

## Grade 8 Bibliographies

Each daily lesson guide has a bibliography in the back that provides additional resources you may want to refer to when teaching the theme. A list of all bibliographies is provided here for your reference. Books for which reading levels are known are followed by RL and the grade level. Example: (RL 8.0)

### ***The Unlikeliest Hero: The Story of Desmond T. Doss, The Soldier who Wouldn't Touch a Gun***

*Desmond Doss, Conscientious Objector: The Story of an Unlikely Hero* by Frances M. Doss. Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2005.

This is the life story of Desmond Doss, an American Seventh-day Adventist soldier during World War II who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery. His wife tells his story of how his life has been one of devotion to God from an accident-prone childhood to World War II gallantry, the tragic loss of his first wife, and battles with deafness and cancer.

*The Devil's Arithmetic* by Jane Yolen. Penguin Group (USA), 2004.

In this fictional story, twelve-year-old Hannah is resentful of her Jewish traditions and heritage until time travel takes her from 1988 in America to 1942 in a Nazi-occupied Jewish village in Poland where she is about to be sent to a concentration camp. **Please note that time travel is a central focus of this story.** (RL 4.6)

*The Endless Steppe: Growing Up in Siberia* by Esther Hautzig. HarperCollins Publishers, 1995.

When the author was eleven-years-old, she and her family were arrested in Poland by the Russians as political enemies and exiled to Siberia. She recounts the trials of the following five years spent on the harsh Asian steppe. (RL 6.3)

*The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom with John and Elizabeth Sherrill. Bantam Books, 1984.

Here is the courageous story of how the Ten Booms attempted to save Dutch Jews from a Nazi roundup. When their efforts were discovered, the entire family was sent to a concentration camp. This story recounts the concentration camp experience, where her father and sister die, and her witness for God's love and forgiveness after her release. (RL 6.4)

*I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust* by Livia Bitton-Jackson. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing, 1999.

The author describes her experiences during World War II when she and her family were sent to the Nazi death camp at Auschwitz. (RL 4.8)

*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry. Random House Children's Books, 1998.

This John Newbery Medal winner tells the story of how ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis in 1943 Nazi-occupied Denmark. (RL 4.5)

*Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes* by Eleonor Coerr. Penguin Young Readers Group, 2004.

Hospitalized with leukemia, the dreaded atom bomb disease, a child in Hiroshima races against time to fold one thousand paper cranes to verify the legend that by doing so a sick person will become healthy. (RL 4.1)

*Snow Treasure* by Marie McSwigan.  
Penguin Group (USA), 2006.

Norwegian children help to protect the town's gold during the German occupation in 1940. The children carry the bullion on their sleds to the river where one of the townsmen loads it on his ship to transport it to the United States. (RL 5.3)

*Stepping on the Cracks* by Mary Downing Hahn. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2009.

Set in 1944, this story depicts the unlikely friendship between eleven-year-old Margaret and Gordy, the class bully, whose is hiding his brother, a pacifist and army deserter. Margaret decides to help Gordy protect his brother even though her own brother is overseas fighting in the war. (RL 4.7)

*Under the Blood Red Sun* by Graham Salisbury. Random House Children's Books, 2005.

This is the story of a Japanese-American family living in Hawaii at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. It details the discrimination of Japanese-American citizens during the period before and after the attack. (RL 4.0)

## DVD

*The Conscientious Objector* directed by Terry Benedict. Cinequest, 2004.

This DVD is a documentary of Desmond Doss' time in the military. It includes interview with Doss and his comrades from the war. There is actual World War II film footage. Desmond Doss' faith in God and his beliefs are a primary focus of the film. **Please be aware that during some of the interviews with army veterans there is some use of profanity. There are also some graphic scenes from some of the World War II footage. One of the veterans recounts how the Japanese military raped many women on Guam. It is recommended that the teacher view this DVD before showing it to the class.**

## Days of Terror

*An Introduction to the Russian Mennonites* by Wally Kroeker. Good Books, 2004.

The story of how Mennonites from Polish Prussia and the Netherlands immigrated to the Russian steppes at the invitation of Catherin the Great. It relates many memories and stories from Russia and includes the later movement of these people to the United States and Canada. Dozens of historic and contemporary photographs, as well as pictures of the events that took place in the theme book, are included.

*Mennonites Foods & Folkways from South Russia, Volume II* by Norma Jost Voth. Good Books, 1994.

This book relates the food tradition of Russian Mennonites through their memories of orchards and gardens, Faspa and weddings, food preservation and the wheat harvest. There are more than 100 recipes as well as typical menus and menus for special occasions.

