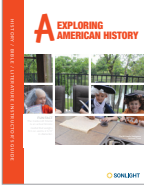


# A Exploring American History

Grade: 1-3 | Ages: 6-8

## Instructor's Guide



### Sonlight A Instructor's Guide

Choose 4- or 5-Day

Includes the following resources for teaching all Sonlight A subjects: full Schedule; Teaching Helps; Geography and Timeline Activities; Study Guides for History, and Read-Alouds (including Discussion Questions and

Vocabulary Development); full Answers and definitions. 3-hole punched and shrink wrapped.

## Bible

### One Year Bible for Children

Beers. A wonderful devotional by a best-selling author. Each day's reading includes a three-part discussion section. Highlighted with beautiful four-color illustrations. Hb. RA: 1-2.

### Sing the Word! Teach Me Your Paths

Harrow. Various musical styles, beautifully arranged for children's voices using orchestral and ethnic instruments. Includes all of the Scripture verses in the year's Bible program. Audio CD and digital version.

## History

### George vs. George

Schanzer. There are two sides to every story! This wonderfully illustrated book shows both sides of the American Revolution through the eyes of George Washington and King George III. A timeless lesson in seeing history from different points of view. Pb. RA: 4-7.

### Granny Han's Breakfast

Groves. When Granny Han went to her cupboard one morning, her cupboard was bare! Granny prayed for her food anyway, and before she knew it, a large and wonderful breakfast appeared before her eyes. In this story, read how God provided the breakfast that she needed with no appeals to anyone but God. A charming story. Pb.

### Heroes and Happenings, Volume 1

Lykosh. Introduce your kindergarten student to American History with this age-appropriate, richly illustrated spine. Sixty chapters, across two volumes, introduce children to a wide range of people and events. You'll cover several early presidents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, the American flag, and more. Pb.

### Heroes and Happenings, Volume 2

Lykosh. In this second volume, continue your exploration of American History with biographies of people like Thomas Edison, Theodore Roosevelt, and Temple Grandin, the autistic professor who transformed how people manage cattle. You'll cover the World Fair, Statue of Liberty, and more. Pb.

### How We Crossed the West: The Adventures

Schanzer. Beautifully rendered folk-style illustrations help bring to life the story of this famous duo. Descriptive text is taken from the actual journals of Lewis

and Clark. The tale focuses on the first 1 1/2 years of the Corps of Discovery's journey to the Pacific Ocean. Pb. RA: 3-7.

### New York Colony

Cunningham. A True Book: Thirteen Colonies series allows readers to experience what makes each of America's colonies distinctive and exceptional. *The New York Colony* is about New York before it became the eleventh state. From the Native Americans, the settlers, and early colony to the fight for independence in the Revolutionary War. Pb.

### Three Young Pilgrims

Harness. Based on the true story of Remember, Mary and Bartholomew Allerton. Experience long days at sea aboard the Mayflower followed by the first winter in the New World. Richly detailed paintings bring the pilgrim's first months to life, culminating with the original Thanksgiving feast. Pb. RA: 2-5.

### Timeline Figures K

Timeline Figures on pre-gummed heavy card stock. Just cut them out, color, and stick in your Timeline book. Sonlight's Timeline Book, paired with program-specific Timeline Figures, makes creating your own timeline easy and delightful. (Consumable)

### The Very First Americans

Ashrose & Waldman. Learn all about the very first Americans, long before Columbus landed. Watercolor paintings depict the clothing, dwellings, art, tools, and other Native American artifacts. Pb. RA: P-3.

### You Wouldn't Want to be a Pioneer

Morley & Antram. An interactive look at a struggling farm who leaves the east coast to head west. How would you do with little to eat and only your wagon for shelter? Humorous illustrations depict the dark and difficult side of this time period in history. Pb. RA: 3+.

### You Wouldn't Want to be a Civil War Soldier

Antram & Ratliff. This interactive series makes the reader part of the story by inviting them to become the main character. Each book uses humorous illustrations to depict the sometimes dark side of life during important eras in history. Illustrated Content. Pb.

