

Read on Your Own

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Social Studies Key



Biography



Citizenship



Cultures



Economics



Geography



History

Extra Support



Escape to Freedom: Coming to America from Cuba—1961

by M.J. Cosson,
Perfection Learning, 2001

José's father is imprisoned under Castro's regime in Cuba, and his family escapes to Florida.



Haiti: A Question and Answer Book

by June Preszler,
Capstone Press, 2007

Readers learn about the history, culture, challenges, and hopes of Haiti.



The Panama Canal (Great Structures in History)

by Rachel Lynette,
Kidhaven, 2004

This book details the many challenges in building the Panama Canal.



Remember the Maine: The Spanish-American War Begins

by Tim McNeese,
Morgan Reynolds
Publishing, 2002

Readers learn about Cuba's struggle for independence from Spain and the mystery of the explosion of the *Maine*.



Your Travel Guide to the Ancient Mayan Civilization

by Nancy Day,
Lerner, 2001

This book describes clothing, foods, customs, transportation, and some notable personalities of the Mayan civilization.

On Level



El Salvador in Pictures

by Francesca Davis
DiPiazza,
Lerner, 2007

Readers learn about El Salvador through pictures and text.



Esperanza Rising

by Pam Muñoz Ryan,
Scholastic, 2002

Tragedy forces Esperanza to leave her comfortable life in Mexico and join other Depression-era migrant workers in California.



Everyday Life of the Aztecs, Incas and Mayans

by Neil Morris,
Smart Apple, 2003

The civilization of each of these ancient cultures is described in detail.



Francisco Pizarro: Journeys Through Peru and South America

by John Paul Zronik,
Crabtree, 2005

The life and travels of Francisco Pizarro as a soldier for Spain and of his eventual conquest of Peru.



Golden Tales: Myths, Legends, and Folktales from Latin America

by Lulu Delacre,
Scholastic, 2008

A collection of tales from 13 Latin American countries.

Challenge



The Ancient Maya

by Lila Perl,
Scholastic, 2005

Readers learn clues about what happened before and during the Mayan civilization, and how archaeologists found out what daily life was like for the Maya.



Colombia in Pictures

by Thomas Streissguth,
Lerner, 2004

This book documents the history, culture, economy, and beauty of Colombia.



Conquistador: Hernán Cortés, King Montezuma, and the Last Stand of the Aztecs

by Buddy Levy,
Bantam Dell, 2008

Readers follow Cortés from Cuba to Mexico where he meets and defeats the great king.



Marina Silva: Defending Rainforest Communities in Brazil

by Ziporah Hildebrandt,
Feminist Press at the City
University of New
York, 2001

This book chronicles the story of one young woman's fight to save the rain forest.

