



Gerstell Academy

Required Reading for Incoming 4th Grade Students 2010.

Write the **Gerstell Academy Leadership Principle and Attribute** that is demonstrated within **four** selected books on the enclosed worksheet.

The Winter of Red Snow : the Revolutionary War Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart

(Fiction)

Gregory, Kristiana.

Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, 1777. Eleven-year-old Abigail presents a diary account of life in Valley Forge from December 1777 to July 1778 as General Washington prepares his troops to fight the British.

The Journal of William Thomas Emerson, A Revolutionary War Patriot (Fiction)

Deneberg, Barry

William, a twelve-year-old orphan, writes of his experiences in pre-Revolutionary War Boston where he joins the cause of the patriots who are opposed to the British rule.

The Toothpaste Millionaire (Fiction)

Merrill, Jean

A young girl describes how her school friend made over a million dollars by creating and marketing a cheaper and better toothpaste.

Lawn Boy (Fiction)

Paulsen, Gary

Things get out of hand for a twelve-year-old boy when a neighbor convinces him to expand his summer lawn mowing business.

Crispin (Fiction) (Advanced)

Avi

Falsely accused of theft and murder, an orphaned peasant boy in fourteenth-century England flees his village and meets a larger-than-life juggler who holds a dangerous secret.

Gulliver's Travels (Fiction) (Advanced)

Swift, Jonathan

The voyages of an Englishman carry him to a land of people six inches high, a land of giants, an island of sorcerers, and a land where horses are masters of human-like creatures.

The Bill of Rights: Protecting our Freedom Then and Now (J 342.7308)

Sobel, Syl

Describes each of the freedoms and privileges guaranteed to U.S. citizens by the Bill of Rights, and reviews the history of how and why the Bill of Rights was added to the Constitution.

We the People: the story of our Constitution (J 342.029 C)

Cheney, Lynne

In May 1787 delegates from across the country--including George Washington, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin--gathered in Philadelphia and, meeting over the course of a sweltering summer, created a new framework for governing: the Constitution of the United States.

George vs. George *The American Revolution as seen from both sides* (J 973.3 S)

Schanzer, Rosalyn

Explores how the characters and lives of King George III of England and George Washington affected the progress and outcome of the American Revolution.

50 American Heroes Every Kid Should Meet (J 920.073 D)

Denenberg, Dennis

Profiles fifty American men and women throughout history who have made positive contributions to the world, including artists, activists, aviators, scientists, teachers, musicians, inventors, athletes, journalists, and jurists.

First to Fly: how Wilbur & Orville Wright invented the airplane (629.13 B)

Busby, Peter

A look at the lives of the Wright brothers, from their childhood interest in flight, through their study of successful gliders and other flying machines, to their triumphs at Kitty Hawk and beyond.

Muhammad (297.63 D)

Demi

Introduces Muhammad and the basic tenets of the Islamic faith.

Gifted Hands : the Ben Carson Story (Biography) (Advanced)

Lewis, Gregg

Captures the physician Ben Carson's fight to beat the odds, the secret behind his outstanding accomplishments as a pediatric neurosurgeon, and what drives him to take risks.

Jim Thorpe : original All-American (Biography) (Advanced)

Bruchac, Joseph

A biography of Native American athlete Jim Thorpe, focusing on his early athletic career.

Gandhi : the young protester who founded a Nation (Biography)

Wilkinson, Philip

An illustrated biography of Mahatma Gandhi, a political reformer known for his nonviolent methods, and a principle leader in the drive for the independence of India from British colonial rule.

The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin (Biography)

Giblin, James Cross (or any version)

Presents the life and accomplishments of the eighteenth-century printer, inventor, and statesman who played an influential role in the early history of the United States.





Gerstell Academy Leadership & Summer Reading 4th Grade

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