### 5-Day program also includes ▼

#### The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal

Harness. The story of DeWitt Clinton, a young politician who has a dream to build a canal to connect the Hudson River with the Great Lakes. From the groundbreaking ceremony on July 4, 1817 to a triumphant journey down America's first superhighway. You won't want to miss this trip! Pb. RA: 1-4.

#### Abandoned on the Wild Frontier.

Jackson. Part of the Trailblazer Books series ... young Peter Cartwright Gilbert Hamilton is left alone on the frontier when his father is killed and his mother is kidnapped. The story of his life with a Methodist circuit-rider evangelist and his on-going search for his mother. Pb.

## Maps and Globes

Knowlton & Barton. An excellent introduction to maps and map reading. Large, full-color illustrations. Includes practical activities. Pb. RA: P-3.

## Read-Alouds

### Adventures with Waffles

Parr. Outstanding. A year in the life of two neighbors in Norway and their laugh-out-loud adventures. Cheery, sweet, good family story. Touches on grief, remembering, restoration. What do fathers do other than eat boiled cabbage? When the son has lived through his most sad day, the father comes and sings the son's own song, until the son releases his grief: "suddenly I realized what dads are for." Loved it entirely. Pb. RA: K-A; R: 2-A

### The Berenstain Bears' Dollars & Sense

Berenstain. A classic story that teaches children about money and responsibility. A simple introduction to budgeting and the value of a dollar. Pb. RA: P-2.

### The Bill Martin Jr Big Book of Poetry

Martin Jr & Sampson. This full-color treasury contains nearly 200 poems with original illustrations by award-winning artists. Grouped by theme, this varied anthology contains an impressive number of old favorites and newer selections. Hb. RA: P-3.

### Book Uncle and Me

Krishnaswami & Swaney. Originally published in India, this book is about voting, friendship, and the love of books. When nine-year-old Yasmin suddenly loses her only source of free reading material, she and her family, friends, and neighbors decide to take matters into their own hands. An energetic and funny story about friendship. Pb. RA: 2-5.

### Cool Beans

Harkrader. Perfect for transitioning from graphic novels to traditional books, this funny and action-packed title follows Tucker MacBean on his quest to make art--and himself--seem cool. A wonderful story about facing a small-town bully, and the value of teamwork. Pb. RA: 5-7.

### The Family Under the Bridge

Carlson. Newbery Honor. Set in Paris, the story of an old hobo whose heart and life become entangled with a fatherless family in search of a home. A thoroughly delightful story told with humor and warmth. Pb, illus. RA: K-A; R: 4-7.

### Frankie Sparks and the Class Pet

Carlson. Newbery Honor. Set in Paris, the story of an old hobo whose heart and life become entangled with a fatherless family in search of a home. A thoroughly delightful story told with humor and warmth. Pb, illus. RA: K-A; R: 4-7.

### Here's a Penny

Haywood. Neighborhood escapades in suburbia. Author Carolyn Haywood excels in the everyday adventure. Pb. RA: P-A; R: 1-8

### The Hundred Dresses

Estes. Newbery Honor. Two girls repent of “making fun” of the poor girl in their class who says she has a hundred dresses. Heart-rendering. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-A; **R:** 3-6

### In Grandma’s Attic

Richardson. Stories of a childhood in the Midwest over 100 years ago. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-A; **R:** 3-6

### The Light at Tern Rock

Sauer. Newbery Honor. Ronnie and his aunt tend the Tern Rock lighthouse while the keeper takes a vacation. Ronnie loves living in the lighthouse, but the days go by, and the keeper doesn’t return. A Christmas story for all ages. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-A; **R:** 4-A.

### Mrs. Piggle Wiggle

MacDonald & Boiger. Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle knows how to cure children of bad habits including selfishness, talking back, and never wanting to go to bed! Whimsical. Pb. **RA:** 3-7.

