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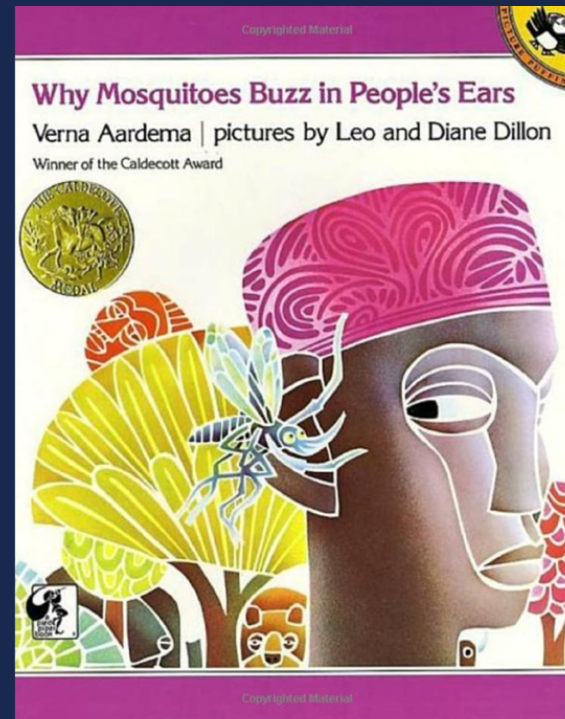
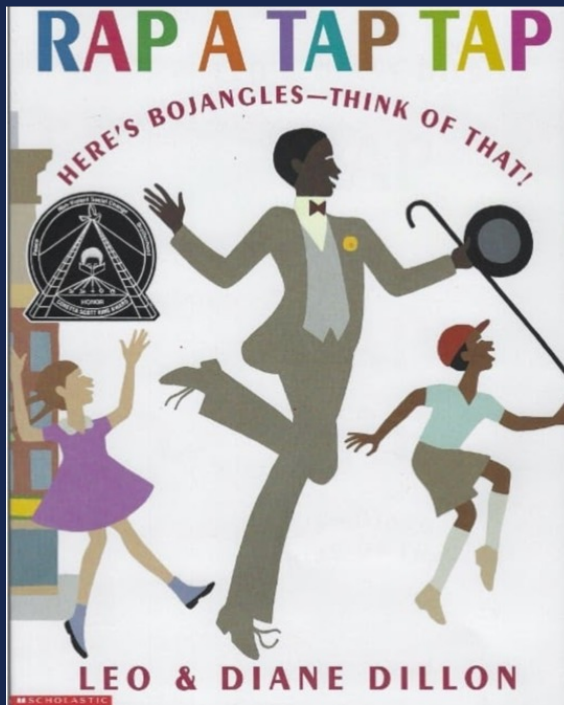
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# Wit & Wisdom Curriculum

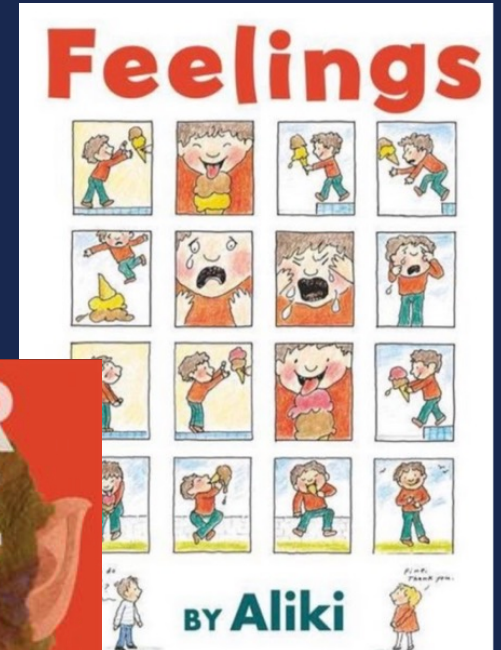
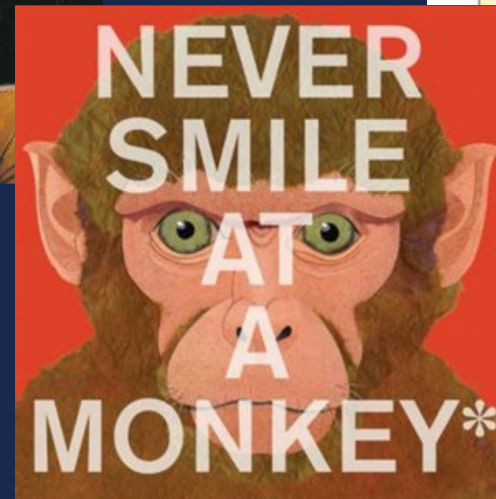
