

READING LIST FOR VIRGINIA PATHWAYS EPISODE FIVE CIVIL RIGHTS

This is a list of reading material that compliments the Virginia Standards of Learning and subject matter covered in Episode Five of the *Virginia Pathways Series*. The following material is broken down into subject matter that is covered in Episode Five including women's suffrage, major personalities from Virginia associated with the Civil Rights movement, reconstruction, segregation, the NAACP, prejudice, and civil disobedience. This reading list is geared to fourth and fifth grade students, and it attempts to include material that students at several different reading levels could enjoy and read successfully. Reading and interest levels are given whenever this information was available from the publisher. The reading level is indicated as RL, and the interest level is indicated as IL.

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WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

Davis, Lucile. *Elizabeth Cady Stanton: A Photo-Illustrated Biography*. Mankato, MN: Bridgestone Books, 1998. RL 3.8, IL 3-6.
A short, informative biography of the women's rights supporter.

Davis, Lucile. *Susan B. Anthony: A Photo-Illustrated Biography*. Mankato, MN: Bridgestone Books, 1998. RL 4.7, IL 3-6.
A biography of the early women's rights activist.

McCully, Emily Arnold. *The Ballot Box Battle*. NY: Random House, 1998. RL 2.8
IL K-3.
While taking care of a horse that belongs to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Cordelia learns about the rights and abilities of girls and women.

RECONSTRUCTION

PICTURE BOOKS -- Reconstruction

Medearis, Angela Shelf. *Treemonisha*. NY: H. Holt, 1995. RL 4.1, IL K-3.
The daughter of a free slave, Treemonisha, fights to get an education in the post-Civil War South.

Howard, Elizabeth Fitzgerald. *Virgie Goes to School With Us Boys*. Simon & Schuster Books, 1999. IL K-3.
A young African-American girl fights to go to school in the post Civil War South.

CHAPTER BOOKS -- Reconstruction

Brenner, Barbara. *Wagon Wheels*. New York: HarperChildren's Audio, 1995.

Shortly after the Civil War an African American family travels to Kansas to take advantage of the free land offered through the Homestead Act.

Forrester, Sandra. *My home is Over Jordan*. NY: Lodestar Books/Dutton, 1997.

RL 4.8, IL 5-8.

Maddie, a former slave, dreams of being a teacher but must struggle with the harsh reality of freedom.

Hansen, Joyce. *I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly: The Diary of Patsy, a Freed Girl*. NY: Scholastic, 1997. RL 4.8, IL 5-8.

Patsy, a 12- year- old former slave, keeps a diary of events following the end of the

Civil War and the granting of freedom to former slaves.

Porter, Connie Rose. Part of the *American Girl Series*

Changes for Addy: A Winter Story. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co., 1994. RL 4.3, IL 3-6.

After the Civil War ends, Addy hopes that her family will be able to reunite Philadelphia.

Addy Learns a Lesson: A School Story. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co., 1993. RL 5.2, IL 3-6

Addy and her mother escape from the plantation in North Carolina and arrive in Philadelphia where Addy attends school.

Addy Saves the Day: A Summer Story. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co., 1994. RL 4.9, IL 3-6.

Addy and Harriet fight over fund-raising plans to help the families of freed slaves. A tragedy forces them to stop fighting and work together.

Addy's Little Brother. Middleton, WI: Pleasant, c 2000. RL 5.2, IL 3-6.

Addy's brother joins the family in Philadelphia at the end of the Civil War. Addy becomes jealous when he spends most of his time with someone else.

Addy's Surprise: A Christmas Story. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co., 1993. RL 5.1, IL 3-6.

Christmas plans change for Addy and her mother.

Happy Birthday, Addy!: A Springtime Story. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co., 1993. RL 4.0, IL 3-6.

In the spring of 1865, Addy and her family begin a new life in Philadelphia in the midst of racial prejudice.

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Andryszewski, Tricia. *The March on Washington, 1963: Gathering to be Heard.*

Brookfield, CT,: Millbroom Press, 1996.

Recounts the historical antecedents and events leading up to the march on Washington in 1963, led by Martin Luther King, Jr. and other prominent African American leaders.

Haskins, James. *The March on Washington.* New York: HarperCollins, 1993.