*Prentice Hall World Studies: Europe and Russia; Geography, History, Culture* by Heidi Hayes Jacobs and Michal L. LeVasseur. Prentice Hall (School Division), 2005.

This is one of the seventh-grade Social Studies texts. It covers the geography, history, and culture of Europe and Russia.

*Seventh-day Adventist Hymnal*. Review and Herald Publishing, 1985.

The official hymnal of the Seventh-day Adventist church.

*Skippack School* by Marguerite de Angeli. Herald Press, 1999.

A story set in 1750, of how a young, mischievous German Mennonite boy adjusts to his new life in Pennsylvania and to the teaching methods of his schoolteacher.

**Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science**

*The Brain: Our Nervous System* by Seymour Simon. HarperCollins Publishers, 2006.

This excellent student resource describes the various parts of the brain and the nervous system and how they function to enable us to think, feel, move, and remember. The color pictures and diagrams help to explain each part of the brain. (RL 6.3)

*Daring Cell Defenders* by Rebecca L. Johnson. Lerner Publishing Group, 2007.

This book contains information on how the body fights disease. Topics discussed include the different types and role of white blood cells. Color pictures make this book interesting for students. **Please note there are areas where personification occurs.** (RL 5.0)

*Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story* by Ben Carson and Cecil Murphy. Zondervan, 1996.

The inspiring story of Ben Carson's journey from his childhood in inner-city Detroit to his position as director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital at the age of 33. **Please note that there is one unacceptable slang phrase when the mother discovers she is expecting Siamese twins.** (RL 6.8)

*The Great Brain Book: An Inside Look at the Inside of Your Head* by H. P. Newquist. Scholastic, Inc., 2005.

This is an excellent resource for the teacher. Historical beliefs about the brain are presented in an interesting manner. There are in-depth definitions of the part of the brain and how other organs interact with the brain. There are well-drawn pictures of what is inside of a neuron. Brain injuries and treatments (past and present) are discussed. **This book has undertone of evolutions throughout the text. Use caution when allowing students to use this book.** (RL 8.1)

*It's All in Your Head: A Guide to Your Brilliant Brain* by Sylvia Funston and Jay Ingram. Maple Tree Press, 2005.

This book is an exciting exploration of the mysteries and wonders of the brain and its complex connections to the outside world. It contains many activities for teachers to use in the classroom. **Please note that the book alludes to the evolution of the brain and a reptilian brain part.** (RL 6.8)

*The Microscope* by Christine Petersen. Children's Press (CT), 2006.

This book traces the development of the microscope and reveals how inventors have labored to improve our abilities to see ever small things. It covers the time from the first light microscope to the electron microscope. (RL 8.1)

*My Brain Won't Float Away/Mi cerebro no va a salir Flotando* by Annette Perez, Editorial Campanita, 2007.

This is the story of a little girl with hydrocephalus and how it has affected her life.

*The Nervous System* by Darlene R. Stille.  
Children's Press (CT), 1998.

This scientific book written in kid-friendly language describes the various parts of the nervous system and explains how sensory messages are transmitted. Pictures and illustrations will appeal to students. (RL 5.9)

*Understanding Your Brain: Lifting the Lid on What's Inside Your Head* by Rebecca Treays. Usborne Books, 2004.

This book, a good, quick resource for teachers, discusses the different parts of the brain, intelligence and consciousness. **Please note that the book has a section on Extra Sensory Perception (ESP) so it is not recommended for student use.**

*Young Genius: Brains* by Kate Lennard. Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 2007.

This is a fun little children's book on the brain and how it works. The brain is described in very simplistic language. The sizes of different brains are explained in a humorous way. **Please note that there is an illustration in the book that has a picture of an alien costume.**

## WEB SITES

**Please note that at the time of the printing of this DLG these web sites were active. Please preview the sites for content before allowing students to access. Currently, the content is acceptable for use; however, content can be modified or changed at any time.**

*About Kids Health*  
([www.aboutkidshealth.ca/justforkids/brain.aspx](http://www.aboutkidshealth.ca/justforkids/brain.aspx))

This primary-aged web site explains the parts of the brain and would be a good source for English as a Second Language (ESL) or English Language Learners (ELL) students.

*Brain Connection*  
([brainconnection.postscience.com/library/?main=explorehome/learning-resources](http://brainconnection.postscience.com/library/?main=explorehome/learning-resources))

This web site has activities and experiments to help students understand the importance of the brain. There is a great activity for determining whether students of left or right brained.

*Brains Rule*  
([www.brainsrule.com/kids/games/index.htm](http://www.brainsrule.com/kids/games/index.htm))

This web site has a number of games that would interest students. "Brain Attack" and "Neuron Explosion" are especially recommended.