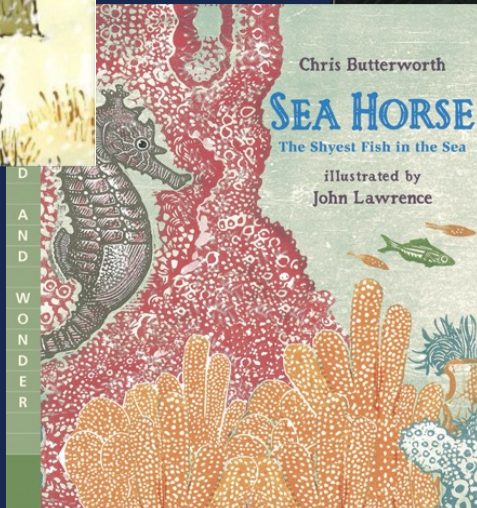
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  - [www.GreatMinds.org](http://www.GreatMinds.org)
- K-5 English Language Arts Curriculum
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- Currently subject of a lawsuit
- Visit W&W Resource Library
  - [www.MomsforLibertyWC.org/resources/wit-wisdom](http://www.MomsforLibertyWC.org/resources/wit-wisdom)
- Read affidavits for Parents' Choice TN lawsuit
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# Books of Concern - Kindergarten



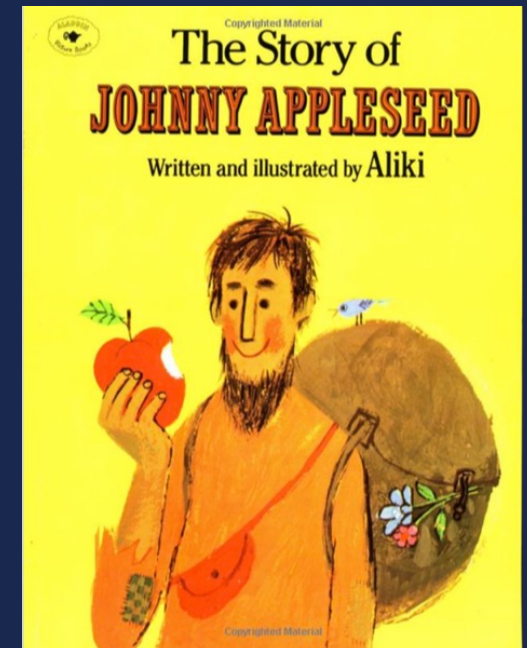
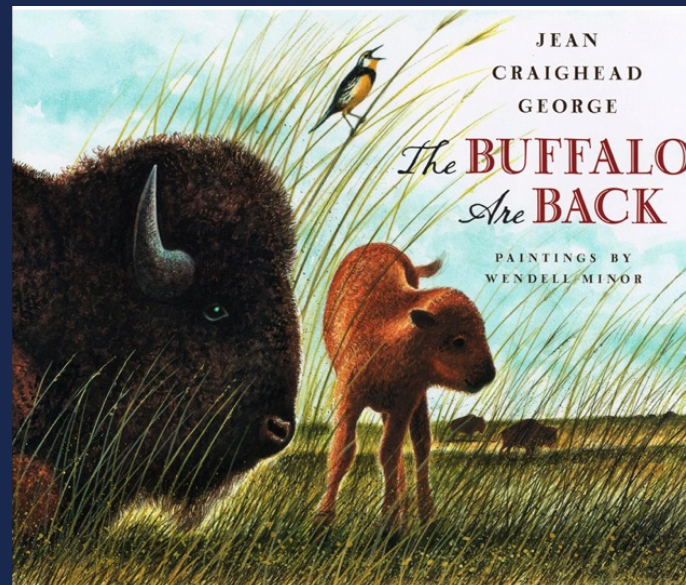