Discusses the people and events of the civil rights march on Washington in 1963.

Kallen, Stuart A. *Struggle into the 1990s: A History of Black People from 1968 to the Present.* Edina, MN,: Abdo, 1990.

Describes the developments of African American civil rights from the 1970s to the 1990s.

Personalities Associated with Civil Rights

Archer, Jules. *They Had a Dream: The Civil Rights Struggle, from Frederick Douglass to Marcus Garvey to Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcom X.* New York: Viking, 1993.

Traces the progress of the Civil Rights Movement through sketches of four prominent African Americans

Kranz, Rachel. *The Biographical Dictionary of African Americans.* New York: Facts on File, 1999.

Examines the lives and achievements of more than 230 influential African Americans throughout history. Arranged alphabetically with photographs and indexes.

ASHE, ARTHUR

Dexter, Robin. *Young Arthur Ashe: Brave Champion.* Mahwah, NJ: Troll

Associates, 1996. RL 2.8, IL K-3.

A biography of the African American tennis champion.

KING, MARTIN LUTHER

Adler, David. *A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr.* NY: Holiday House, 1989.

RL 3, IL K-3.

An illustrated biography of the civil rights leader whose practice of nonviolent civil disobedience helped win equal rights for American blacks.

Marzollo, Jean. *Happy Birthday, Martin Luther King.* New York: Scholastic, 1993.

An introduction to a great Civil Rights leader.

Millender, Dharathula H. *Martin Luther King, Jr.: Young Man with a Dream*. 1st Alladin Books ed. New York: Alladin Books, 1986.

A biography, emphasizing the early years, of the Civil Rights leader whose philosophy and practice of nonviolent civil disobedience helped African Americans win many battles for equal rights.

Ringgold, Faith. *My Dream of Martin Luther King*. New York: Crown, 1995.

The author recounts the life of Martin Luther King in the form of her own dream.

Smith, Kathie Billingslea. *Martin Luther King, Jr.* New York: J. Messner, 1987.

A biography of the Baptist minister, orator, and crusader for equal civil rights who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

PARKS, ROSA

Adler, David. *A Picture Book of Rosa Parks*. NY: Holiday House, 1993. RL 5.1, IL K-3.

A biography of the African-American woman whose refusal to give up her seat on a bus helped establish the civil rights movement. Adler also includes school desegregation and the presence of the Ku Klux Klan

Benjamin, Anne. *Young Rosa Parks: Civil Rights Heroine*. Mahwah, NJ: Troll Associates, 1996. RL 2, IL K-3.

Tells the story of young Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat on the bus to a white person in Alabama in 1955 marking the beginning of the end of segregation.

Parks, Rosa. *I am Rosa Parks*. Mulberry Books.

An autobiography of Rosa Parks.

WASHINGTON, BOOKER T.

Nicholson, Lois. *Booker T. Washington*. PA: Chelsea House, 1997. RL 4.8, IL 3-6.

Covers the life of Booker T. Washington from his childhood as a Virginia slave through his rise to the founder of the Tuskegee Institute.

X, MALCOM

Myers, Walter Dean. *Malcom X: A Fire Burning Brightly*. HarperCollins. (ages 5-8)

A narrative picture book that examines Malcom's childhood, his life as a street hustler, a Black Muslim, a prison inmate and a leader in gaining equality for Blacks.

YOUNG, ANDREW

Westman, Paul. *Andrew Young, Champion of the Poor*. Minneapolis, MN. : Dillon Press, 1983.

Profiles the life of the African American leader who stood in the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement and served as ambassador to the United Nations in the Carter administration and the mayor of Atlanta.

SEGREGATION

Belton, Sandra. *Ernestine & Amanda: Mysteries on Monroe Street*. NY: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1998. RL 4.8, IL 3-6.

When vandals attack an all black dance studio in the 1950s, two African American youths are brought together.

Coleman, Evelyn. *White Socks Only*. Morton Grove, Ill: A. Whitman, 1996. RL 3.5, IL K-3.

Grandma tells the story about her first trip alone into town during the days when segregation still existed in Mississippi.

Lucas, Eileen. *Cracking the Wall: The Struggles of the Little Rock Nine*. Minneapolis: Carolrhoda Books, 1997. RL 3.5, IL K-3.

