

Literature for Late Renaissance to Early Modern Time

Literature To Read Together As A Class

- *As You Like It* – (Oxford School Shakespeare edition)
- *Amos Fortune, Free Man* by Elizabeth Yates (any edition)
- *Carry on Mr. Bowditch* by Jean Lee Latham (any edition)
- *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens (any edition)
- *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* by Washington Irving (any edition)
- *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens (any edition)
- *The American Story: The Beginnings* by David Barton & Tim Barton
- *Saints: Volume I* – (LDS Church stores & online)
- The story of Ruth in the *Bible*
- Several poems written during this time in history (provided)
- *Young Reader’s Edition: Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story, Volume One: Shaping a New Nation, 1492 to 1877* by Wilfred M. McClay, ISBN: 9781641771702
- Several famous American historical essays and speeches

Books for Students to Read on Their Own: Choose at least one book at your reading level from each category. Goal is to read 6+ books from the following list at or near your reading level in addition to the class books listed above. Students will give the class a brief review and Q & A time for each book they read. Books are listed by reading levels, then alphabetically by title. Books marked **RR** are for Reluctant Readers. Books marked with a **WW** for Wonderful Words are books with ageless values and themes. Books marked ****** need to have written parent permission. I encourage parents to look at the synopsis of the books with their children to help students decided.

Choose At Least One Book From Literature Written During Historical Time Period		
Choose At Least One Book From The Non-Fiction & Biography Section		
Choose At Least One Book From The Modern Literature Set During Historical Time Period		
Literature Written During Time Period	Non-Fiction & Biography (continued)	Modern Literature Set During Historical Time (continued)
Simplified version of Don Quixote	7-Wonderful Waterfalls of the World – Sanchez	6- WW -Bound for Oregon – Van Leeuwen
7-Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Mark Twain (**Warning: Tom is truly a naughty boy)	8-Abraham Lincoln – Gordy	6- RR-WW -By the Great Hornspoon - Fleischman
7-Pilgrim’s Progress - Bunyan	8-Davy Crockett: His Own Story - Crockett	6- WW -Caddie Woodlawn - Brink
7-Poems of Phillis Wheatley - Wheatley	8-Diary of an Early American Boy – Sloane	6-Caddie Woodlawn’s Family – Brink
7-Robinson Crusoe - Defoe	8-George Muller: The Guardian of Bristol’s Orphans – Benge	6-Calico Captive - Speare
8-20,000 Leagues Under the Sea –Jules Verne (**Warning: profanity & takes Lord’s name in vain)	8-John Paul Jones: The Pirate Patriot – Sperry	6- WW -Doe Sia – Thomasma
8-Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass – Douglass (bio./non-fiction also)	8-Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass – Douglass (Literature also)	6- WW -Drumbeats in Williamsburg

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9-A Tale of Two Cities - Dickens	8-Once Upon a Time: The Way America Was – Sloane	6-WW-Flag in Hiding – Dick
10-Pride and Prejudice - Austen	8-Seven Miracles That Saved America – Stewart	6-RR-WW-His Indian Brother – Wilson
11-Don Quixote (regular version) - Cervantes	8-The Colored Patriots of the American Revolution - Nell	6-Hitty, Her First Hundred Years - Field
Non-Fiction & Biography	8-The Girl Who Drew Butterflies: How Maria Merian’s Art Changed Science	6-WW-Huguenot Garden – Jones III
3-WW-Abe Lincoln: The Boy Who Loved Books – Winters	8-The Great Prologue - Petersen	6-Johnny Tremain – Forbes (* Contains some profanity)
3-Dancing Hands – Engle	8-The Little Red Schoolhouse – Sloane	
3-Daniel Boone: Young Hunter and Tracker - Stevenson	8-William Bradford: Plymouth’s Rock – Bengé	6-My Brother Sam is Dead - Collier
3-John Billington: Friend of Squanto – Bulla	8-Wives of the Signers - Green	6-Naya Nuki – Thomasma
3-Summer Birds: The Butterflies of Maria Merian – Engle	8-William Penn: Liberty and Justice for All – Bengé	6-RR-Night Journeys – Avi
3-The Story of Trains – Bingham	8-Women in the American Revolution - Bracken	6-Om-kas-toe – Thomasma
3-The White Stallion - Shub	9-A Piece of the Mountain - McPherson	6-Pathki Nana – Thomasma
4-WW-Abigail Adams – Wagoner	9-WW-Black Hawk – Beckhard	6-WW-Peter and the Pilgrims – Vernon
4-Cora Frear – Goodman	9-The Inspiring Story of Harriet Beecher Stowe – Haugen	6-WW-Silver for General Washington – Meadowcroft
4-Crispus Attucks: Black Leader of Colonial Patriots - Millender	9-The Story of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow – Peare	6-WW-The Corn Grows Ripe – Rhoads
4-In Their Own Words: Lewis and Clark	9-The Story of John Greenleaf Whittier – Cooke	6-The Ravenmaster’s Secret – Woodruff
4-Laura Ingalls Wilder, Pioneer Girl – Stine	9-The Swamp Fox of the Revolution – Holbrook	6-The Samurai’s Tale – Haugaard
4-Martha Washington: America’s First First Lady – Wagoner	9-The World of William Penn - Foster	6-The Sign of the Beaver – Speare
4-Paul’s epistles in the New Testament	9-There Really is a Santa Claus – Federer	6-The Witch of Blackbird Pond - Speare
4-Patriots in Petticoats – Redmond	10-WW-Amazing Grace in the Life of William Wilberforce – Piper	6-Toliver’s Secret - Brady

