



## America in Wartime Resource List for Grades K through 4

The Resources in this document can be used with the America in Wartime Curriculum Packet for grades K through 4.

### Books

#### Nonfiction and Biography

- Brave Like Me, 2016 by Barbara Kerley (Author).  
When someone is serving our country far from home, everyone in their family has to be brave. This book speaks to all kids in this situation in telling the story of a boy and a girl with parents away on duty.
- If You Lived at The Time of The American Revolution, 1998 by Kay Moore (Author), Daniel O'Leary (Illustrator).  
Before 1775, thirteen colonies in America belonged to England. This book tells about the fight to be free and independent.
- If You Lived at The Time of The Civil War, 1994 by Kay Moore (Author), Anni Matsick (Illustrator).  
This book tells you what it was like to live at the time of the Civil War from 1861 to 1865.
- Jefferson Barracks: Images of America, 2011 by Sandie Grassino (Author), Maj. (Ret.) Art Schuermann (Author).  
Since it was founded in 1826, Jefferson Barracks has stood for nearly two centuries as a symbol for many aspects of America's history. It played a huge role in all of the country's conflicts and remains an important depository of the Nation's history.
- Pearl Harbor: Ready to Read Level 3, 2001 by Stephen Krensky (Author), Larry Day (Illustrator).  
Written in simple yet clear language, the book teaches readers about the political scene before and after the bombing of Pearl Harbor by the Japanese in December 1941, and how this event shaped our country's place in the world.

#### Fiction

- America at War: Poems Selected by Lee Bennett Hopkins, 2008 by Lee Bennett Hopkins and Stephen Alcorn (Editors).  
More than 50 poems exploring war, from the American Revolution to the Iraq War. Includes Walt Whitman, Langston Hughes, e. e. cummings.
- The Metropolitans, 2017 by Carol Goodman (Author).

It's December 7, 1941, in New York City, and four 13-year-olds (soon to be known as THE METROPOLITANS) find themselves at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. When a creepy man does a smash-and-grab on a manuscript page just as the announcement of war breaks out, the kids are swept up in trying to foil a Nazi conspiracy to kill the population of New York, in which the Nazis seem to be getting some help from magical forces.

- Paper Wishes, 2016 by Lois Sepahban (Author).  
After the attack on Pearl Harbor, a young girl and her Japanese-American neighbors are ordered to leave their homes on Bainbridge Island near Seattle and relocate to a dusty "prison-village".
- Pink and Say, 1994 by Patricia Polacco (Author).  
He was wounded in a fierce battle and left for dead in a pasture somewhere in Georgia when Pinkus found him. Pinkus' skin was the color of polished mahogany, and he was flying Union colors like the wounded boy. He picked him up out of the field and brought him to where the black soldier's mother, Moe Moe Bay, lived. She had soft, gentle hands and cared for him and her Pink.
- Year of the Jungle, 2013 by Suzanne Collins (Author), James Proimos (Illustrator).  
When a young girl's father leaves for Vietnam, she struggles to understand what this means for her and her family. What is the jungle like? Will her father be safe? When will he return? The months slip by, marked by the passing of the familiar holidays and the postcards that her father sends. With each one, he feels more and more distant, until Suzy isn't sure she'd even recognize her father anymore.

### Magazines, Journals, Miscellaneous

- American Revolution by Kids Discover  
The main battles and key leaders of the American Revolution are the focus of this issue, which starts off with a look at the strained relationship between the colonies and Britain at the end of the French and Indian War in 1763. The crown thought the colonies should pay Britain's war debts, and instituted the famous Tea Tax, among others, but the colonists railed against "taxation without representation"- and a series of dramatic incidents, like the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party, resulted in both sides formally taking up arms in 1775.  
<https://www.kidsdiscover.com/shop/issues/american-revolution-for-kids/>
- Civil War by Kids Discover  
After years of disputes, history was made when 11 southern states seceded from the Union, which launched the Civil War. This issue brings the battles and heroes of this war to life with vivid descriptions and photos. They'll spend time learning about how the difference of opinion over slavery and states' rights, along with the election of Northerner Abraham Lincoln in 1860, ultimately culminated in what is called the first "modern war."  
<https://www.kidsdiscover.com/shop/issues/civil-war-for-kids/>
- Revolutionary Women by Kids Discover  
Women did not hold the front lines during the War of Independence, but they greatly contributed to efforts to keep soldiers fed on the battlefield, lent their voices to political debates, and generally kept the home fires burning. From patriots like Deborah Samson, who actually served secretly in the army, to loyalists like Margaret Draper, who kept publishing the Boston News-Letter after her husband's death, this evenhanded account of how women influenced the war in big and small ways, laying the groundwork for the suffrage movement that followed much later.

<https://www.kidsdiscover.com/shop/issues/revolutionary-women/>

- World War I by Kids Discover

There was nothing “great” about the “Great War”, later named World War I. This issue describes the grim reality of soldiers’ lives, as well as the lives of civilians, during wartime. The path to war is clearly charted here, along with the developments (machine guns, poison gas, and airplanes) that made this a whole new kind of war. Trench warfare was also new, and readers will learn how the Allies dug in and hung on along the Western Front; they’ll also read about the war’s several other fronts, some as far away as East Africa.

<https://www.kidsdiscover.com/shop/issues/world-war-i-for-kids/>

- World War II by Kids Discover

The deadliest conflict of the 20th century is brought into sharp focus in this powerhouse issue, starting with a recap of the political strong-arming that paved the way for World War II. For readers intrigued by this era of American history, the photos and accounts captured here will be hard to put down. They’ll gain a clear understanding of the events that triggered the war, learn how the Nazis and Fascists shaped themselves into the Axis Powers, and read a gripping account of Pearl Harbor. Details about Hollywood’s take on World War II, are also featured, as well as inspiring stories about the women who stepped into men’s shoes to keep the country running.

<https://www.kidsdiscover.com/shop/issues/world-war-ii-for-kids/>

## Online Links

- Americans in Wartime Museum<http://www.nmaw.org/>

- Life on the Homefront during WWII

[https://www.ducksters.com/history/world\\_war\\_ii/ww2\\_us\\_home\\_front.php](https://www.ducksters.com/history/world_war_ii/ww2_us_home_front.php)

- National Civil War Museum

<https://www.nationalcivilwarmuseum.org/>

- National WWI Museum

<https://www.theworldwar.org/>

- National WWII Museum

<https://www.nationalww2museum.org/>

- The Pritzker Military Museum: This resource has an outstanding collection of artifacts and information as well as rotating exhibits you can view online

<http://www.pritzkermilitary.org/>

- Rosie the Riveter/WWII Home Front National Historical Park

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/the-wwii-home-front.htm>

## Background information for the Educator

- Scholastic Inc: A Guide to teaching and talking about war with books to children and teens.

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/lesson-plans/teaching-content/guide-teaching-and-talking-about-war-books-children-and-teens/>