

## **READING LIST FOR VIRGINIA PATHWAYS EPISODE 4 Civil Rights, Part 1**

This is a list of reading material that complements the Virginia Standards of Learning and subject matter covered in Episode Four of the Virginia Pathways Series. The non-fiction, picture books, and chapter books focus on Virginia and deal with events occurring in Virginia during its Colonial Period and the Revolutionary War, up to the beginning of the Civil War. This reading list is geared to fourth graders, and it attempts to include material that students at several different reading levels could enjoy. The reading level is indicated as **RL**, and the interest level is indicated as **IL**. Reading and interest levels are given whenever the information was available from the publisher.

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### **COLONIAL VIRGINIA**

#### **NON FICTION -- Colonial Virginia**

Bulla, Clyde Robert. *A Lion to Guard Us*. HarperCollins, 1981. 117 p. RL 3.6, IL 3-6.

This is the story of three children who, after their mother dies, make their way to the Virginia Colony in search of their father.

Carlson, Laurie M. *Colonial Kids: an activity guide to life in the New World*. Chicago:

Chicago Review Press, 1997. 142 p. RL 3.5, IL 3-6.

Describes such daily events as how colonists made their food and clothes.

Coleman, Brooke. *The Colony of Virginia*. New York: Powerkids Press, 2000.

Part of a series, "The library of the thirteen colonies and the Lost Colony", this book discusses important people and events of the Virginia Colony.

Fradin, Dennis. *The Virginia Colony*. Chicago: Children's Press, 1986. RL 6.1, IL 5-8.

A series that covers the history, economy, culture, and people of the Virginia colony from the Indian settlements to the Revolution. Also included are brief biographies of prominent personalities of the colony. Recommended for grades 4-6. Individual book titles follow.

*The Georgia Colony; The Connecticut Colony; The Maryland Colony;*

*The Massachusetts Colony; The New Hampshire Colony; The New Jersey Colony; The New York Colony; The North Carolina Colony; The Pennsylvania Colony; The Rhode Island Colony; The Virginia Colony; The Delaware Colony; The South Carolina Colony.*

Hawke, Sharryl and James E. Davis. *Seed of Change: the Story of Cultural Exchange after 1492*. Addison-Wesley, 1992. IL 4-6.

Reading List, continued

Isaacs, Sally. *America in the Time of Pocahontas 1590 - 1754*. Des Plaines, IL: Heinemann Library, 1998. 48 p. RL 5.5, IL 5-8.

The early history of the United States from 1590-1754 is investigated by using the life of Pocahontas as a reference point.

Kalman, Bobbie. *Colonial Life*. NY: Crabtree Publishers, 1992. 32 p. RL 5.5, IL 3-6.

Describes the first colonists, colonial homes, colonial families, children at school and at play, travel and transportation, and stories and songs from Africa.

Knight, James E. *Journey to Monticello: Traveling in Colonial Times*. Mahwah: NJ, Troll Associates, 1982. RL 5.3, IL5.8.

From the series, "Adventures in Colonial America", a young man uses different modes of transportation as he travels from Massachusetts to Virginia in 1775.

McGovern, Ann. *If You Lived in Colonial Times*. NY: Scholastic, 1992. 80 p., RL 3.5, IL K-3.

Information about Colonial American is provided through a question and answer format.

### **CHAPTER BOOKS, HISTORICAL FICTION -- Colonial Virginia**

Anderson, Joan. *A Williamsburg Household*. New York: Clarion, 1998. RL 5.1, IL 3.6.

A story that retells the events of a white family in Williamsburg in the 1700's.

Harrah, Madge. *My Brother, My Enemy*. New York: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1997. RL 4.8, IL 5.8.

Fourteen-year-old Robert Bradford joins Nathaniel Bacon's rebel army in revenge for the massacre of his family by the Susquehannock Indians.

Hermes, Patricia. *Our Strange New Land: Elizabeth's Diary*. New York: Scholastic, 2000.

A nine-year-old girl, Elizabeth, keeps a record in her diary of her adventures including encounters with Indians, hunger and the death of friends, and helping her family build their first home.

