Celebrating America: Teaching About Patriotic Holidays
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Resources for teaching about patriotic holidays and topics for PreK-6.

Teaching Resources:

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Juvenile Fiction:

Learn how Woodrow gets to the White House, this story explains the election process from public office to the presidency.
**Call Number: PJ Bar**

(Grades 3-5).
A big rainstorm and a power failure during a Fourth of July picnic in honor of Uncle Chente cause a change in plans, resulting in a special family gathering.
**Call Number: PJ Ber**

A boy and his father come from far away to visit the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington to find the boy’s grandfather’s name.
**Call Number: PJ Bun**

Charlotte Stuart writes a series of letters to George Washington, whose portrait is being painted by her father, reporting on her efforts and her brothers to follow the rules of good behavior in a book that he had given them.
**Call Number: J Cul**

This well-known folk song is accompanied by a tribute from folksinger Pete Seeger, the musical notation, and a biographical scrapbook with photographs.
**Call Number: PJ Gut**

Town residents prepare to celebrate the Fourth of July with food, a parade, and fireworks.
**Call Number: PJ Kim**

(Grades PreK-2).
On Becky’s first day at a new school, she finds that she has a chance to run for class president.
**Call Number: PJ McN**

**Call Number: PJ Mor**

Two popular students’ Tiffany and Charles make outrageous promises during their campaign, Otto enters the race vowing to try and do what the students want.

**Call Number: PJ Wel**

When a girl from New York visits her cousin in Texas, she learns the origin of Juneteenth, a holiday marking the day Texan slaves realized they were free.

**Call Number: J Wes**

A Taino Indian boy on the island of San Salvador recounts the landing of Columbus and his men in 1492.

**Call Number: PJ Yol**

**Juvenile Biographies:**

A brief biography of the Presidents of the United States from George Washington to George W. Bush.

**Call Number: j973.09 Bau**

Each letter of the alphabet is represented by an important woman in United States history.

**Call Number: j973.09 Che**

Presents short biographies of fifty famous Americans known for their great contributions to society.

**Call Number: j920 Den**
This picture book biography traces Woodhull’s many careers and accomplishments, emphasizing her 1872 run for the presidency.
**Call Number: jB Woodhull**

A tribute to thirteen groundbreaking Americans and the ideals that have shaped our nation.
**Call Number: j973.099 Oba**

Presents the stories of ten African-American men from different eras in American history.
**Call Number: j973.049 Pin**

A sampler of 18 famous Americans.
**Call Number: j973.09 Roo**

The story of young Abe Lincoln, his struggles after the death of his mother and how a library of books turned his life around.
**Call Number: jB Lincoln**

Illuminates the bravery and tenacity of women who have paved the way for young leaders today in the political field. Because they have become enabled and empowered, why not the presidency?
**Call Number: j320.082 Thi**

Presents a brief look at the life of Christopher Columbus and his search for a new route to the Indies.
**Call Number: jB Col**
History and Facts:

This series introduces American holidays and explains the historical events behind it, how it became a holiday, and how it is observed.

*Columbus Day*  Call Number: j394.264 Ans
*Labor Day*  Call Number: j394.264 Ans
*Martin Luther King Day*  Call Number: j394.261 Ans
*Memorial Day*  Call Number: j394.262 Ans
*President's Day*  Call Number: j394.261 Ans
*Veterans Day*  Call Number: j394.264 Ans

Learn why we set off fireworks to celebrate America’s birthday and what other people do to honor the country on this fun holiday.
Call Number: j394.2634 App

An alphabet book that teaches about important events, ideas, and the people of the United States.
Call Number: j973 Che

Simple text and photographs describe the origins of Memorial Day, and why it is important to honor those who gave their lives for their country.
Call Number: j394.262 Dit

New York, NY: Holiday House. (Grade 4-7).
Describes the events leading up to the Declaration of Independence as well as the personalities and politics behind its framing.
Call Number: j973.3 Fre

Chicago, IL: Chicago Review Press. (Grade 4-8).
Biographical guide about Abraham Lincoln, his personal and family life, with activities, photos, and paintings.
Call Number: j973.7092 Her
Describes how the Constitution was drafted and ratified.
**Call Number: j342.73 Mae**

Rhyming text describes Christopher Columbus’s first voyage to the New World.
Includes teachers guide.
**Call Number: [Big Book] j970.01 Mar**

(Grade K-2).
Describes the process of elections to choose the president of the United States and
leaders in state and local governments.
**Call Number: j324.6 McG**

Chicago, IL: Chicago Review Press. (Grade 4-8).
Provides insight into George Washington’s personality and the highlights of his
life with activities from the era he lived in.
**Call Number: j973.4 Mil**

Explains the importance of voting, different methods of voting, and how voting
helps us take part in our government.
**Call Number: j324.6 Mur**

National Archives and Records Administration. (2003). *Our documents: 100 milestone
documents from the National Archives.* Oxford, Eng.: Oxford University Press.
(Grade 5-12).
A collection of one hundred documents that were important in the development of
the United States from its founding to 1965.
**Call Number: j973 Uni**

Veterans Day, formally known as Armistice Day, has become a holiday that
honors veterans of all wars.
**Call Number: j394.264 Ris**

(Grade 3-5).
Presents facts about the qualifications and characteristics of United States
presidents, from George Washington to Bill Clinton.
**Call Number: j973.099 Sai**
Panoramas, cross sections, and diagrams provide a detailed portrayal of the construction of the Statue of Liberty.
**Call Number: j974.71 Sha**

Learn about the history and symbolism of our flag.
**Call Number: j929.9 Tou**

An introduction to the significance of Flag Day, which is celebrated every June 14 in the United States to commemorate the anniversary of the creation of the country’s flag.
**Call Number: j394.263 Wal**

**Poetry, Songs, and Speeches:**

These stories take us back in time to the days leading up to and following the first 4th of July.
**Call Number: j394.268 Gib**

Presents the context for the writing of the famous poem by the Canadian medical officer who attended injured soldiers in Flanders during the First World War.
**Call Number: j811.52 Gra**

An anthology of poems about American independence.
**Call Number: j811.5 Bea**

Fourteen poems to celebrate the lives of famous American’s from Sacagawea to Neil Armstrong.
**Call Number: j811.008 Liv**
Illustrates three verses of our national anthem, written at the battle of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. Music score is included.
**Call Number:** j784.7 Key

**Call Number:** j745.5 Kus

Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg address presented in large black and white illustrations.
**Call Number:** j973.7 Lin

A patriotic poem celebrating the flag of the United States.
**Call Number:** j979.9 Rya

A DVD illustrating patriotic songs in sign language.
**Call Number:** [Videorecording] j419 We v.2

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