

Read on Your Own

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Social Studies Key



Biography



Citizenship



Cultures



Economics



Geography



History

Extra Support



The Scrambled States of America

by Laurie Keller,
Henry Holt, 2002

Images and text take readers on a geographic adventure through all 50 states.



Follow the Dream: The Story of Christopher Columbus

by Peter Sis,
Knopf Books, 2003

Illustrations and text recall the life of explorer Christopher Columbus, from his boyhood to his first landing in the Americas.



Satellites and the GPS

by Natalie M. Rosinsky,
Selen Mats, Ph.D.,
Terrence E. Young, Jr. and
Linda D. Labbo,
Compass Point Books, 2004

The author explains how satellite technology makes Global Positioning Systems work.



America's Top 100: Our Nation's Most Awe-Inspiring Natural Features and Landmarks

by Edward R. Ricciuti,
Jenny E. Tesar and
Tanya Lee Stone,
Blackbirch, 1999

This book provides information on, and images of, national parks and geographic wonders, from rivers and monuments to skyscrapers and national parks.



The Aztec

by Andrew Santella,
Children's Press, 2003

Detailed text introduces readers to Aztec culture and history.

On Level



The Longitude Prize

by Joan Dash and Dusan Petricic,
Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000

In the 18th century, carpenter and clockmaker John Harrison won a prize for inventing a way to measure longitude at sea.



Everyday Life of the Aztecs, Incas, and Mayans

by Neil Morris, Luisa Della Porta and Andrea Ricciardi,
Smart Apple Media, 2003

This book describes the traditions and activities of each of these civilizations in detail.



My America: A Poetry Atlas of the United States

by Lee Bennett Hopkins,
Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2000

This collection features poetry from and about all regions of the United States by 40 different poets.



The Geography Book: Activities for Exploring, Mapping and Enjoying Your World

by Caroline Arnold,
Jossey-Bass, 2001

Five themed sections provide activities for students to explore topics in geography.



The World Made New: Why the Age of Exploration Happened and How It Changed the World

by Marc Aronson and
John W. Glenn,
National Geographic, 2007

Illustrations and text bring to life European exploration of the Americas.

Challenge



Mapping Epidemics: A Historical Atlas of Disease

by Brent Hoff and
Carter Smith,
Childrens Press, 2000

This book discusses 32 potentially deadly diseases such as leprosy, smallpox, and cholera, and their geographical progressions.



Making of the Earth: Geological Forces that Shape Our Planet

by Jon Erickson,
Facts on File, 2000

This reference book explores the formation of Earth's varied landscape.



What the World Eats

by Peter Menzel and
Faith D'Aluisio,
Tricycle Press, 2008

Text and illustrations examine the food and lifestyles of 25 families from 21 countries.



Cahokia Mounds

by Timothy R. Pauketat
and Nancy Stone Bernard,
Oxford University Press, 2004

Photographs, drawings, and text unearth the archaeological past at Cahokia.



Extraordinary Women Explorers

by Frances Rooney,
Second Story Press, 2005

Biographical accounts and photographs detail the adventures of 12 women explorers.