

Twin Texts and Technology Topics

American Civil Rights Movement

Nonfiction:

Bolden, T. (2007). *M.L.K.: Journey of a king*. Abrams Books for Young Readers.

Morrison, T. (2004). *Remember: The journey of school integration*. Houghton Mifflin.

Fiction:

Curtis, C.P. (1996). *The Watsons go to Birmingham—1963*. Delacorte.

Woodson, J. (2001). *The other side*. G.P. Putnam's Sons.

Websites:

<http://www.lbjlib.utexas.edu/Johnson/lbjforkids/civil.shtm> The Lyndon B. Johnson Library and Museum presents a special section about the Civil Rights Movement just for kids. The site includes pictures, authentic audio recordings, interactive activities, and two different timelines.

<http://www.civilrightsmuseum.org> Students may conduct a virtual tour of exhibits and galleries at the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/index.htm> Scholastic's online activities offer further visual exploration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s life, online message board discussions, and interactive activities.

The Holocaust/World War II

Nonfiction:

Bartoletti, S. (2005). *Hitler youth: Growing up in Hitler's shadow*. Scholastic.

Fiction:

Johnston, T. (2004). *The harmonica*. Charlesbridge.

Spinelli, J. (2003). *Milkweed*. Knopf.

Websites:

<http://remember.org/auschwitz/index.html> Take a virtual tour of a concentration camp. The website offers brief descriptions of what took place at each location and a personal narrative/experience from an individual stationed at that camp.

<http://www.ushmm.org/education/forstudents/> The student section of this website by the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum includes a plethora of resources for students to view.

The Irish Potato Famine

Nonfiction:

Bartoletti, S.B. (2001). *Black potatoes: The story of the great Irish famine, 1845–1850*. Houghton Mifflin.

Fiction:

Drinkwater, C. (2008). *The hunger—An Irish girl's diary, 1845–1847*. Scholastic.

Giff, P.R. (2000). *Nory Ryan's song*. Delacorte Press.

Websites:

<http://www.irishpotatofamine.org/flash.html> This completely interactive site simulates what life in an Irish village would have been like during the famine years.

<http://www.historyplace.com/worldhistory/famine/> This comprehensive site includes information about before, during, and after the famine as well as a detailed bibliography for those who want to read further about this period of history.

History of Inventions

Nonfiction:

Claybourne, A. (2007). *The story of inventions*. Usborne.

Platt, R. (2003). *Eureka! Great inventions and how they happened*. Kingfisher.

Fiction:

Selznick, B. (2007). *The invention of Hugo Cabret*. Scholastic Press.

Websites:

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/inventors/> This website offers a magnitude of inventors and inventions about which students can gather information.

http://www.theinventionofhugocabret.com/intro_flash.htm This site offers a magnitude of different supplementary materials that go along with *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*. There are interviews, movie clips, information about the making of the book, information about the people who posed as the characters for the drawings in the book, and other fun links.