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U.S. HISTORY RESOURCES

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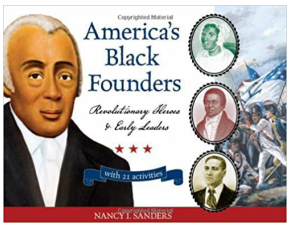
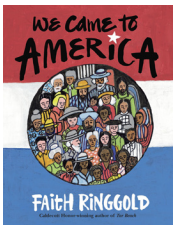
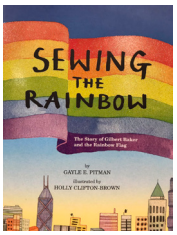






Lower Elementary (K–2nd)

<u>1700s and Earlier</u>

Fiction

- *Squanto's Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving* by Joseph Bruchac
- *New York is English, Chattanooga is Creek* by Chris Raschka

Nonfiction

- *1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving* by Catherine O'Neill Grace and Margaret Bruchac
- *My Country, 'Tis of Thee: How One Song Reveals the History of Civil Rights* by Claire Rudolf Murphy
- *America's Black Founders* by Nancy Sanders

<u>1800s</u>

Fiction

- *All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom* by Angela Johnson
- *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine
- *We Came to America* by Faith Ringgold

Nonfiction

- *Freedom in Congo Square* by Carole Boston-Weatherford
- *Before She Was Harriet* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- *Buffalo Bird Girl: A Hidatsa Story* by S.D. Nelson

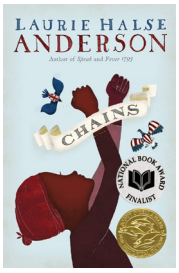
<u>1900s</u>

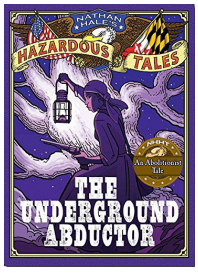
Fiction

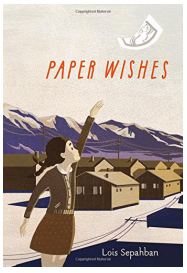
- *The Moon Over Star* by Dianna Hutts Aston
- *Overground Railroad* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- *We Are Water Protectors* by Carole Lindstrom
- *Grandfather's Journey* by Allen Say

Nonfiction

- *Sewing the Rainbow: The Story of Gilbert Baker and the Rainbow Flag* by Gayle E. Pitman
- *Barbed Wire Baseball* by Marissa Moss
- *Malcolm Little: The Boy Who Grew Up to be Malcolm X.* by Ilyasah Shabazz
- *Separate is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation* by Duncan Tonatiuh







Upper Elementary (3rd–6th)

<u>1700s and Earlier</u>

Fiction

- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson (part of the *Seeds of Freedom* series)
- *Jefferson's Sons* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

Nonfiction

- *In the Shadow of Liberty: the Hidden History of Slavery, Four Presidents, and Five Black Lives* by Kenneth C. Davis
- *Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge: George and Martha Washington's Courageous Slave Who Dared to Run Away* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar and Kathleen Van Cleve
- *1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving* by Catherine O'Neill Grace and Margaret Bruchac

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1800s

Fiction

- *The Birchbark House (series)* by Louise Erdrich
- *Sugar* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship & Freedom* by Tim Tingle

Nonfiction

- *Dark Sky Rising: Reconstruction and the Dawn of Jim Crow* by Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Tonya Bolden
- *Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales: The Underground Abductor* by Nathan Hale
- *Streetcar to Justice: How Elizabeth Jennings Won the Right to Ride in New York* by Amy Hill Hearth

1900s

Fiction

- *Two Roads* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Paper Wishes* by Lois Sepahban
- *Betty Before X* by Ilyasah Shabazz and Renee Watson

Nonfiction

- *Fred Korematsu Speaks Up* by Laura Atkins
- *This Promise of Change* by Jo Ann Allen Boyce and Debbie Levy
- *We Are One: The Story of Bayard Rustin* by Larry Dane Brimner

Library Resources

- **Louisiana Division City Archives and Special Collections:** City Archives and Special Collections is a reference division which collects resources relating to the study of Louisiana and its citizens and to the city of New Orleans and New Orleanians.
- **Newspapers.com Library Edition:** Great for finding historical sources, this database contains historical newspapers from the early 1700s into the early 2000s.
- **TumbleBook Library:** An e-book library with sections devoted specifically to nonfiction history books and biographies.

Further Resources

- **Facing History:** Lessons and educator resources for teaching about race, bigotry, and prejudice in the history classroom.
- **Smithsonian's History Explorer:** Curated and created by the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, this website is full of lessons, activities, media, interactives, and artifacts to help students engage with history.

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