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| Historical Era | Picture Books | Novels | Ideas for Classroom |
| Ancient Times until the Middle Ages | *The Travels of Benjamin of Tudela* (Shulevitz, 2005)*Firekeeper's Son* (Park, 2004)*Brother Hugo and the Bear* (Beebe, 2014) | *Crispin: The End of Time* (Avi, 2010)*Knight at Dawn* (Osborne,1993/2013 color edition) Magic Treehouse Series | Venn diagram to compare lives of children then and now. |
| Colonial Times and Revolutionary War | *Gingerbread for Liberty* (Rockliff, 2015)*Scarlet Stockings Spy* (Noble, 2004)*Sleds on Boston Common* (Borden,2000) | *Chains (Anderson, 2008)**Woods Runner* (Paulsen, 2010)*When Will This Cruel War be Over* (1996) Dear America Series\* | Study the setting using illustrations, text, and author's notes. |
| Civil War and Slavery | *Unspoken…Underground Railroad* (Cole, 2012)*Freedom’s School* (Cline-Ransome, 2015)*Henry's Freedom Box* (Levine, 2007) | *Riot* (Myers, 2009)*Elijah of Buxton* (Curtis, 2007)*Bull Run* (Fleischman, 1993)*My Vicksburg* (Rinaldi, 2009) | Pair Picture book with Novel or Non-fiction title. Share what was realistic and what was added for story sake.  |
| Westward Expansion | *Papa and the Pioneer Quilt (*Van Leeuwen, 2007)*Apples to Oregon* (Hopkinson, 2004)*Elsie's Bird* (Yolen, 2010)*The Deer in the Wood* (Wilder,1934,1995)\* |  *Hard Gold: The Colorado* *Gold Rush of 1859* (Avi, 2008)\**Sugar* (Rhodes, 2013)*The Boy Who Saved Cleveland* (Giblin, 2006)\* | Create imaginary Journal entries for characters in the stories. |
| Immigration and Industrial Age | *Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel* (Connor, 2004)*Junk Man's Daughter* (Levitin, 2007) | *Nothing Here But Stones* (Oswald, 2004)*Leanin' Dog* (Nuzum, 2008) | Research their family heritage with emphasis on immigration. |
| Early Twentieth Century - Great Depression | *Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building* (Hopkinson & Ransome, 2006)*Titanicat* (Crisp, 2008)*The Printer* (Uhlberg, 2003) | *R My Name is Rachel* (Giff, 2011)*Titanic: Voices from the Disaster* *I Survived The Sinking of the Titanic, 1912* (Tarshis, 2010) Series | Create a newspaper article about an event in the story. |
| World War II | *The Cats in Krasinski Square* (Hesse, 2004)*The Harmonica* (Johnston, 2004)*Angel Girl* (Friedman, 2008) | *Boy at War* (Mazer, 2001)*Elephant Run* (Smith, 2007)*Dash* (Larson, 2014) | Compare and contrast two picture books. |
| Fifties, Sixties and Seventies | *Freedom Summer* (Wiles, 2001)\**The All-I'll-Ever-Want Christmas Doll* (McKissack, 2007)*Goin' Someplace Special* (McKissack, 2001) | *A Season of Gifts* (Peck, 2009)\**Cracker: The Best Dog in Vietnam* (Kadohata, 2007) *Julie Tells Her Story 1974:* Amer... Girl*One Crazy Summer* (Willims-Garcia, 2010) | Use prediction as students predict from the cover, title, illustrations, and throughout story. |