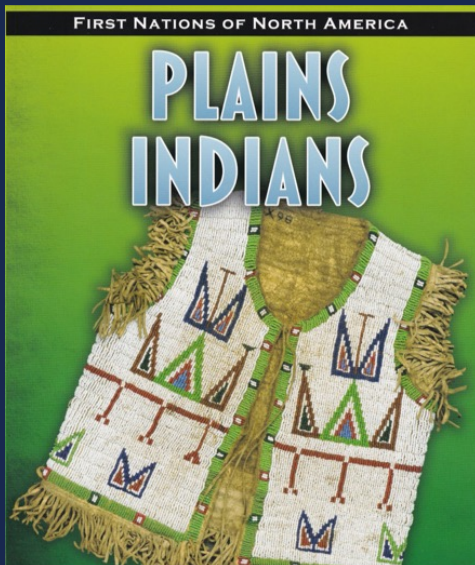
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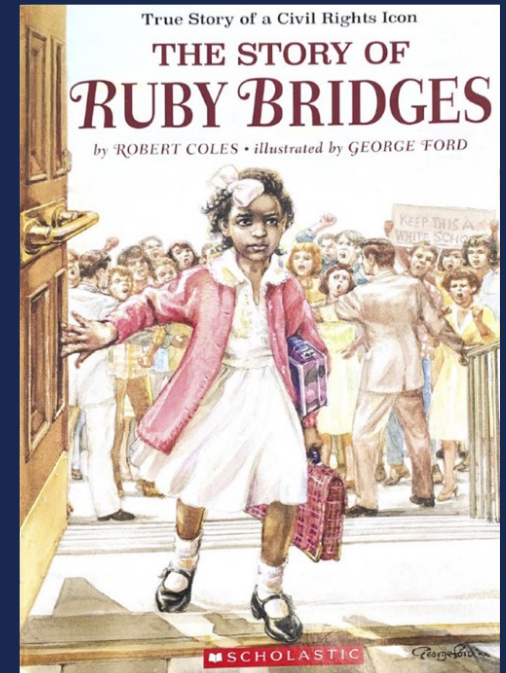
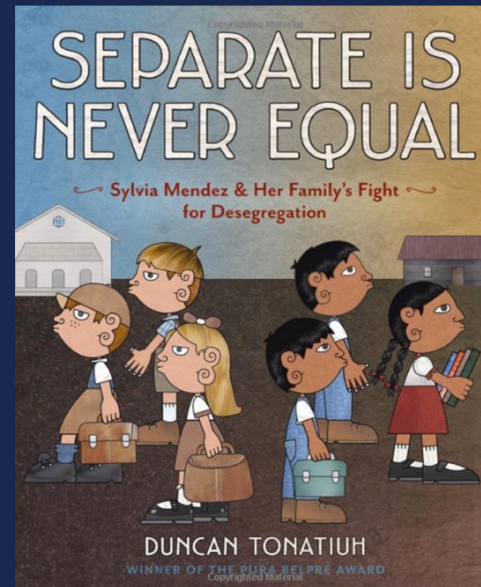
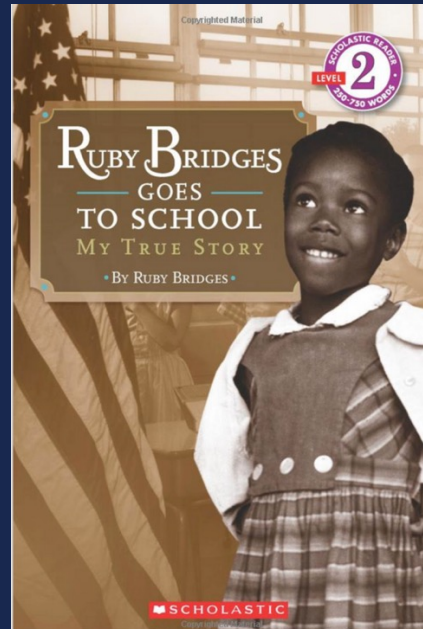
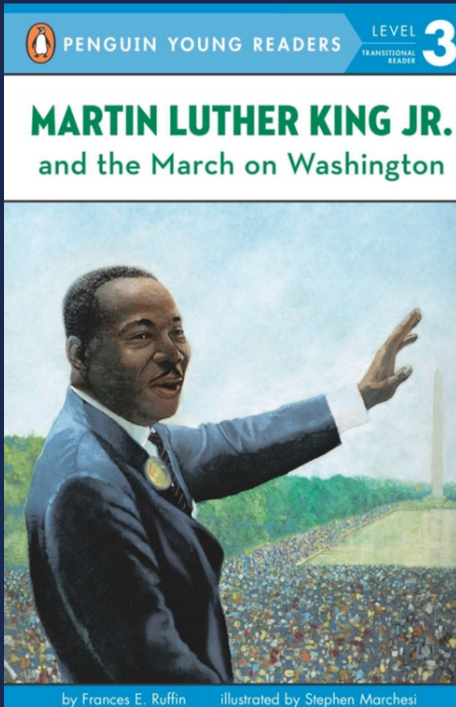
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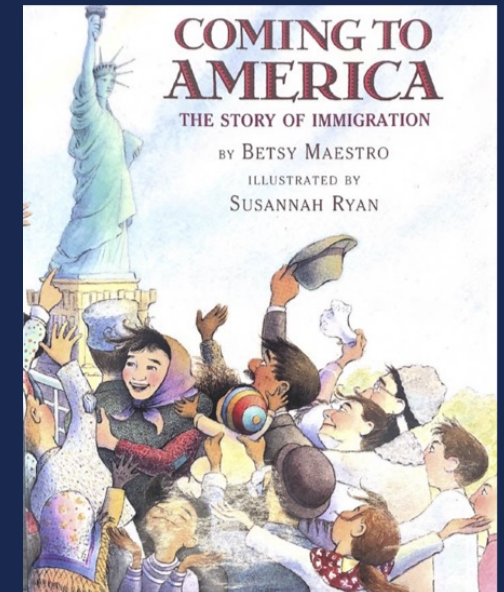
