Read on Your Own

Social Studies Key

- Biography
- Citizenship
- Cultures
- Economics
- Geography
- History

Extra Support

**The New Americans: Colonial Times, 1620–1689**
by Betsy Maestro, HarperTrophy, 2004
This history of the colonies describes the arrival of the Dutch, French, and English settlers and considers their effects on Native Americans.

**The Colony of New York**
by Susan Whitehurst, PowerKids Press, 2000
Readers learn about the history of New York from the time before Hudson explored the area through its becoming a state.

**The Colony of New York: A Primary Source History**
by Melody S. Mis, PowerKids Press, 2007
This book presents a brief history of New York from Verrazano’s 1524 exploration through the American Revolution.

**The History of Early New York**
Readers get a brief look at what life was like for people—such as the Algonquians, the European explorers, and the Dutch colonists—who lived in the area that is now New York.

**In the Middle Colonies**
by Deborah Kent, Benchmark Books, 2000
This book—a title from the How We Lived series—tells about daily life during colonial times in places such as New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

On Level

**Peter Stuyvesant: New Amsterdam and the Origins of New York**
by L.J. Krizner, Rosen, 2002
This biography of the stern governor of New Netherland includes much background to the early history of New York.

**Exploring the New World**
by Rebecca Stefoff, Benchmark Books, 2000
This book describes the age of exploration in North America and includes maps and illustrations.

**Life in New Amsterdam**
by Laura Fischer, Heinemann, 2003
This book describes the daily life of seventeenth-century Dutch settlers living in the town that became New York City.

Challenge

**Life in the American Colonies**
by Ruth Dean, Thomas Gale, 1998
Readers get a clear picture of daily life in colonial times and the colonists’ interactions with Native American groups.

**New Amsterdam**
by Tim McNeese, Chelsea House, 2007
Learn about the 1624 Dutch colonization of Manhattan Island and its development until 1664 when the colony was turned over to the English.

**New Netherland: The Dutch Settle the Hudson Valley**
by Karen Bush Gibson, Mitchell Lane, 2007
This book presents an overview of the establishment and settlement of the seventeenth-century Dutch colony of New Netherland as well as the Dutch development of trade with Native Americans.

**New York**
by Timothy J. Paulson, Children’s Press, 2004
This book provides detailed descriptions of life in New York, including its European exploration, its Dutch colonization, its role in the American Revolution, and its statehood.