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4-Sebastian Bach: The Boy from Thuringia – Wheeler & Deucher	10- WW -Apostle of Liberty: The World Changing Leadership of George Washington – McDowell	6- WW -Tree of Freedom – Caudill
4-Several Psalms from the Old Testament	10-Father Marquette and the Great Rivers – Derleth	6-Tree Wagon – Lampman
4-Squanto: Friend of the Pilgrims – Bulla	10-Four Centuries of American Education – David Barton	6- WW -Underground to Canada – Smucker
4-William Bradford: Pilgrim Boy - Smith	10-Give Me Liberty: The Uncompromising Statesmanship of Patrick Henry - Vaughan	6-Winter Danger – Steele
5-Carl in the Garden – Sanchez	11- WW -Amazing Grace – Metaxas	7- WW -A Family Apart: The Orphan Train ---- ----Adventures – Nixon
5-Dear Benjamin Banneker – Pinkney	11-Prudence Crandall – Yates	7- WW -A Single Shard – Park
5-Patrick Henry to the House of Burgesses – speech	11-The Forgotten Founding Father: Noah Webster’s Obsession and Creation of an American Culture - Kendall	7-Away Goes Sally - Coatsworth
5-Seeker of Knowledge: The Man Who Deciphered Egyptian Hieroglyphs – Rumford	11-The Jefferson Lies: Exposing the Myths You’ve Always Believed About Thomas Jefferson – Barton	7-Benjamin West and His Cat Grimalkin - Henry
5-The Spark – Yauger (abt M. Faraday)	11- WW -The Real Benjamin Franklin – Allison and Parry.	7-Calico Bush - Field
5-The Story of Maria Merian – Klemm	11- WW -The Real George Washington – Allison and Parry	7-Daniel and the Drum Rock – Simister
5-Vivaldi’s Four Seasons - Celenza	11- WW -The Real Thomas Jefferson – Allison and Parry	7-Daughter of the Mountains – Rankin
6- WW -A Home for Mr. Emerson – Kerley	12- 1776 - McCullough	7-Escape Across the Wide Sea – Kirkpatrick
6-Bulletproof George Washington – Barton	12-Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin – Franklin	7-Escape into the Night – Johnson
6-Johannes Kepler – John Hudson Tiner	12-John Adams - McCullough	7-Foo and Ching – Sowers
6-Patriots, Redcoats & Spies - Skead	12-John Newton – Aitken	7- RR -Girl with a Musket – Simister
6-Ransom’s Mark – Lawton	12 – The Law – Bastiat (English translation)	7- RR -Hue & Cry – Yates
6-Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West With Lewis & Clark – Karwoski	12-McGuffey and His Readers - Westerhoff	7- RR -Jade Dragons – Rowland