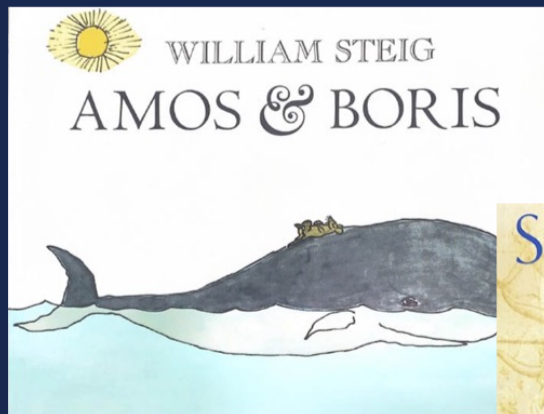
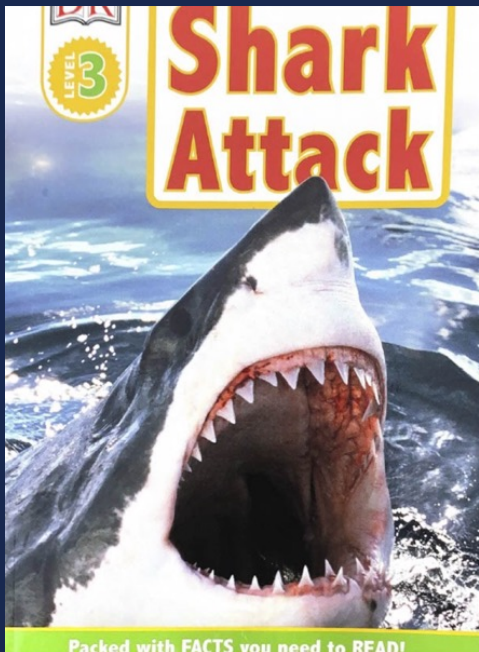
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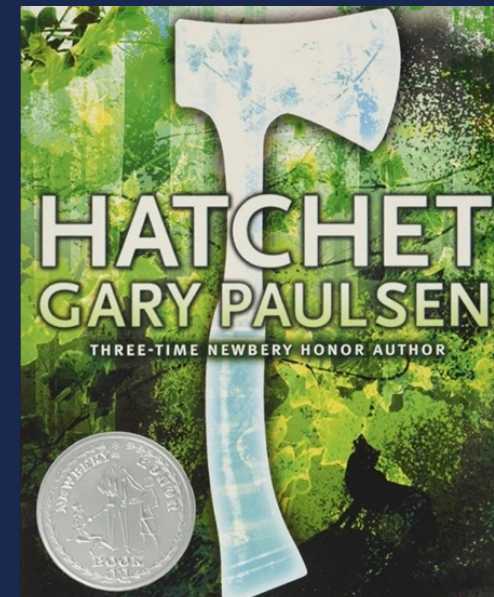
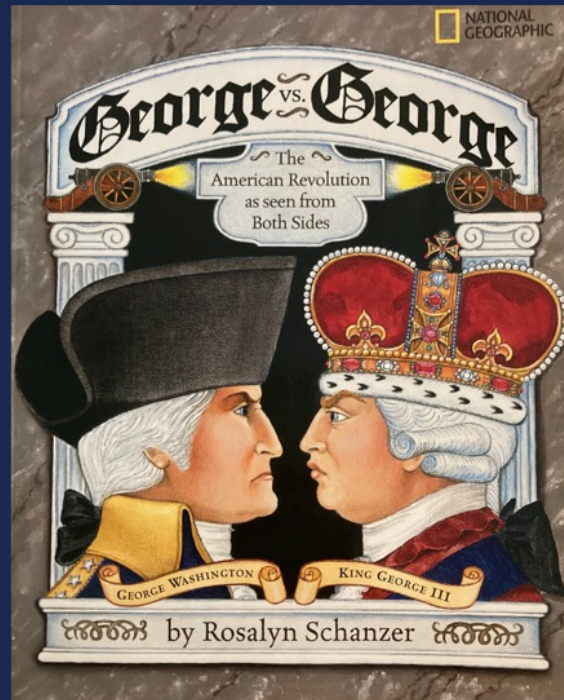
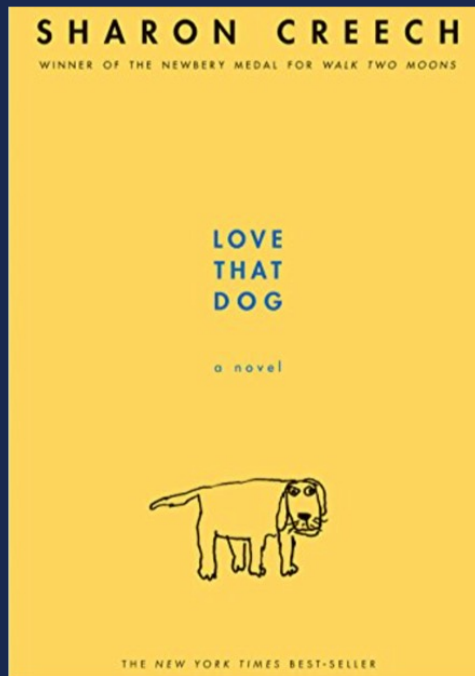
