

## America in Wartime Resource List for Grades 9 through 12

The Resources in this document can be used with the America in Wartime Curriculum Packet for grades 9 through 12.

### Books

#### Nonfiction and Biography

- The American Revolution: A Visual History, 2016 by DK (Author).  
The American Revolution will transport you back in time and onto the frontlines. This complete overview of the war brings all the action to life, from the Boston Massacre and the Boston Tea Party to the Declaration of Independence and the Treaty of Paris.
- Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam, 2018 by Elizabeth Partridge (Author).  
The history of this era is complex; the cultural impact extraordinary. But it's the personal stories of eight people, six American soldiers, one American military nurse, and one Vietnamese refugee, that create this account.
- The Civil War: A Visual History, 2011 by DK (Author).  
Comprehensive timelines, revealing first-person accounts by soldiers and civilians, key political and military leaders, as well as examinations of broader topics, such as transportation, the economy, and the treatment of wounded soldiers, make The Civil War a must-have for anyone interested in the history of the Civil War.
- The Clever Teens' Guide to World War Two, 2017 by Felix Rhodes (Author).  
This guide covers all the major facts and events giving you a clear and straightforward overview of the politics involved, the violence that ensued and how it changed the world in unimaginable ways.
- Courageous Women of the Civil War: Soldiers, Spies, Medics, and More (Women of Action), 2016 by M. R. Cordell (Author).  
At a time when women had few legal rights and could not vote, these figures took an active role in the Civil War by disguising themselves as men in order to fight or act as spies. They worked as nurses and found ways to assist soldiers on the battlefields. Spies included Harriet Tubman and Mary Jane Richards, who was planted in the Confederate White House to gather information.
- Dear Miss Breed: True Stories of the Japanese American Incarceration During World War II and a Librarian Who Made a Difference, 2006 by Joanne Oppenheim (Author), Snowden Becker (Afterword), & 1 more.  
In the early 1940's, Clara Breed was the children's librarian at the San Diego Public Library. But she was also friend to dozens of Japanese American children and teens when war broke out in

December of 1941. The story of what happened to these American citizens is movingly told through letters that her young friends wrote to Miss Breed during their internment.

- The Gulf War: Operation Desert Storm 1990-1991 (Modern Warfare), 2014 by Anthony Tucker-Jones (Author).  
Each stage in the Gulf War, the liberation by American-led UN forces of Iraqi-occupied Kuwait in 1990-91, is vividly described in this photographic history.
- 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.
- The Navajo Codetalkers, 2016 by J. Patrick Lewis (Author).  
With a complicated history of mistreatment and distrust of the American Government, the Navajo People helped win WW II.
- Women Heroes of the American Revolution: 20 Stories of Espionage, Sabotage, Defiance, and Rescue (Women of Action), 2015 by Susan Casey (Author).  
When you think of the American Revolution, perhaps you envision the Boston Tea Party, Paul Revere's infamous ride, or George Washington crossing the Delaware River. But there are many other, lesser-known stories of the war that engulfed women's lives as it did the lives of their fathers, husbands, and sons. Most often, their names did not make it into history books.
- World War I: The Definitive Visual History, 2014 by R. G. Grant (Author).  
This title charts the developments of the war from a global perspective. Using illustrated timelines, detailed maps, and personal accounts, readers will see the oft-studied war in a new light. Key episodes are set clearly in the wider context of the conflict, in-depth profiles look at the key generals and political leaders, and full-color photo galleries showcase the weapons, inventions, and new technologies that altered the course of history.

## 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.
- Fallen Angels, 1988 by Walter Dean Myers (Author).  
Fallen Angels takes place in 1968, against the backdrop of the Vietnam War. The story follows the journey of a teenager from New York City who struggles to survive in Vietnam. Excellent but graphic.
- Gaijin: American Prisoner of War, 2015 by Matt Faulkner (Author). Graphic Novel  
Based on a true story, this is the tale of a thirteen-year-old California boy who is half Japanese. After the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, he is sent to an internment camp.
- Girl in Blue, 2005 by Ann Rinaldi (Author).  
The year is 1861. When teenager Sarah Louisa learns that she is to be married off to her despicable neighbor, she runs away from home. Disguising herself as a boy, Sarah joins the army, and before long is a soldier in the Civil War. Sarah navigates the joys and hardships of army life, all the while struggling to keep her true identity a secret.
- The Journal Of Patrick Seamus Flaherty, United States Marine Corps My Name Is America,

2002 by Ellen Emerson White (Author).

An agonizing dilemma plagues these brother-sister diarists. He is a Marine stationed in Vietnam. She is at home in America, far away from her brother's war zone, fighting for peace. As the marine writes in his journal about his experiences as a soldier, fighting an enemy he can't see, his sister seeks peace. This novel captures the unique time period when America was at war both in a far-off place, and at home where adults and children alike marched in the streets for peace and freedom.

- Mare's War, 2009 by Tanita Davis (Author).  
Fifteen-year-old Octavia and her 17-year-old sister Tali must drive across the country with their stiletto shoes-wearing, cigarette-smoking grandmother, who insists they call her by her first name, Mare. In alternating chapters, the narration switches from their road trip to Mare's first-person account of her time in training and then in service overseas with an African American WAC unit.
- My Brother Sam is Dead, 2005 by James Lincoln Collier (Author).  
All his life, Tim Meeker has looked up to his brother Sam. Sam's smart and brave -- and is now a part of the American Revolution. Not everyone in town wants to be a part of the rebellion. Most are supporters of the British -- including Tim and Sam's father.
- The Red Badge of Courage, 1990 by Stephen Crane (Author), Stanley Appelbaum (Editor).  
First published in 1895, this small masterpiece set the pattern for the treatment of war in modern fiction. The novel is told through the eyes of Henry Fleming, a young soldier caught up in an unnamed Civil War battle who is motivated not by the unselfish heroism of conventional war stories, but by fear, cowardice, and finally, egotism. However, in his struggle to find reality amid the nightmarish chaos of war, the young soldier also discovers courage, humility, and perhaps, wisdom.
- Sunrise Over Fallujah, 2009 by Walter Dean Myers (Author).  
Operation Iraqi Freedom, that's the code name. But the young men and women in the military's Civil Affairs Battalion have a simpler name for it: WAR. Myers looks at a contemporary war with power and searing insight. Excellent but graphic.
- Where Have All the Flowers Gone? The Diary of Molly MacKenzie Flaherty, 2002 by Ellen Emerson White (Author).  
The sister of a Marine fighting in a war she does not believe in, our zealous heroine must reconcile her life as anti-war demonstrator with that of her brother. An agonizing dilemma plagues these brother-sister diarists. He is a Marine stationed in Vietnam. She is at home in America, far away from her brother's war zone, fighting for peace.

## 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/>