuss	The Sneetches and Other Stories

	Economics (and Econ titles within grades k-3)
Amy Goldman Koss	The Not-So-Great Depression
Paul Fleischman	Weslandia
Aaron Hawkins	The Year Money Grew on Trees
Gordon Korman	Swindle
Tololwa M. Mollel	My Rows and Piles of Coins
Dr. Seuss	The Lorax
Robert T. Kiyosaki	Rich Dad, Poor Dad
Steven D., Levitt & Stephen J. Dubner	Freakonomics
John Steinbeck	The Grapes of Wrath
J. D. Vance	Hillbilly Elegy
Barbara Ehrenreich	Nickel and Dimed
Mark Kurlansky	Salt
Thomas L. Friedman	The World is Flat
Malcolm Gladwell	Outliers
Tomie dePaola	Charlie Needs a Cloak
Shel Silverstein	The Giving Tree
Pat Hutchins	The Doorbell Rang
Marc Brown	Arthur's Pet Business
Eric Carle	Pancakes, Pancakes!
Charles L. Blood & Martin Link	The Goat in the Rug
Marjorie Weinman Sharmat	Mitchell is Moving

Margaret King Mitchell	Uncle Jed's Barbership
Patricia Maloney Markun	The little Painter of Sabana Grande
Arthur Dorros	Ant Cities
Gary Paulsen	The Tortilla Factory
Vera B. Williams	A Chair for My Mother
E. L. Konigsburg	From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor	Beetles Lightly Toasted

	World History (See also titles for grades 6 and 7)
Art Spiegelman	Maus: A Survivor's Tale
Karen Cushman	The Midwife's Apprentice
Linda Sue Park	A Single Shard
Avi	Crispin: The Cross of Lead
Marjane Satrapi	Persepolis: The Story of a Childhood
DK Publishing	The History of the World in 1000 Objects
Sara K. Joiner	After the Ashes (Krakatau in 1883)
Gene Luen Yang	Boxers and Saints
Michael Farquhar	A Treasury of Royal Scandals: The Shocking True Story of History's Wickedest, Weirdest, Most Wanton Kings, Queens, Tsars, Popes, and Emperors
David Macaulay	Castle
George Orwell	Animal Farm
Erich Maria Remarque	All Quiet on the Western Front
Elie Wiesel	Night
Anthony Doerr	All the Light We Cannot See
Aldous Huxley	Brave New World
George Orwell	1984
Charles Dickens	A Christmas Carol
John Steinbeck	The Pearl
Ken Follett	Pillars of the Earth
Charles Dickens	A Tale of Two Cities

	World Geography (See also titles for grades 6 and 7)
William Kamkwamba	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
Andrea Davis Pinckney	The Red Pencil
Katie Quirk	A Girl Called Problem
Tara Sullivan	Golden Boy
David Massey	Torn
Jared Diamond	Guns, Germs, and Steel
Tim Marshall	Prisoners of Geography
Robert D. Kaplan	The Revenge of Geography
Ken Jennings	Maphead: Charting the Wide, Weird World of Geography Wonks
Uri Shulevitz	How I Learned Geography
Simon Garfield	On the Map: Why the World Looks the Way It Does
Holling C. Holling	Paddle to the Sea