### An Ordinary Princess

Kaye. Along with Wit, Charm, Health, and Courage, Princess Amy of Phantasmorania receives a special fairy christening gift: Ordinariness. Unlike her six beautiful sisters, Amy has brown hair and freckles, and would rather have adventures than play the harp, embroider tapestries ... or become a Queen. Pb. **RA:** 3-7.

### Room One

Clements. A shrinking school in a dying town. A face in the window of an empty house. At first these facts don’t seem to be related. But sixth-grader Ted Hammond learns that in a very small town, there’s no such thing as an isolated event. And the solution of one mystery is often the beginning of another. Pb.

### Sled Dog School

Johnson. Focused on themes of friendship and problem-solving, this story highlights the special relationship between a handler and a working dog. Creativity and following your passion saves the day in this engaging tale. Pb. **RA:** 3-7.

### Twenty and Ten

Bishop. During the German occupation of France, 20 French children are sent to a refuge in the mountains. When 10 Jewish children are brought to the school, hiding them seems like a game—until the Nazis arrive. An astonishing, beautiful story. Pb. **RA:** K-A; **R:** 5-A.

### 5-Day program also includes ▼

#### The Apple and the Arrow

Buff. Newbery Honor. The legend of William Tell as told by his 12-year-old son. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-6; **R:** 3-6

#### Astrid the Unstoppable

Parr. Translated from Norwegian, this book introduces us to Astrid, a delightful character who loves spending her days racing down the hillside on her sled. A wonderful tale about friendship with no age boundaries. Hb. **RA:** 2-5.

#### Kitchen Madonna

Godden & Halverson. Set in London, a young boy learns how to give of himself and show kindness to another. In the process he makes some new friends, and discovers his artistic talent. Pb. **RA:** 4-6.

### 5-Day Read-Aloud/4-day History ▼

#### Johnny Appleseed

Moses. The real Johnny Appleseed was born John Chapman in 1774, in a small Massachusetts village. Discover his story through this wise and witty book. Learn how the apple tree-planting folk hero helped open and tame the American frontier. Beautiful, full-color folk-art illustrations. Pb. **RA:** P-A; **R:** 4-6

#### Mary on Horseback

Wells. There are no hospitals or doctors in the Appalachian Mountains in the 1920s, so Mary Breckinridge founds the Frontier Nursing Service to help those in need. Told through the eyes of three people whose lives she touched, this informative and inspirational story paints a clear picture of the life and service of this little-known heroine. Pb. **R:** 2-5; **RA:** K-A

## Reader Options for Level A

Customize to your student’s skill level online.

## Grade K Readers

### Grade K Readers Schedule/Study Guide

Choose 4- or 5-Day

Includes the appropriate 4- or 5-Day schedule and study guide.

### Fun Tales

Bolin & Holzmann. Twenty-seven short readers, using mostly consonant-vowel-consonant (CVC) words, each featuring a different animal. A nice collection in a handy, slip-cover box. When your children can read six letters, they are ready for the first book! Includes zany kid-friendly illustrations. Pb, illus.

## Grade 1 Readers

### Grade 1 Readers Schedule/Study Guide

Choose 4- or 5-Day

Includes the appropriate 4- or 5-Day schedule and study guide.

### The Best Trick

Lewis. What pet can perform the best trick? A beginning chapter book. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-2; **R:** 1-2

### A Big Ball of String

Holland. Imagine the amazing things you could do if you had a huge ball of string! Here’s the story of a boy who acted on his imagination. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 1-3

### The Cat in the Hat

Seuss. The book that made Seuss famous. The Cat’s visit upsets everything. Hb. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 1-3

### A Fly Went By

McClintock. A boy watches a fly flee from a frog, but the frog isn’t chasing the fly; rather, the frog flees from the cat ... and so it goes. Only when the boy finds out what causes all the flight does peace return. Rollicking rhymes and bright illustrations. Hb. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 1-3

### Green Eggs and Ham

Seuss. “Try it ... you might like it” is the theme of this delightful Dr. Seuss classic. Hb. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 1-3

