Read on Your Own

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)
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**
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.