

Level 2 Resources:

Books:

- Baicker, Karen. 2002. *Primary Sources Teaching Kit: Colonial America*. Teaching Resources. Documents, background information, and reproducibles.
- Bates, Katharine and Minor, Wendell. 2003. *America the Beautiful*. Putnam Juvenile. Beautifully illustrated.
- Bordessa, Kris. 2006. *Great Colonial America Projects You Can Build Yourself!* Nomad Press.
- Buller, Jon. 2003. *Smart About the Fifty States*. Grosset & Dunlap. State trivia actually written by schoolchildren.
- Carlson, Laurie. 1997. *Colonial Kids*. Chicago Review Press. Projects, games and recipes.
- Cheney, Lynne. 2004. *When Washington Crossed the Delaware*. Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing. Dramatic illustrations make this a good book to read aloud.
- Chronicle Books, LLC. 2004. *Election Connection: The Official Nick Guide to Electing the President*.
- D'Amico, Joan and Drummond, Karen Eich. 2000. *The United States Cookbook: Fabulous Foods and Fascinating Facts From All 50 States*. Jossey-Bass. Recipes and state trivia.
- Furbee, Mary Rodd. 2001. *Outrageous Women of Colonial America*. Jossey-Bass.
- Giesecke, Ernestine. 2000. *Governments Around the World: Kids' Guide*. Chicago: Heinemann Library. Information about types of governments and economic systems; also large photographs and maps.
- Glasthal, Jacqueline. 2003. *The American Revolution*. Teaching Resources. Activities and background information to teach a unit.
- Granfield, Linda. 2003. *America Votes: How Our President Is Elected*. Kids Can Press, Ltd.
- Gravois, Michael. 2003. *American Revolution*. Teaching Resources. Easy-to-make projects to teach children about the era.
- Grodin, Elissa. 2004. *D is for Democracy: A Citizen's Alphabet*. Chelsea, Mich.: Sleeping Bear Press. A downloadable teacher's guide available at: <http://www.sleepingbearpress.com>. Entertaining rhymes about American government, with a lot of additional information for older children.

Heath, Dwight. 1986. *Mourt's Relation: A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth*. Applewood Books. Realistic first-person account of the first year Pilgrims spent in Massachusetts.

Herbert, Janis. 2002. *The American Revolution for Kids*. Chicago Review Press. Lots of information and interesting projects.

Jordan, Terry. 1999. *The U.S. Constitution: And Fascinating Facts About It*. Oak Hill Publishing Company.

Kalman, Bobbie. 1992. *Colonial Life*. New York: Crabtree Publishing Company.

King, David C. 1997. *Colonial Days*. Jossey-Bass. Projects, games and recipes from the time period.

_____. 2001. *Revolutionary War Days*. Jossey-Bass. Projects, games and recipes from the time period.

Leedy, Loreen. 1999. *Celebrate the Fifty States*. Holiday House. Cleverly illustrated book on the states.

Levert, Suzanne. 2005. *The Electoral College*. Franklin Watts. Voting, the three branches of government, and citizen involvement.

Levy, Elizabeth. 2003. *Cranky Colonials: America's Funny But True History*. Scholastic, Inc.

Maestro, Betsy. 2005. *Liberty or Death*. HarperCollins. All about the battles, ideas and events of the struggle for independence.

_____ and Maestro, Giulio. 1996. *The Voice of the People: American Democracy in Action*. New York: Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Books. Lots of text make it suitable only for older children; the well-done illustrations will appeal to most students.

Martin, Jr., Bill, Michael Sampson, Chris Raschda. 2004. *I Pledge Allegiance*. Candlewick. What the Pledge really means.

Meltzer, Milton. 1993. *The American Revolutionaries: A History in Their Own Words*. HarperTrophy.

Oxlade, Chris. 1995. *Flags*. New York: Franklin Watts. Flag information and craft projects.

Sakurai, Gail. 1997. *The Jamestown Colony*. Children's Press. An account of the ill-fated colony.

Scholastic, Inc. 2001. *The Pledge of Allegiance*. Cartwheel Books.

Skolnick, Solomon M. 2005. *The Great American Citizenship Quiz*. New York: Walker & Company. The Appendices include the Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights and Emancipation Proclamation.

Sobel, Syl. 2001. *Presidential Elections and Other Cool Facts*. Barron's Educational Series.

_____. 2001. *The U.S. Constitution and You*. Barron's Educational Series. What the Constitution does. Includes information about the three branches of government.

Swain, Gwenyth. 2003. *Declaring Freedom*. Lerner Publishing Group. The Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, Bill of Rights. Includes a timeline.

Travis, Cathy. 2006. *Constitution Translated for Kids*. Synergy Books.

Watson, Susan. 2004. *Global Citizenship: Making Global Connections*. North Mankato, Minn.: Smart Apple Media. Expands the concept of citizenship to world concerns and connections.

Music:

Charles, Ray. "Fifty Nifty United States."

Songs for Teaching. *USA Hooray!* More than 20 songs about Declaration of Independence, American symbols, state names, etc.

Sprout, Jonathan. 1996. *American Heroes*. Songs about heroes from every period of American history.

Teacher and the Rockbots. 2006. *America*. Entertaining songs about the Pledge of Allegiance, states, Bill of Rights and much more. Free worksheets at: <http://www.4boysinc.com/teacherandtherockbots/worksheets.html>

Twin Sisters. 2000. *States and Capitals*. Great resource for a unit on the states.

Websites:

ACT360 Media Ltd. *PowerPoint in the classroom*. Complete tutorial geared for students, which can be printed. Teacher's guide also available. <http://www.actden.com/pp/>

Ben's Guide to U.S. Government. "Quick Facts: Learn About Your State." <http://bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/state/index.html>

Colonial Williamsburg. <http://www.history.org/History/teaching/> Explore Williamsburg online, look at colonial maps, print off lesson plans and much more.

H.I.P. Pocket Change. <http://www.usmint.gov/kids/flashIndex.cfm>. U.S. Mint's children's website. Information, lesson plans, and much more.

Houghton Mifflin Education Place. <http://www.eduplace.com/kids> Wonderful resource for educators, students and families. Games, facts, lesson plans, activities and more. Coordinates with subject area textbooks, but can be used independently.

Kids in the House: The Office of the Clerk. Information, plus fun and games about the House of Representatives. <http://kids.clerk.house.gov/>

Kids Voting USA. <http://www.kidsvotingusa.org>. Good resource. Registration is required. User must be affiliated with a school.

National Park Service. *The American Revolution: Lighting Freedom's Flame*. A treasure trove of information regarding this time period. <http://www.nps.gov/revwar/index.html>

Project Vote Smart. <http://www.vote-smart.org/index.htm> Biographical information, voting records, position statements and much more.

The Fifty States. <http://www.infoplease.com/states.html> Trivia, maps, flags, famous people and more.

ThinkQuest. *Colonial Kids*. <http://library.thinkquest.org/J002611F/> Student website has information about games, home life, school, and much more. Colonial games are featured in the following link: <http://library.thinkquest.org/J002611F/sport.htm>

Time for Kids. <http://www.timeforkids.com/news>

Time magazine online. (<http://www.time.com/time/>)

USA Today online. <http://www.usatoday.com/>

U.S. State Quarters.
http://www.usmint.gov/mint_programs/index.cfm?action=50_state_quarters_program.
Information about each state and the symbols used on its quarter.

Weekly Reader Online. <http://www.weeklyreader.com>