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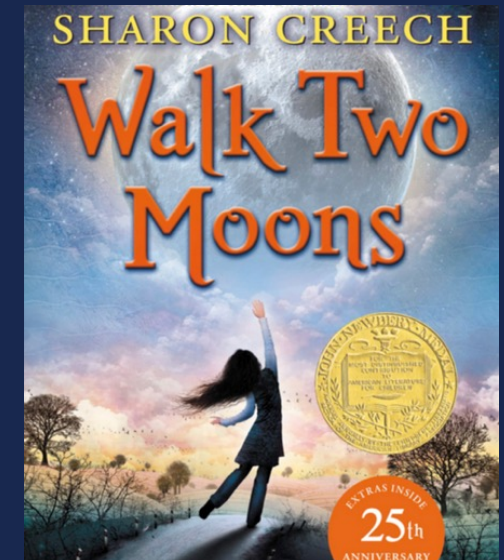
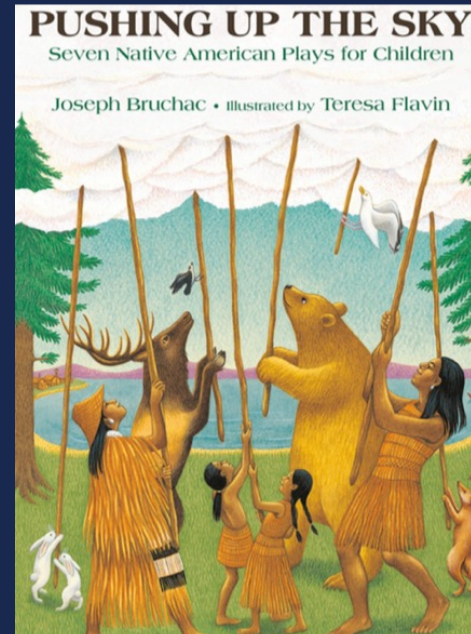
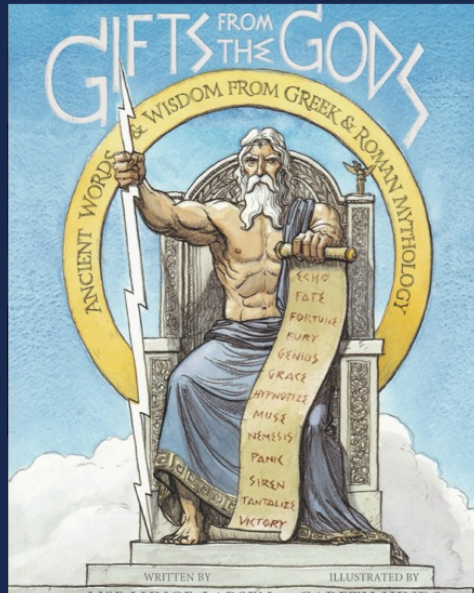
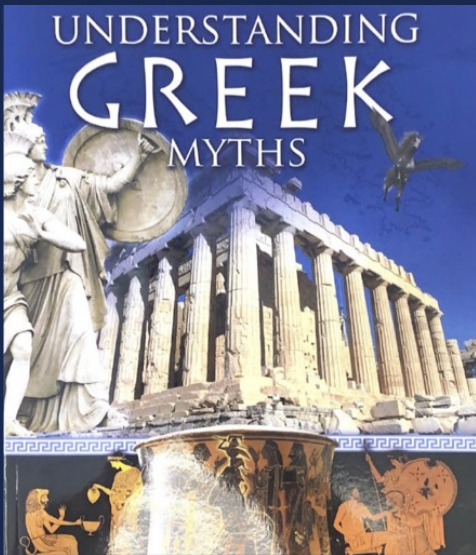
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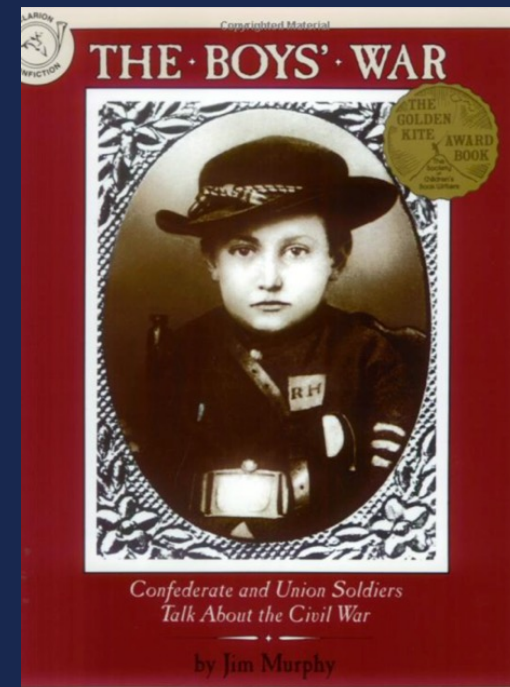
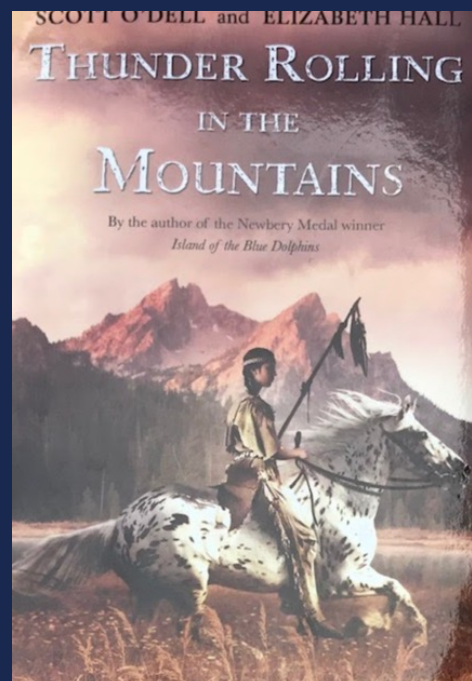