*Home Science Tools*  
([www.hometrainingtools.com/article.asp?ai=1316&bhcd2=1244216442](http://www.hometrainingtools.com/article.asp?ai=1316&bhcd2=1244216442))

This web site has a complete guide to dissection a sheep brain.

*Neuroscience for Kids*  
([faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neurok.htm](http://faculty.washington.edu/chudler/neurok.htm))

This University of Washing web site was created for students and teachers who want to learn about the nervous system. It contains numerous classroom activities and ideas relating to the brain and its function.

*NeuroKids* ([neurokids.org](http://neurokids.org)).

The web site of a foundation dedicated to teaching kids about the brain has great activities for a Brain Week. There is a free administrator's guide that carefully lays out how to plan a Brain Week for your school or community.

*A Science Odyssey*  
([www.pbs.org/wgbh/aso/tryit/brain](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/aso/tryit/brain)).

"Probe the Brain" is an excellent activity for students to virtually probe the motor cortex part of the brain and see which body parts is affected. **Please note that Shockwave must be installed on the computer for this activity.**

**Heartwarming Stories of Adventist Pioneers: Your Will See Your Lord a-Coming**

*Four Boys in the White House* by Paul B. Ricchiuti. Stanborough Press (distributed by Review and Herald Publishing), 2008.

This is the story of the four sons born to James and Ellen White. It deals with how the White's handled the pressures of parenting while helping to develop the Adventist church. The book tells how the two surviving sons served the Lord in later life.

*James White: Innovator and Overcomer* by Gerald Wheeler. Review and Herald Publishing, 2003.

The story of James White, a man of paradox, is told. He loved the "old" hymns and the latest gadget. He could be very direct in his speech, yet he touched many lives. The author unravels the complexities of White's personal journey from early beliefs in the shut door to an emphasis on righteousness by faith.

*Joseph Bates: The Real Founder of Seventh-day Adventism* by George R. Knight. Review and Herald Publishing, 2004.

This biography relies on previously unavailable sources, letters, and logbooks to shed new light on this sea captain who was instrumental in founding the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

*Stories of My Grandmother* by Ella M. Robinson. Review and Herald Publishing, 1967.

Ella Robinson tells what it was like to have a prophetess for a grandmother. This book helps young people discover Mrs. White, the person, who they would have enjoyed spending time with.

**DVD**

*Keepers of the Flame* (DVD). Review and Herald Publishing, 2006.

This DVD shares the stories of Martin Luther, the Waldenses, Calvin, Zwingli, and John Know to show how the truth has shone through time and points to the second coming of Jesus. It also includes documentary and drama to reveal the early life of Ellen White and how the prophetic gift guided her own actions and the early Adventist church.

**Eric Liddell: Something Greater than Gold**

*China: A Kaleidoscope Kids Book* by Debbi Michiko Florence. Ideals Publications, 2008.

This book is packed with information about China, past and present, including 40 activities to help young people experience facets of its culture for themselves.

*Chinese with Lulu and Maomao* by Licheng Gu. Milet Publishing, Ltd., 2008.

A fun approach to language learning, this resource is designed like a storybook rather than a textbook. Offering a bright and stimulating introduction to Chinese (simplified characters and pinyin); this guide covers a range of topics such as family and friends, school, toys, games, numbers, and colors. There are quizzes to test their progress, a character practice section, and a handy wordlist for quick and easy reference.

*Eric Liddell: Pure Gold* by David McCasland. Discovery House Publishers, 2004.

This biography tells the story of Eric Liddell. It relates the story of his competition in the Olympic Games, but also reveals the larger story of his devotion to God, his family, and friends. This story provides a superb example of living one's faith, no matter the cost.

*Find Out about China* by Zheng Qing. Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 2006.

This instructive book is filled with information about China. There are four parts to the book. Part One introduces the country, pointing out major cities, places of interest, and favorite sports and pastimes. Part Two describes everyday life in China including school, after-school activities, professions, occupations, and trades. Part Three relates the history and culture of the country including political leaders, cultural figures, and distinctive landmarks and monuments. Part Four introduces the language of China including phrases that will be of use for tourists in China.

*Great Ancient China Projects You Can Build Yourself* by Lance Kramer. Nomad Press, 2008.

This interactive activity guide explores the incredible ingenuity and history of ancient China with more than 20 hands-on projects. Comprehensive coverage of the ancient culture—everything from the daily lives of both the rich and poor to the history of architecture, dynasties, religion, trade, and science—are combined with step-by-step instructions for creating Chinese inventions with ordinary household materials. **Please note that feng shui, natural spirit healers, and other Eastern philosophies are explained in this book.**

*The House of Sixty Fathers* by Meindert DeJohn. HarperCollins Publishers, 1987.