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6-Submarines, Secrets & Daring Rescue - Skead	12-Miracle at Philadelphia - Bowen	7-I, Juan de Pereja – de Trevino
6-The Landing of the Pilgrims – Daugherty	12-The Domestic Life of Thomas Jefferson – Randolph	7-Maggie’s Door – Giff
6-The Matchlock Gun – Edmonds	12-The Mayflower Pilgrims – Carpenter	7-Mr. Pipes and Psalms and Hymns of the Reformation - Bond
6-The Story of Louis Pasteur – Malkus	Modern Literature Set During Historical Time	7-RR-Nory Ryan’s Song – Giff
6-The Tinker’s Daughter - Lawton	4-The Courage of Sarah Noble - Dalgliesh	7-RR-Out of Many Waters – Greene
6-The Winter at Valley Forge – Van Wyck Mason	5-WW-A Penny’s Worth of Character - Stuart	7-Red Hugh: Prince of Donegal – Reilly
6-Why Not Lafayette? - Fritz	5-WW-Back to Poplar Street - Wright	7-Stories of the Pilgrims – Pumphrey
7-America’s Story: The History of the Pledge of Allegiance - Raymond	5-WW-Cabin on Trouble Creek – Van Leeuwen	7-The American Twins of the Revolution – Perkins
7-Cyber Safety Questions & Answers Book – Sanchez (current issues)	5-WW-Cherokee Run - Smucker	7-The Challengers – Lundy
7-David Livingstone: Africa’s Trailblazer – Benge	5-Girlhood Journeys: Kai – various authors	7-The Iron Peacock – Clarke
7-Davy Crockett: Ever Westward – Benge	5-Girlhood Journeys: Marie - Greene	7-RR-The Mooring Tree – Robinson
7-Exiled: The Story of John Lathrop - Holt	5-WW-Little House on the Prairie Series - Wilder	7-RR-The Three Gold Doubloons – Hurd
7-Inventor, Scientist, and Teacher: Isaac Newton – Tiner	5-WW-Lucy’s Wish – Nixon	7-Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze – Lewis
7-Mary Jones and Her Bible – Ropes	5-Pirate’s Promise – Bulla	8-WW-A Little Maid of Provincetown– Curtis
7-Mill – Macaulay	5-RR-WW-My Name Is Sally Little Song – Woods	8-WW-A Little Maid of Mohawk Valley - Curtis
7-Path to the Pacific: The Story of Sacagawea – Frazier	5-RR-WW-Red Sails to Capri – Weil	8-WW-A Little Maid of Massachusetts - Curtis
7- WW Paul Revere and the World He Lived In – Forbes	5-RR-WW-Rickshaw Girl – Perkins	8-WW-As a Man Thinketh – James Allen
7-The Mystery of the Periodic Table	5-WW-SeeSaw Girl – Park	8-Cross Among the Tomahawks – Lomask

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7-The Ocean of Truth: The Story of Sir Isaac Newton –McPherson	5- WW -The Adventures of Philippe: A Story of-- --Old Quebec – Bowers	8- RR -Escape to Freedom – Jones
7-The Story of Eli Whitney – Latham	5-The Boy in the Alamo – Cousins	8-Fair Wind to Virginia – Meig
7-The Story of John J Audubon – Howard	5-The Buffalo Knife – Steele	8-Hans Brinker of the Silver Skates – Dodge
7-The Story of Madame Curie – Thorne	5- WW -The Cabin Faced West – Fritz	8- Prelude to Glory series - Carter
7-“The Way to Wealth,” - Benjamin Franklin	5-The Skippack School – de Angeli	8-Patterns on the Wall – Yates
	6-A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl’s Journal 1830-32 - Bloss	8-Sing Down the Moon – O’Dell
	6- WW -Abby: Lost at Sea - Walls	8-The Scarlet Pimpernel - Orczy
	6- WW -Abby: Quest for Treasure - Walls	8-Wild Like the Foxes - Anauta
	6-Addie Across the Prairie – Lawlor	9- WW -A Basket of Flowers – von Schmid
	6-Ben and Me - Lawson	10- WW -Books by G.A. Henty – set in 1630 to 1850 about young men back in history

<https://www.robinsonbooks.com/pages/chronological-listing-of-g-a-henty-books>. This is a website that provides a chronological listing of G.A. Henty’s books.

<https://www.gatewaytotheclassics.com/home.php>
This website provides many children’s classics that are free to read on-line. You can divide them by genre and find ones about the historical period from 1600 to 1850 roughly. There is fiction, non-fiction, and works written during this time period.
