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IL=Interest Level, RL=Reading Level

Fiction and information books

Al Capone does my shirts

By Choldenko, Gennifer Dewey: -Fic-

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

____#35646R7 2004 IL:5-8 RL:3.5 \$6.84

My Notes: I chose this book because I think it's well written book for middle schooler. The location makes the book interesting, while still exploring broad themes (like family, siblings, and fitting in). This book provides some historical information about Alcatraz (connects to info book about the prison

Barbed wire baseball

By Moss, Marissa Dewey: 796.357

Looks at Japanese American baseball player Kenichi Zenimura's time spent in the internment camps during World War II and his creation of a baseball field there.

____#0599JF0 2013 IL:3-6 RL:5 \$16.16

My Notes: Often in discussions of WWII, the Japanese internment camps are not mentioned. This book would provide a look at this aspect of the war and show the intersection with "America's game" (aka baseball). Would be paired with fictional "The Lucky Baseball" for two perspectives (fi

The champion of children : the story of Janusz Korczak

By Bogacki, Tomasz Dewey: 940.53

Examines the nontraditional German orphanage created by doctor and writer Janusz Korczak, and discusses his efforts to help Jewish orphans during the Holocaust.

____#03306X4 2009 IL:3-6 RL:4.1 \$15.34

My Notes: Learned a lot about Korczak on a trip and think he's someone kids should learn about. Provides good info about WWII in Warsaw, Poland. Would pair with Simon's Escape (there will be overlapping ideas and locations in both books).

Donner dinner party

By Hale, Nathan Dewey: 979.4

Presents in graphic novel format the experiences of the Donner Party, a group of eighty-seven individuals that headed West from Illinois in 1846, became trapped in a snowstorm, and was forced to take desperate measures to stay alive.

____#0701LJ7 2013 IL:3-6 RL:2.5 \$11.06

My Notes: The Donner Party is one story that has stuck with me in regards to westward expansion. I believe the graphic novel format makes the title easy to access (and in terms of subject matter). This would be paired with the Quilt Walk, providing another perspective/experience about moving west.

The grand mosque of Paris : a story of how Muslims saved Jews during the Holocaust

By Ruelle, Karen Gray Dewey: 940.53

An illustrated picture book that tells of how Muslims helped to hide escaped prisoners of war and Jews of all ages in the complex of the Grand Mosque of Paris during World War II.

____#06458A1 2009 IL:3-6 RL:7.2 \$17.11

My Notes: This info book would be paired with Hidden. Provides a true account of a group of people risking their lives during the Holocaust. Would be appropriate for a little bit younger age group and again, the pictures serve well

Alcatraz : history and design of a landmark

By MacDonald, Donald Dewey: 979.4

Presents the history and design of Alcatraz.

____#0261LYX 2012 IL:AD \$14.46

My Notes: This is a more "info heavy" book, pairing well with the "Al Capone does..." (upper age bracket of 'children'). This book will provide a more full timeline of Alcatraz and its various functions. The reader can take the info from the fiction title and weave it into the isla

Causes and effects of the American Civil War

By O'Muhr, G Dewey: 973.7

Examines issues, such as slavery and debates over the powers of the government, that led to the Civil War; and discusses major battles and the aftermath.

____#0466SP8 2009 IL:3-6 RL:7.3 \$8.50

My Notes: Provides info about the Civil War and the consequences for America as a whole. This would be paired with "Totally Made Up..." book. Hopefully this book will provide more background and grounding in the conflict and the results.

Could a robot make my dinner? : and other questions about technology

By Barnham, Kay Dewey: 600

Presents questions and answers about technology.

____#0905NJ6 2014 IL:3-6 RL:4.3 \$7.99

My Notes: Funny title and would appeal to many younger kids (2-5th). Answers questions that might be on their mind regarding technology. This book would be paired with House of Robots to provide facts about what is in store for robots of the future and technology as a whole.

The floating circus

By Zimmer, Tracie Vaughn Dewey: -Fic-

In 1850s Pittsburgh, thirteen-year-old Owen leaves his younger brother and sneaks aboard a circus housed in a riverboat, where he befriends a freed slave, learns to work with elephants, and finally comes to terms with the choices he has made in his difficult life.

____#03238V6 2008 IL:3-6 RL:5.7 \$14.49

My Notes: This fiction title pairs with the info book about P.T. Barnum. This book provides a fictional look at circuses (at the time of Barnum). The freed slave plot point also pairs with books about the civil war in my particular collection development.

The great and only Barnum : the tremendous, stupendous life of showman P.T. Barnum

By Fleming, Candace Dewey: 791.3

Chronicles the life of showman P. T. Barnum, discussing how he created his legendary circus, the people and events that shaped his life, and the impact Barnum had on the entertainment industry.

____#03134V1 2009 IL:3-6 RL:7 \$16.19

My Notes: This book will be paired with the Floating Circus fiction title. P.T. Barnum was an important figure of the 19th century circus and this book received outstanding reviews. Looks to be a great narrative information book.

to pass on the message and story.

Hidden : a child's story of the Holocaust

By Dauvillier, Loic Dewey: 741.5

Dounia shares with her granddaughter her story of childhood in Paris during the Holocaust and how she was hidden in order to save her life.

