

## US American History Time Periods & Living Books List

### 1. Exploration and Discovery (pre-1600s)

- *Columbus* by Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire (Grades 3–5)
- *Leif the Lucky* by Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire (Grades 3–5)
- *Pedro's Journal* by Pam Conrad (Grades 4–6)
- *The World of Columbus and Sons* by Genevieve Foster (Grades 6–8)

### 2. Colonial America (1607–1775)

- *Pocahontas and the Strangers* by Clyde Robert Bulla (Grades 3–4)
- *The Courage of Sarah Noble* by Alice Dalgliesh (Grades 3–5)
- *Strawberry Girl* by Lois Lenski (Grades 4–6)
- *Calico Bush* by Rachel Field (Grades 6–8)

### 3. The American Revolution (1775–1783)

- *Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia* by Margaret Cousins (Grades 3–5)
- *George Washington's World* by Genevieve Foster (Grades 5–7)
- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes (Grades 6–8)
- *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson (Grades 6–8)

### 4. Founding of the Nation & Early Republic (1783–1820s)

- *A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution* by Betsy & Giulio Maestro (Grades 3–5)
- *The Great Little Madison* by Jean Fritz (Grades 4–6)
- *The Story of Thomas Jefferson* by Earl Schenck Miers (Grades 5–7)
- *The Federalist Papers in Plain Language* (adapted, Grades 7–8+)

### 5. Westward Expansion & Frontier Life (1800s–1860)

- *Caddie Woodlawn* by Carol Ryrie Brink (Grades 4–6)
- *Davy Crockett: Young Rifleman* by Aileen Wells Parks (Grades 3–5)
- *By the Great Horn Spoon!* by Sid Fleischman (Gold Rush, Grades 4–6)
- *Bound for Oregon* by Jean Van Leeuwen (Grades 5–7)

### 6. The Civil War (1861–1865)

- *If You Lived at the Time of the Civil War* by Kay Moore (Grades 3–5)

- *Abraham Lincoln* by Ingri & Edgar Parin d'Aulaire (Grades 3–5)
- *Across Five Aprils* by Irene Hunt (Grades 6–8)
- *Rifles for Watie* by Harold Keith (Grades 6–8)

## 7. Reconstruction & Industrial America (1865–1900)

- *American Adventures: Reconstruction to the 20th Century* by Sonya Shafer (living reader format, Grades 4–6)
- *The Brooklyn Bridge* by Elizabeth Mann (Grades 4–6)
- *Ida B. Wells: Let the Truth Be Told* by Walter Dean Myers (Grades 6–8)
- *The Story of Thomas Edison* by Margaret Cousins (Grades 5–7)

## 8. Immigration & Turn of the Century America (1880s–1920)

- *Dreaming of America: An Ellis Island Story* by Eve Bunting (Grades 3–5)
- *Coming to America* by Betsy Maestro (Grades 3–4)
- *The Long Way to a New Land* by Joan Sandin (Grades 3–5)
- *Immigrant Kids* by Russell Freedman (Grades 6–8)

## us 9. The World Wars & Great Depression (1914–1945)

- *When Jessie Came Across the Sea* by Amy Hest (Grades 3–5)
- *The Dust Bowl* by David Booth (Grades 3–5)
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor (Grades 6–8)
- *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry (Grades 6–8)

## 10. Modern America & Civil Rights (1945–Present)

- *The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles (Grades 3–5)
- *Martin's Big Words* by Doreen Rappaport (Grades 3–5)
- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis (Grades 5–7)
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson (Grades 6–8)