Read on Your Own

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,
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.