

Reading and History Overview

August/September
History: Native American culture, Columbian Exchange Colonization
Literature: Poetry <i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>
Skills: Predicting, Clarifying, Questioning, Summarizing Visualizing
Projects: Autobiography Reports: I Am an Influential American

October
History: Colonial Life, War for Independence
Literature: <i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i> , <i>George vs. George</i>
Skills: Connecting the Text with Our Lives Today Recognizing Point of View
Projects: Continental Congress Simulation

November
History: Constitution
Literature: <i>Number the Stars</i> – Life during World War II
Skills: Plot Development Making Inferences Figurative Language
Projects: Biography Plays

December
History: U.S. – A Young Nation, War of 1812
Literature: <i>Shh! We're Writing the Constitution</i> Lincoln biography book
Skills: Main Idea – Identifying Very Important Points Recognizing Point of View
Projects: Biography Plays

January
History: U.S. – An Expanding Nation
Literature: Biography books from public library Lincoln biography book
Skills: Main Idea – Identifying Very Important Points Drawing Conclusions from Textual Evidence
Projects: Biography Reports

February
History: Slavery and the Civil War
Literature: Biography books from public library <i>Bull Run</i> (Civil War)
Skills: Restating Ideas in Your Own Words Identifying details that support a main point
Projects: Biography Reports Civil War Simulation

March
History: Reconstruction, Battles in the West, Spanish American War
Literature: <i>Bull Run</i>
Skills: Recognizing Point of View Summarizing Text
Projects: Biography Report Speech Readers' Theater

April
History: Immigration, Invention, and WWI
Literature: <i>Shades of Gray</i> – set in Reconstruction Era
Skills: Character Development Making Inferences
Field Trip: Civil War History Lives Again

May/June
History: WW II, Vietnam War, Civil Rights Tall Tales
Literature: American Tall Tales, <i>Maniac Magee</i>
Skills: Identifying Skillful Use of Language Predicting, Clarifying, Questioning, Summarizing
Field Trip Statehouse, Basque Museum & Art Walk