Reading List, continued

## **PERSONALITIES OF COLONIAL VIRGINIA & REVOLUTIONARY WAR**

### **Patrick Henry**

Adler, David. *A Picture Book Biography of Patrick Henry*. New York: Holiday House, 1995. RL 4.5, IL K-3.

Fritz, Jean. *Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29th of May?* New York: Putnam, 1982. RL 4.2, IL 3-6.  
Provides a brief biography of the famous orator.

### **Thomas Jefferson**

Adler, David. *Thomas Jefferson: Father of Our Democracy*. New York: Holiday House, 1987. IL 3-6.

Adler, David. *A Picture Book Biography of Thomas Jefferson*. New York: Holiday House, 1990. RL 2.5, IL K-3.  
A picture book that traces the life and achievements of the architect, bibliophile, president, and author of the Declaration of Independence.

Barrett, Marvin. *Meet Thomas Jefferson*. New York: Random House, 1989. 72 p. RL 3.3, IL 3-6.  
A biography of Thomas Jefferson that is easy to read with an emphasis placed on the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

Giblin, James. *Thomas Jefferson: A Picture Book Biography*. New York: Scholastic, 1994. 48 p. RL 5.6, IL 3-6.  
The life story of Thomas Jefferson is retold from his childhood to his prominent roles as United States ambassador to France, secretary of state, vice president, third president of the United States, and author of the Declaration of Independence.

Quakenbush, Robert M. *Pass the Quill, I'll Write a Draft: A Story of Thomas Jefferson*. New York: Pippin Press, 1989. 36 p. RL 5.3, IL 3-6.  
Covers the life and accomplishments of Thomas Jefferson from his birth to his retirement at Monticello.

Reading List, continued

### **James Madison**

Quakenbush, Robert M. *James and Dolley Madison and Their Times*. New York: Pippin Press, 1992. 36 p. RL 5.5, IL 3-6.  
Covers the role that James Madison had in the early history of America.

### **James Monroe**

Welbasher, Anne. *James Monroe*. Edina, MN: Abdo, 1999. 32p. RL 4, IL 3-6.  
Part of the series, "United States Presidents", which profiles the early life, careers, family, and contributions of American presidents.

### **Pocahontas**

Bulla, Clyde Robert. *Pocahontas and the Strangers*. New York: Scholastic. RL 3. IL 3-5.  
A fictionalized account of the relationship between Pocahontas and the Jamestown settlers.

Fritz, Jean. *The Double Life of Pocahontas*. New York: Puffin Books, RL 4, IL 4-5.  
The author describes the two lives Pocahontas leads after she meets the Jamestown colonists—as daughter of an Indian chief and friend and then wife of a colonist.

Penner, Lucille. *The True Story of Pocahontas*. New York : Random House, 1994. RL 2, IL 2-4.  
An easy to read and historically accurate biography of Pocahontas.

### **John Rolfe**

The Jamestown Foundation, Jamestown, Virginia. *The Story of John Rolfe*.

See also the following Web sites:

<http://www.apva.org/history/jrolfe.html>

<http://www.nps.gov/colo/Jthanout/Rolfe.html>

[jefferson.village.virginia.edu/vcdh/jamestown/jrolfe.html](http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/vcdh/jamestown/jrolfe.html)



Reading List, continued

### **John Smith**

Foster, Genevieve. *The World of Captain John Smith*. Beautiful Feet Books, 1999. 1999. IL 3-6.

The author provides background information about England and the rest of Europe at the time of the Jamestown settlement. She explains the settling of Jamestown in historical perspective with other major events in England and Europe. The book includes maps, illustrations, and charts drawn by the author.

Mello, Tara. *John Smith*. Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House Publishers, 1999. IL 3-6.

A short biography of John Smith.

Stanley, Melanie Zucker. *John Smith*. Glen Allen, Virginia: Foxhound Publications, 2000. RL 3.0 IL 3-5. The author provides interesting facts and details about the life of John Smith before, during, and after his time as president of the Jamestown colony. The text is in an easy to read format and is supplemented with many photos and illustrations.