This Newbery Honor Book tells the vividly realistic, but fictional story of the Japanese invasion of China through the story of Tien Pao, a young Chinese boy who searches for his parents when they become separated. (RL 5.5)

*"It's a Jungle Out There! Book One of the Rani Adventures* by Ron Snell. Hannibal Books, 2005.

Ron Snell provides an oft-hilarious look at mission life in the jungles of Peru where his family worked for Wycliffe Bible Translators. This book recalls memories from the first ten years of his life, living among the Machi tribe. Opportunities for lessons in author's craft abound due to the unique, tongue-in-cheek writing style.

*Li Lun: Lad of Courage* by Carolyn Treffinger. Walker and Company, 1995.

This Newbery Honor Book reveals some of the cultural and religious beliefs of the Chinese and how they affect family relationships. Li Lun lives by the sea, but because of his fear of water he is sent to the mountains to learn to grow rice where he proves there is more than one kind of courage. (RL 4.8)

*Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China* by Ed Young. Penguin Group (USA), 1996.

This Caldecott Award winner is the Chinese version of Little Red-Riding Hood where three sisters staying home alone are endangered by a wolf posing as their grandmother. (RL 3.5)

*Marco Polo for Kids: His Marvelous Journey to China, 21 Activities* by Janis Herbert. Chicago Review Press, Inc., 2001.

The Far East comes alive in this activity book centered on Marco Polo's journey to China from Venice along the 13th-century Silk Road. Woven throughout the tale are 21 activities that highlight the diverse cultures Marco encountered along the way. **Please note that discussion of Eastern philosophies is included in the book.**

*Olympics* by Chris Oxlade and David Ballheimer. DK Publishing, Inc., 2005.

This book surveys the history and traditions of the Olympics, highlighting memorable events from ancient Greece to the present day. **Please note the book contains photos of numerous nude statues in the historical section of the book.** (RL 8.3)

*Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution* by Ji-li Jiang. HarperCollins Publishers, 1998.

Though this book's China setting is after Eric Liddell's death, it powerfully explores the topic of Communism in China through the true story of a twelve-year-old girl who must choose between loyalty to her family or a bright future in her beloved Communist Party. (RL 5.0)

*Shanghaied to China: Hudson Taylor* by Dave and Neta Jackson. Baker Publishing Group, 1993.

The book relates the fictional adventures of a young British boy shanghaied to China and his experience along the way with the great missionary, Hudson Taylor. (RL 5.6)

*Twice Yours: A Parable of God's Gift* by Nan Gurley. Zonderkidz, 2004.

In this heartwarming retelling of a wonderful old fable about a young boy who made a sailboat, lost it, and bought it back, best-selling author Nan Gurley shares what God did for us through the blood of his Son Jesus on Calvary, when we were made twice His. This beautifully illustrated modern-day parable is a second grade *Pathways* theme book.

*World War II* by Simon Adams. DK Publishing, Inc., 2007.

This visual dictionary describes the turbulent events of the war that shaped the modern world and the history of this global conflict. (RL 8.3)

*World War II: The Events and Their Impact on Real People* by Reg Grant. DK Publishing, Inc., 2008.

Beginning with the complex political and social circumstances that led to World War II, this volume comprehensively discusses the decisions made, battles fought, lives affected, and subsequent results of the war that defined the twentieth century. It includes first-hand testimony of young soldiers who remember the front lines, as well as the wives, parents, and children left stateside.

*World War II for Kids: A History with 21 Activities* by Richard Panchyk. Chicago Review Press, Inc., 2002.

This action-packed history book is filled with information, including excerpts from actual wartime letters written to and by American and German troops, personal anecdotes from people who lived through the war in various countries, and gripping stories from Holocaust survivors—all which adds a humanizing global perspective to the war. This collection of 21 activities shows kids how it felt to live through this monumental period in history. (RL 8.3)

## DVD

*Chariots of Fire* (PG) distributed by Warner Video, 2005.

Two British track stars – Eric Liddell, a devout Scottish minister, and Harold Abrahams, a status-hungry English Jew -- compete in the 1924 Olympics in this celebrated drama. The film contrasts their characters and motivations, as well as the rivalry between these two charismatic competitors all the way to their fateful race at the Paris Olympics. **Please note that this film must be previewed before showing. It is rated PG for language, smoking, and drinking.**

**The Case of the Monkeys that Fell from the Trees: And Other Mysteries in Tropical Nature**

*Belly-Busting Worm Invasions! Parasites that Love Your Insides!* by Thomasine E. Lewis Tilden. Scholastic Library Publishing, 2007.