The 9 African-American students who integrated the Little Rock high school are introduced.

Tillage, Leon. *Leon's Story*. New York: Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1997.

The son of a North Carolina sharecropper recalls the hard times faced by his family and other African Americans in the first half of the twentieth century and the changes that the Civil Rights Movement helped bring about.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

Kelso, Richard. *Walking for Freedom: the Montgomery Bus Boycott*. Austin, TX: Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 1993. RL 4.9, IL 3-6.

Describes how the black community of Montgomery, Alabama organized and carried out the bus boycott that ended segregation on public buses.

NAACP

McKissack, Pat. *Ida B. Wells-Barnett: A Voice Against Violence*. NJ: Enslow, Hillsdale, 1991. RL 3.9, IL K-3.

A biography of the founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who was also a journalist and a campaigner for the civil rights of women and other minorities.

PREJUDICE

Golenbock, Peter. *Teammates*. San Diego: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1990.

Describes the racial prejudice experienced by Jackie Robinson when he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers and became the first African American player in Major League baseball and depicts the acceptance and support he received from his white teammate, Pee Wee Reese.

Green, Jen. *Racism*. Austin, TX: Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 2000. RL 4.0, IL K-3.

Includes an explanation of racism, what causes it, and how it can lead to the unfair treatment of others.

Lorbiecki, Marybeth. *Sister Anne's Hands*. NY: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1998. RL 2.8, IL K-3.

In the 1960's, Anna is exposed to racism for the first time when an African-American nun comes to teach at her parochial school.

Mitchell, Margaree King. *Uncle Jed's Barbershop*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 1993.

Despite serious obstacles and setbacks, Sara Jean's Uncle Jed, the only African American barber in the county, pursues his dream of saving enough money to open his own barbershop.

Nelson, Vaunda Micheaux. *Mayfield Crossing*. New York: Putnam, 1993.

When the school in Mayfield Crossing is closed, the students are sent to larger schools, where the African American children encounter racial prejudice for the first time.

Sebestyen, Ouida. *Words by Heart*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1979.

A young African American girl struggles to fulfill her father's dream of a better future for their family in the southwestern town where, in 1910, they are the only African Americans.

Taylor, Mildred.

The Friendship. New York, Dial Books for Young Readers, 1987.

Four children witness a confrontation between an elderly African American man and a white storekeeper in rural Mississippi in the 1930s.

The Gold Cadillac. New York, Dial Books for Young Readers, 1987.

Two African American girls living in the North are proud of their family's beautiful new Cadillac until they take it on a visit to the South and encounter racial prejudice for the first time.

Let the Circle Be Unbroken. New York: Dial Press, 1981.

Four African American children growing up in rural Mississippi during the Depression experience racial antagonisms and hard times, but learn from their parents the pride and self-respect they need to survive.

Mississippi Bridge. New York: Bantam, 1992.

During a heavy rainstorm in 1930s rural Mississippi, a ten year old white boy sees a bus driver order all the African American passengers off a crowded bus to make room for late arriving white passengers. The bus then sets off across the raging Rosa Lee River.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry. New York, Dial Press, 1976.

An African American family living in the South during the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination.

The Well: David's Story. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1995.

In Mississippi in the early 1900s, ten year old David Logan's family generously shares their well water in an atmosphere of potential racial violence.

Young, Ronder Thomas. *Learning by Heart*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1993.

RL 3.9, IL 5-8.

In the early 1960s, Rachel experiences the changes in her family and in her town as the civil rights movement gains momentum.

FAMOUS AFRICAN AMERICANS

O'Connor, Jim. *Jackie Robinson and the Story of All Black Baseball*. New York:

Random House, 1998.

A biography of the first African American baseball player in the major leagues from the time he joined the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947. It also traces the history of the African American baseball teams.

Mc Kissack, Pat. *Can You Imagine?* Katonah, NY: Richard C. Owen, 1997.

This author of many books for children describes her life, how she became a writer, how her family helps with her writing, and how she gets her ideas.

Potter, Joan. *African Americans Who Were First*. New York: Cobblehill Books, 1997.

Provides brief biographical sketches of African Americans who were the first of their race to accomplish a goal in a variety of fields, from medicine and politics to sports and entertainment.