____#0589AL9 2014 IL:3-6 RL:2.7 \$14.49

My Notes: This graphic novel provides a fictional story of the Holocaust for younger readers. Format allows for a tough topic to be tackled. Will be paired with *The Grand Mosque info book*, which provides a more true account of Jews in Paris during WWII.

King of the mound : my summer with Satchel Paige

By Tooke, Wes Dewey: -Fic-

Twelve-year-old Nick loves baseball so after a year in the hospital fighting polio and with a brace on one leg, Nick takes a job with the team for which his father is catcher and gets to see the great pitcher, Satchel Paige, play during the 1935 season. Includes historical notes.

____#0307FV1 2012 IL:3-6 RL:5.5 \$14.49

My Notes: Paired with bio of Paige and gives a fictional presentation of Paige. Also digs into deeper issues (race, segregation, and polio). Would be a good title for elementary kids -- the right amount of history and fictionality.

The quilt walk

By Dallas, Sandra Dewey: -Fic-

Ten-year-old Emmy Blue learns the true meaning of friendship--and how to quilt--while making a harrowing wagon journey from Illinois to Colorado with her family in the 1860s.

____#0809HG9 2012 IL:3-6 RL:4.6 \$6.46

My Notes: This fiction (based on a true story) would pair with the info book about the Donner Party. Provides a more hopeful story of westward expansion in the United States. Also received rave reviews about its plot and characters, so would be a strong title for my collection and 3-6th grade readers.

Satchel Paige

By Cline-Ransome, Lesa Dewey: 796.357

Examines the life of the legendary baseball player, who was the first African-American to pitch in a Major League World Series.

____#25160W6 2000 IL:3-6 RL:5.3 \$5.19

My Notes: Satchel Paige is an important player in the history of baseball (first African American to pitch in MLB). Paired with "King of the Mound" to see how Paige is portrayed in fiction. This info book might be a little on the young side for fic title, but info is important, it would still work

The totally made-up Civil War diary of Amanda MacLeish

By Mills, Claudia Dewey: -Fic-

While dealing with her parents' separation and her best friend's distance, Amanda is able to work out some of her anxiety through her fifth-grade project--writing a diary from the point of view of a ten-year-old girl whose brothers fight on opposite sides in the Civil War.

____#14890V7 2008 IL:3-6 RL:5.1 \$14.49

My Notes: This book will (hopefully) bode well with 5th graders who can relate to our protagonist. Presents the Civil War in a unique way (through journal entries). Book chosen for this approach to American history and will be paired with *Causes and Effects info book* to provide a information layer to help them

House of robots

By Patterson, James Dewey: -Fic-

"Fifth-grader Sammy Hayes-Rodriguez struggles to fit in when his inventor mother requires him to take her latest creation, a robotic 'brother,' to school with him to learn to become a student"--Provided by publisher.

____#0738JQ0 2014 IL:3-6 RL:6.4 \$11.94

My Notes: This fiction title would be paired with info book "Could Robots Make..." This book provides a comical look at robots and their potential. Would work for younger audiences and seems to be an entertaining pick.

The lucky baseball : my story in a Japanese-American internment camp

By Lieurance, Suzanne Dewey: -Fic-

In 1942 after the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor, twelve-year-old Harry Yakamoto and his family are forced to move to an internment camp where they must learn to survive in the desert of California under the watch of armed guards. Includes section about the treatment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

____#04713PX 2010 IL:3-6 RL:5 \$22.00

My Notes: Would pair this with "Barbed Baseball." This book would provide another perspective to the info book, in a more narrative form. Again, this book would help to shed light on a topic not often discussed in conversations about WWII in the USA.

The rising star of Rusty Nail

By Blume, Lesley M. M Dewey: -Fic-

In the small town of Rusty Nail, Minnesota, in the early 1950s, musically talented ten-year-old Franny wants to take advanced piano lessons from newcomer Olga Malenkov, a famous Russian musician suspected of being a communist spy by gossip members of the community.

____#10976T9 2007 IL:3-6 RL:5.4 \$13.64

My Notes: This would be paired with "The Wall" (graphic nonfiction book). This story shows the fear of communism and Russia in the US during the Cold War; allowing us to see another side of the Cold War and affects of communism.

Simon's escape : a story of the Holocaust

By Pryor, Bonnie Dewey: -Fic-

Simon, a young Polish Jew, and his family are forced by Nazis to leave their home for the filth and hunger of the Warsaw ghetto then, when his family is all taken away, he escapes to fight for survival in the countryside. Includes facts about the Holocaust.

____#0030ABX 2011 IL:3-6 RL:4.7 \$22.00

My Notes: This would be paired with biography on J Korczak. This story provides a fictional account of life in the Warsaw Ghetto during WWII. I believe this is an important aspect of the Holocaust that younger kids should learn about.

The wall : growing up behind the Iron Curtain

By Sis, Peter Dewey: 943.7

Artist Sis Peter describes what it was like growing up in a Communist country and discusses how Western culture influenced his life.

____#15860U4 2007 IL:3-6 RL:5.2 \$16.19

My Notes: A graphic nonfiction info book about the Cold War and communism. Is a good choice for older readers and provides good info in picture form about a more difficult topic/fallout of WWII. Paired with Rusty Nail (books allow 2 perspectives of communism to be highlighted).

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