This book discusses how parasites invade the human body and the tools and equipment used by health-care workers to fight infectious diseases. It is the book that students will love to hate. (RL 5.7)

*The Forest in the Clouds* by Sneed B. Collard. Charlesbridge Publishing, Inc., 2000.

The exotic plants and animals that live in the cloud forest of Costa Rica are described, along with discussion of some of the environmental threats faced in this region. (RL 5.2)

*Jungle* (Eyewitness Books Series) by Theresa Greenaway. DK Publishing, Inc., 2004.

An Eyewitness book that studies the inhabitants of the endangered rainforests. Superb color-photographs offer a unique view of the remarkable and colorful plants, animals, and insects in the world's jungles. (RL 7.8)

*Parasites: Latching on to a Free Lunch* by Paul Fleisher. Lerner Publishing Group, 2006.

This incredible book discusses parasites of all kinds. Beautifully illustrated and detailed, this book discusses parasites that thrive on fungi, plants, worms, protists, insects, and vertebrates. It ends with a discussion of the reasons there are so many parasites, the evolution of parasites, and the war against parasites.

*Rain Forests: A Nonfiction Companion to Afternoon on the Amazon* (Magic Tree House Research Guide) by Will and Mary Pope Osborne. Random House Children's Books, 2001.

This book is a children's guide to the mysteries of the rain forest, including fun facts about rain-forest bugs, birds, plants, and animals. Maps and photographs are included. (RL 4.8)

*Symbiosis* by Alvin Silverstein, Virginia Silverstein, and Laura Silverstein Nunn. Twenty-First Century Books (CT), 2007.

This book discusses three types of symbiosis: mutualism, commensalism, and parasitism. Examples and descriptions of each of these relationships are provided with beautiful color-photographs. (RL 7.8)

*Up, Up and Away: A Book about Adverbs* by Ruth Heller. Penguin Group (USA), Inc., 1998.

Rhyming text and illustrations introduce adverbs and their uses.

**Song of the Trail**

*Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Book of Answers* by David Wentworth Lazaroff. Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum Press, 1998.

This book provides detailed answers to the questions that the staff at the Desert Museum is most often asked, including questions about exotic plants and animals.

*Cactus Café: A Story of the Sonoran Desert* by Kathleen Weidner Zoehfeld. Soundprints, 1997.

This book describes the activities of various animals living in the Sonoran Desert and their dependence on the saguaro cactus for sustenance. (RL 4.8)

*Desert Giant: The World of the Saguaro Cactus* by Barbara Bash. Sierra Club Books for Children, 2002.

This book contains illustrations that document the life cycle and ecosystem of the giant saguaro cactus and the desert animals it helps support. (RL 5.5)

*A Desert Scrapbook: Dawn to Dusk in the Sonoran Desert* by Virginia Wright-Frierson. Simon and Schuster Children's Publishing, 2002.

The author/artist describes many of the animals and plants of the Sonoran Desert, along with descriptions of their surroundings. (RL 5.0)

*Learning about Responsibility from the Life of Colin Powell* by Jeanne M. Strazzabosco. Rosen Publishing Group's PowerKids Press, 2004.

This book teaches the value of responsibility by sharing examples from the life of the African-American general, Colin Powell. (RL 4.0)

*One Day in the Desert* by Jean Craighead George. HarperCollins Publishers, 1996.

This book gives details about the animals and human inhabitants of the Sonoran Desert of Arizona, including a mountain lion, a roadrunner, a coyote, a tortoise, and the people of the Papago Indian tribe. (RL 5.5)

*One Hundred One Questions about Desert Life* by Alice Jablonsky. Western National Parks Association, 1994.

Original art and beautiful photography illustrate this book that answers commonly asked questions about desert life in the Southwest.

*Reflections on Psalm 23 for People with Cancer: A Personal Journey* (DVD) by Ken Curtis. Vision Video, 2006.

Ken Curtis made Psalm 23 a vital part of his spiritual connection while he was coping with advanced cancer. This DVD shares his trip to Israel, home of David and the Psalm, to be with the shepherd "through the valley of the shadow of death" to explore and enjoy the healing powers of the green pastures and still waters.

*Saguaro Moon: A Desert Journal* by Kristin Joy Pratt-Serafini. Dawn Publications, 2002.

In this book, Megan keeps a nature journal in which she describes the desert, the changes that occur throughout the seasons, and how these affect the plant and animal inhabitants.