### I Can Read It!

Holzmann. Three volumes of controlled-vocabulary stories—with real plot, action, and humor—engage

your children’s attention and interest. Reading lessons move your children through a natural progression of phonetic and spelling patterns. A fourth volume of word lists shows spelling patterns. Easy to use. Includes “I *Did* Read It!” diplomas. *Fun!* Four Pb. volumes. Illus. **RA:** 1-3; **R:** P-3

### One Fish, Two Fish

Seuss. What can we say? One of the master’s best! “From there to here, / from here to there, / funny things are everywhere.” Hb, illus. **RA:** P-A; **R:** 1-A

### Put Me in the Zoo

Lopshire. An animal full of amazing tricks wants to join the zoo, but they don’t want him. Hb. **RA:** P-2; **R:** 1-2

### 5-Day program also includes ▼

#### The Bravest Dog Ever

Standiford. The exciting true story of a dog sled team that delivered diphtheria medication to Nome, Alaska, through a blizzard in 1925. Pb, full-color illustrations. **RA:** K-3; **R:** 1-3

#### Little Bear

Minarik. Modern classic about a loving bear cub. Delightful drawings. Pb. **RA:** P-2; **R:** 1-3

## Grade 2 Readers

### Grade 2 Readers Schedule/Study Guide

Choose 4- or 5-Day

Includes the appropriate 4- or 5-Day schedule and study guide.

### Amelia Bedelia

Parish. What library would be complete without at least one book about this housemaid who takes everything too literally? Your children will love her! Pb, illus. **RA:** P-4; **R:** 2-4

### The Beginner’s Bible

Pulley. A wonderful way to start reading the Bible. Ninety-five stories from Scripture in easy-to-read language. Delightful illustrations. Large print. Hb. **RA:** K-3; **R:** 2-3

### Frog and Toad All Year

Lobel. Five delightful stories of two wonderful friends. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

### Frog and Toad Are Friends

Lobel. Five more easy-to-read stories in this delightful series. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

### Frog and Toad Together

Lobel. Newbery Honor. Frog and Toad are back with more adventures. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

### Greg’s Microscope

Selsam. An accurate, entertaining look at the wonders of nature as seen through a microscope. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-5; **R:** 2-4

### Mouse Tales

Lobel. Delightful book about a father mouse who puts his offspring to bed by telling them each a “mouse tale.” Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

### Nate the Great

Sharmat. Great adventure of a boy detective and his dog. Written in a simple, “just the facts, ma’am” style. Two-color illustrations. Pb. **RA:** K-5; **R:** 2-4

### Owl at Home

Lobel. Five funny stories about an owl. Why does he have bumps in the bed? Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

### Pompeii: Buried Alive!

Kunhardt. Famous volcanic explosion captures an ancient Italian city in volcanic ash. Full color. Pb. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4

### Titanic: Lost and Found

Donnelly. The ship so big “even God can’t sink it” is lost on its first voyage. Includes the story of the man who spearheaded the successful effort to find the ship’s remains. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4

5-Day program also includes ▼

### The Big Balloon Race

Coerr. A suspense-filled, true story of a small girl who helps her mother fly in a hot air balloon race in the 1880s. Pb, color illus. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4

### Daniel’s Duck

Bulla. Daniel enters a carved duck in the county fair. He is hurt when people laugh at it, not realizing they are laughing in delight. Heartwarming. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4

### The Fire Cat

Averill. A bad, bored cat finds that serving others is more fun than hurting them. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

### Hill of Fire

Lewis. Exciting, true story of a volcano that erupted in a Mexican farmer’s field. Pb, illus. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4

### Surprises

Hopkins. ALA Notable. Thirty-eight poems that are sure to please. Pb, illus. **RA:** P-3; **R:** 2-3

### The Sword in the Tree

Bulla. Lord Weldon’s son and wife, displaced by a wicked uncle, appeal to King Arthur’s Knights of the Round Table to see justice done in this winsome recreation of the days of yore. Exciting! Pb, illus. **RA:** K-6; **R:** 2-6

### Wagon Wheels

Brenner. A black family moves west after being freed in the Civil War. Full of love, courage and drama. Color. Pb. **RA:** K-4; **R:** 2-4