### **George Washington**

Adler, David. *A Picture Book of George Washington*. New York: Holiday House, 1989. 32 p. RL 2.9, IL K-3.

An account of the life of George Washington.

Giblin, James. *George Washington: A Picture Book Biography*. New York: Scholastic, 1992. 48 p. RL 4.6, IL 3-6.

Investigates the life and roles that George Washington played in the history of the United States, also included are myths and legends.

## **REVOLUTIONARY WAR**

### **NON-FICTION -- Revolutionary Period**

Kallen, Stuart. *The Declaration of Independence*. Edina, MN: Abdo & Daughters, 1994. 30 p. RL 5.3, IL 3-6.

Describes how a committee was chosen to write the document and the purpose the document served.

Meltzer, Milton. *The American Revolutionaries, a History in Their own Words, 1750-1800*. HarperTrophy, 1993. IL 4-6.

Murphy, Jim. *A Young Patriot: The American Revolution as Experienced by One Boy*. Clarion Books, 1996. IL 4-8.

Reading List, continued

Quiri, Patricia Ryon. *The Declaration of Independence*. New York: Children's Press, 1998. 47 p. RL 4.5, IL K-3.  
The climate before and after the writing of the Declaration of Independence is covered. Also included is how it was written, the approval process and its announcement.

Bliven, Bruce. *The American Revolution*. New York: Random House, 1986. 153 p. RL 5, IL 5-8.  
An account of events leading up to and occurring during the American Revolution.

### UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

Fritz, Jean. *Shh! We're Writing the Constitution*. New York: Putnam, 1998. 64 pp. RL 4.7, IL 3-6.  
Describes how the Constitution was written and finally ratified.

Johnson, Linda Carlson. *Our Constitution*. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 1992. 48 p., RL 5.5, IL 3-6.  
Relays the creation of the document and the rules of government that it sets out

Krull, Kathleen. *A Kid's Guide to America's Bill of Rights: Curfews, Censorship, and the 100-Pound Giant*. New York: Avon Books, 1999. RL 6, IL 5-8.  
The 10 amendments to the United States Constitution are covered, including how they have been applied.

Meisner, James. *American Revolutionaries and Founders of the Nation*. Springfield, NJ: Enslow, 1999. RL 6.9, IL 5-8.  
A very advanced reading level for fourth graders but it covers the lives of 10 of the 55 delegates to the National Convention of 1787: John Adams, John Jay, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, George Mason, William Paterson, Roger Sherman, Governor Morris, and Richard Henry Lee.

Stein, Conrad. *The Bill of Rights*. Chicago: Children's Press, 1992. 30 p. RL 6.9, IL 3-6.  
The first 10 amendments to the Constitution are introduced as well as the rights that they protect.



Reading List, continued

Quiri, Patricia Ryon. *The Constitution*. New York: Children's Press, 1998. 47 p. RL 4.5, IL K-3.

Included are descriptions of the convention in Philadelphia in 1787, the different plans, the Great Compromise, the process of ratification and why a constitution was needed.

### **CIVIL WAR**

Ransom, Candice. *Children of the Civil War*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books, 1998. 48 p., RL 4.1, IL 3-6.

The lives of children during the Civil War are investigated including those that joined armies, stayed at home, and those that suffered the effects of the war.

Hakim, Joy. *Liberty for All?* NY: Oxford University Press, 1994. 192 p. RL 4.8, IL 5-8.

The period of growth prior to the American Civil War is described by looking at the lives of people from various backgrounds.

Kalman, Bobbie. *Life on a Plantation*. New York: Crabtree Publishers, 1997. 32 p. RL 4.8, IL 3-6.

Plantation life as experienced by the plantation owners, their families and the slave families that lived and worked on them is described.

*Slavery Time When I Was Chillun*. New York: Putnam, 1997. 96 p., RL 4.8, IL 5-8. Oral histories of 12 former slaves have been selected from the 200 interviewed Slave Narratives of the Library of Congress.