

# America's Story 3 Supplemental Resource List

## Read Aloud Recommendations:

- *Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt* by Jean Fritz
- *The Wright Brothers* by Quentin Reynolds
- *The Moonshiner's Son* by Carol Reeder (older elementary - jr. high)
- *Hero Over Here - A story of World War I and bravery through sickness* by Kathleen V. Kudlinski
- *Twenty and Ten - A World War 2 story* by Claire Huchet Bishop
- *Out of the Dust* by Caren Hesse
- *Freedom Walkers - the story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* by Russell Freedman

## Reader Recommendations for 4th - jr. high level:

(marked by approximate age appropriateness\*)

*The Childhoods of Famous Americans* is a wonderful series of books written by various authors telling the story of the early years of famous people in our history. I recommend any of these depicting the lives of famous Americans studied in this time period. The one about Ronald Reagan is fabulous. Many of these are available through most library systems.

- *A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt* by C. Coco De Young (9 - 11 yrs.)
- *The War that Saved My Life* by Kimberly Bruabaker Bradley (10+ yrs)
- *The Little Ships: The Heroic Rescue at Dunkirk in World War 2* by Louise Borden (9 - 10 yrs.)
- *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak
- *Homer Price* by Robert McCloskey (and *Centerburg Tales*) (9+ yrs)
- *Breaking Stalin's Nose* by Eugene Yelchin (10+ yrs)
- *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* (9+ yrs)
- *Jim Elliot* (YWAM publication) (10+ yrs)

## Movies/Documentaries:

- For those who can handle heights, your family may enjoy watching *The Walk*, the story of Philippe Petit, the man who walked between the towers. (rated PG)
- I recently found an amazing documentary about the Titanic disaster. It was created by Smithsonian, and may be viewed on Netflix or DVD. The title is: *Titanic's Final Mystery*
- There are many good documentaries about the main characters of American history during this time period. You may want to search for films by Ken Burns.

- Note to parent:

Children this age should be encouraged to explore and connect with the world around them. When studying history (or science!) with this age group, I work to follow the motto "Keep it simple, sweetie!" More is not better - it's just more. Keeping it simple and only assigning the best of the best books to be read individually, and choosing only the best of the best to read aloud, we allow the children time to think about what they have taken in. I've discovered that my children actually connect better with the story of our history when they are not inundated with too many books, movies, or activities. Allow your children time to process!

\*For the suggested readers for this volume, I supplied approximate age appropriate guidelines. As the parent, of course you have the final say on this. These are supplied simply to point you in the right direction in finding age appropriate titles.