

Read on Your Own

Social Studies Key



Biography



Citizenship



Cultures



Economics



Geography



History

Extra Support



The Bill of Rights: Protecting Our Freedom Then and Now

by *Syl Sobel, J.D.*,
Barrons Educational Series, 2008

The first ten amendments to the Constitution are clearly explained.



The California Gold Rush: An Interactive History Adventure

by *Elizabeth Raum*,
Capstone Press, 2008

Using an interactive approach, this book explores the choices some men made during the time of the Gold Rush.



Westward to Home: Joshua's Oregon Trail Diary, Book One

by *Patricia Hermes*,
Scholastic Inc., 2002

This diary tells the story of Joshua and his family's seven-month wagon train trip from Missouri to Oregon in 1848.



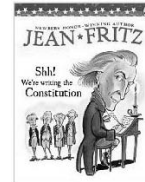
On Level



Shh! We're Writing the Constitution

by *Jean Fritz*,
Putnam Juvenile, 1997

This book tells how fifty-five delegates gathered in Philadelphia to draw up a plan for the new government. It provides a glimpse into the conflicts involved in writing the Constitution.



The Louisiana Purchase: Expanding America's Boundaries

by *Magdalena Alagna*,
Rosen Publishing Group, 2003

Readers learn why purchasing the territory was a good idea. Primary sources help students learn about the events surrounding the Louisiana Purchase.



Railroad Fever: Building the Transcontinental Railroad 1830–1870

by *Monica Halpern*,
National Geographic Children's Books, 2004

This book gives readers an interesting brief visual account of the building of railroads throughout the United States.

Challenge



From Thirteen Colonies to One Nation (The Revolutionary War Library)

by *John Micklos, Jr.*,
Enslow Elementary, 2008

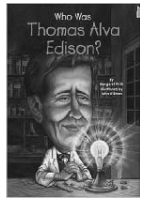
This book describes how the 13 colonies fought for independence and then grew into one nation.



Who Was Thomas Alva Edison?

by *Margaret Frith*,
Grosset & Dunlap, 2005

This illustrated biography details the life of Thomas Edison from his days as a curious child through the impact his inventions had on the world.



Shutting Out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York, 1880–1924

by *Deborah Hopkinson*,
Scholastic, 2003

Learn about the experiences of five immigrants who lived and worked in New York City at the end of the nineteenth century.