**Please note that in one of the journal entries the author mentions ancient ceremonies and says, "Happy Halloween."** (RL 5.1)

*Sheep: Small-Scale Sheep Keeping for Pleasure and Profit* (Hobby Farms Series) by Sue Weaver. Bowtie, 2005.

This book gives helpful advice on raising sheep such as: choosing the right sheep breed, sheep behavior, sheep housing, nutrition, hoof trimming, diseases, and vaccinating sheep. **Please note that the book mentions sheep in myths, the Greek poet Homer, and has pictures of lamb meat.**

*Sheep Book: Handbook for the Modern Shepherd* by Ronald B. Parker. Swallow Press, 2001.

A farmer's day-by-day practical experience and a scientist's mind are brought together in this book that contains lots of information about sheep. Interesting facts and updates on the many scientific breakthroughs in medicine, insemination methods, and even cloning are included.

*Summer Shepherd* by Bonnie Highsmith Taylor. Perfection Learning Corporation, 2001.

After being caught stealing, Jack is sent to be a shepherd for Charlie Hayes during the summer. He learns important lessons as he struggles to earn the respect of a grizzly shepherd. (RL 3.2)

*Your Sheep: A Kid's Guide to Raising and Showing* by Paula Simmons and Darrell L. Salsbury. Story Books, 1992.

This friendly children's animal reference features information on sheep selection, housing, behavior, feeding, and health.

**Strangers in the Land**

*Any Sacrifice but Conscience* by Walter Utt. Pacific Press Publishing Associations, 2007.

This sequel to *No Peace for a Soldier* continues the adventures of Henri Armand and the Cortots as they struggle to serve God and country during Louis XIV's persecution of Protestants in seventeenth century France.

*Brave Men to the Battle* by Virgil E. Robinson. TEACH Services, Inc., 2000.

This is a well-researched story that tells the history of the Waldenses.

*Duncan's War* (Crown and Covenant Series, #1) by Douglas Bond. P&R Publishing Company, 2002.

In Scotland in 1666, fourteen-year-old Duncan learns the value of being true to his faith while fighting against supporters of England's King Charles II, who oppresses the Covenanters—those who believe that only Jesus can be king of the church. The question of taking up arms to defend oneself is thoughtfully discussed. Teachers may want to review the author's Web site ([www.bondbooks.net](http://www.bondbooks.net)) where writing tips, teacher tips, and the author's email address are found.

*Famous Men of the Renaissance and Reformation* by Robert G. Shearer. Greenleaf Press, 1996.

An unusual and thought provoking collection of biographies tell the story of two great movements in European history that ushered in modern times. Many well-known and not-so-well-known characters of these eras are presented. This book is typically used as a home school text but is an excellent tool for classroom extensions.

*French Baroque and Rococo Fashions* by Tom Tierney. Dover Publications, 2002.

Fashion ruled the courts of Louis XIV and Louis XV with grand Baroque styles. Louis XVI favored the Rococo style which was a lighter fashion sense. Forty-five ready-to-color illustrations of these fashion styles are included in this book.

*The Greenleaf Guide to Famous Men of the Renaissance and Reformation* by Robert G. Shearer and Cynthia A. Shearer. Greenleaf Press, 1997.

This study guide to *Famous Men of the Renaissance and Reformation* includes background information, discussion questions, and suggested activities.

*How They Kept the Faith: A Tales of the Huguenots of Languedoc* (Huguenot Inheritance Series, Volume 3) by Grace Raymond. Inheritance Publications, 1996.

Having grown up in a Huguenot family in the seventeenth century, Eglantine and Rene try to remain faithful to God when persecution breaks out in France. The lives of these friends are followed through several decades of persecution. This is a very interesting story similar to, but with more historical detail than, *Strangers in the Land*. (RL 7.4)

*Jacobean and Early Bourbon Fashions* by Tom Tierney. Dover Publications, 2004.

Accurate, ready-to-color drawings portray a panorama of clothing of the era from the elegant apparel of royalty and the wealthy to the simple fare of common folk.

*Mr. Pipes and Psalms and Hymns of the Reformation* (Mr. Pipes Series, Volume 2) by Douglas Bond. Christian Liberty Press, 2000.

This book provides an engaging study of the historical backgrounds of several hymns from the Reformation Era.

*No Peace for a Soldier* by Walter Utt. Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2006.

Historically accurate portrayal of the plights of the Huguenots and Vaudois (Waldenses). The reader will follow the Cortot family and army officer de Gandon as they are forced to choose between loyalty to the king or to God.

**Please note that the book uses French language in places and a computer translator may be needed to understand the full meaning.**

*The Reformation* by Tim McNeese. Milliken Publishing Company, 1999.

This reproducible resource for teachers provides an overview of the European world from the late fifteenth to the mid-seventeenth centuries. Well-written summaries, challenging map exercises, provocative review questions, and tests with answer keys are included.

*Renaissance Fashions* by Tom Tierney. Dover Publications, 2000.

Forty-five finely detailed, ready-to-color illustrations depict the fashions of the Renaissance. An Italian couple in wedding attire, children of German royalty, and English lord and lady in riding outfits are some of the fashions depicted.

*The Young Huguenots* (Huguenot Inheritance Series, Volume 4) by Edith S. Floyer. Inheritance Publications, 1998.

In 1686, four orphaned siblings decide to flee to Amsterdam and embark on a dangerous journey to religious freedom.

## DVDs

*The Radicals* (DVD). Vision Video, 1989.

The story of Michael and Margaretha Sattler, founders of the Mennonites, Mennonite Brethren, Brethren in Christ, the Hutterites, and the Amish, is told from 1525 when they leave their religious orders with the hope of restoring the church to the purity of its early days, and become Anabaptists, to 1527 when Michael is burned at the stake and Margaretha is drowned after they are captured and tried. The story, although somewhat difficult to follow without some historical background, will be valuable in expanding the serious, older, student's realization of the scope of the Reformation. **Please note that teachers should thoughtfully preview this DVD to assess the story's appropriateness for viewing in the classroom as it contains some graphic depictions of historical persecution.**

*Stephen's Test of Faith* (DVD). Vision Video, 2003.

Twelve-year-old Stephen is mocked and ridiculed at school for his faith and shares his humiliation with his parents. During the night, he has a dream in which he travels through history and meets Jesus, Stephen, families entering the Roman coliseum, William Tyndale, Christian children in today's Middle East, and others who dare to share their faith. His view of the kingdom and definition of "Christian" are revolutionized by this dream. An inspiring challenge to all ages.

## Web Sites

The Center for Church Music Presents Songs and Hymns.  
[songsandhymns.org/hymns/detail/a-mighty-fortress-is-our-god](http://songsandhymns.org/hymns/detail/a-mighty-fortress-is-our-god).

Basic facts, a devotional, and hymn story for Martin Luther's song "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" are found on this Web site.

GrammarBook.com.  
[www.grammarbook.com/interactive\\_quizzes\\_exercises.asp](http://www.grammarbook.com/interactive_quizzes_exercises.asp).

Interactive grammar, punctuation, capitalization, and writing numbers quizzes are offered for free. They may be taken and graded online. Teachers can also subscribe for a fee and receive hundreds more quizzes.

Lynn DeShazo.  
[www.lynnshazo.com/articles/AncientWords.pdf](http://www.lynnshazo.com/articles/AncientWords.pdf)

The words and story behind the modern day hymn, "Ancient Words," is told by Lynn DeShazo. This song is included in her album of the same title.

New York Times Web Site Archives, "New Rochelle Awakening," May 17, 1896. [query.nytimes.com/mem/archive-free/pdf?\\_r=1&res=9E02EED6123EE333A25754C1A9639C94679ED7CF](http://query.nytimes.com/mem/archive-free/pdf?_r=1&res=9E02EED6123EE333A25754C1A9639C94679ED7CF).

The article gives a factual basis for the inclusion of children escaping by hiding in baskets found in Chapters 10 and 11 of *Strangers in the Land*. Access to the archives is only available to registered members of nytimes.com. Membership is free.

What Saith the Scripture. [www.whatsaiththescripture.com/WStS.Poetry.html](http://www.whatsaiththescripture.com/WStS.Poetry.html).

The poetry section of this website discusses the poetry, background, and Scripture references for each line of several well-known hymns.

### **The Gospel of Luke**

#### **Reference Materials**

*The Book of Luke* (The Smart Guide to the Bible Series) edited by Joyce L. Gibson and Larry Richards. Thomas Nelson, 2007.

This easy-to-read and informative book reveals the good doctor's detailed research into Jesus' life and ministry. It offers relevant quotes from other theologians within the commentary section.

*Jesus: The Greatest Life of All* (Great Lives from God's Word Series) by Charles Swindoll. Thomas Nelson, 2008.

This fascinating biography, filled with biblical and historical insights, takes you on an unforgettable journey through the complex and provocative life of Jesus of Nazareth. Refreshingly honest and deep, this in-depth profile reveals Jesus with great clarity and offers practical applications for your own life.

*Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes: Cultural Studies in the Gospels* by Kenneth E. Bailey. IVP Academic, 2008.

Ken Bailey leads readers on a kaleidoscopic study of Jesus throughout the four Gospels. He employs his trademark expertise as a master of Middle Eastern culture to lead us into a deeper understanding of the person and significance of Jesus within his own cultural context.

*Luke, Vol. 3* (New International Biblical Commentary Series) by Craig A. Evans. Hendrickson Publishers, Inc., 1990.

This popular Bible commentary offers insights into the Gospel of Luke. It is informative and of use to both general readers and serious students.

*Matthew, Mark, Luke, Vol. 1* (Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary Series) by Clinton E. Arnold. Zondervan, 2002)

This book helps readers understand the historical and cultural background of the books of the New Testament. The book walks the reader verse-by-verse through these gospels and includes lavish, full color photos and graphics.

*The New Manners and Customs of Bible Times* by Ralph Gower. Moody Publishers, 2005.

This book is a thorough and fascinating study of Biblical culture designed to improve one's understanding of God's Word.

*Reading Luke: A Literary and Theological Commentary on the Third Gospel* by Charles H. Talbert. Smyth & Helwys Publishing, Inc., 2002.

While not an easy-to-read book, it offers ideas and thoughts that might not be found in other volumes.

*A Walk with God: Luke* by R. C. Sproul. Christian Focus Publications, 2006.

R. C. Sproul offers clear insights into Luke's account of Jesus' life. His ideas are interesting and applicable to life today.

### Student Reading Materials

*Behind the Mask: A Book about Prepositions* by Ruth Heller. Penguin Group (USA), 1998.

Rhyming text provides examples of prepositions and some of the rules for using them. Large, colorful drawings illustrate the words.

*Daily Life at the Time of Jesus* by Miriam Feinberg Vamosh. Abingdon Press, 2001.

This book provides an inspiring, historical background of the life and times of Jesus. It is written in a concise and easy-to-understand manner with plenty of pictures to increase interest.

*Luke's Story* (The Jesus Chronicles Series, #3) by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. Penguin Group (USA), 2009.

Luke never met Jesus. Unlike the other Gospel writers, he never witnessed Jesus perform miracles or heard Him impart the Word that healed the souls of so many. No, his was a belief built on faith alone, like that of believers today. And his Gospel, filled with the stories of the Lord's divinity, speaks to the hearts of Christians everywhere. This novel tells the story of Luke in order to introduce readers to the Gospels.

*Messiah* by Jerry D. Thomas. Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2002.

This book is a contemporary adaptation of the classic work on Jesus' life, *The Desire of Ages* by Ellen G. White. Thomas' friendly style amplifies the beautiful message of this devotional classic, making the sublime themes of the original easier to grasp.

*Up Close with Jesus: Getting Deep in the Book of Luke* (Truthquest Student Commentaries Series) by Steve Heels and Lawrence Himbrough. B and H Publishing Group, 2004.

This study guide, written for teens, goes through the book of Luke. It has a fill-in-the-blank format and brings up some great discussion issues.

### Audio CD, DVDs

**All of these materials should be previewed by the teacher prior to sharing with students.**

*Close to Jesus: The Stories of Those He Touched* (DVD) distributed by Artisan Home Entertainment, 2004.

This 4 DVD set shares stories of those who were touched by Jesus: Mary Magdalene, Joseph of Nazareth, Judas, and Thomas.

*The Jesus I Never Knew: Six Sessions on the Life of Christ* (DVD) by Philip Yancey. ZondervanGroupware, 2008.

This six-session DVD resource helps participants experience the Jesus they may never have known. The drama and immediacy of motion pictures are used to compare well-and little-known film portraits of Jesus with the Jesus of the Bible.

*The Life of Jesus: Dramatic Eyewitness Accounts from the Luke Reports* (Audio CD) by Paul McCusker. Tyndale Entertainment, 2006.

In first century Palestine, the physician Luke is on a mission to chronicle the life of the carpenter's son from Nazareth, Jesus. Luke searches for first-hand witnesses to the miracles and controversies surrounding the man they call "the Christ."

*Miracles of the Master* (DVD) by Richard Stenbakken. Distributed by Pacific Press Publishing Association, 2007.

Dr. Stenbakken brings to life six Biblical characters that were affected by the life of Christ, one of whom is Luke. The purpose of the DVD is to bring Biblical events and people to life, and to help us come face-to-face with our own personal struggles and journey as we encounter Jesus.

*The Visual Bible: The Gospel of Matthew* (DVD). Distributed by Casscom Media, 2007.

This powerful and entertaining film is taken word for word from the text of the New International Version translation of the Bible. It begins during the first century when the aging Apostle Matthew recalls the remarkable events he witness when Jesus was on earth.