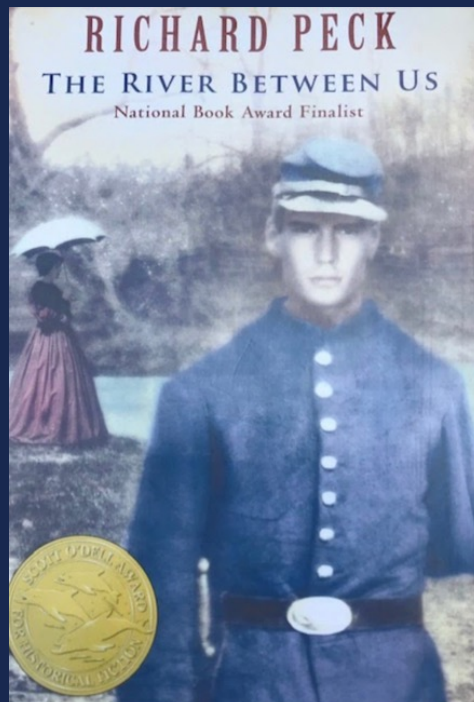
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# Books of Concern - 5th Grade

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# Wit & Wisdom Opt-Out Template

## Wit & Wisdom

Only YOU can make the decision about submitting your opt-out to the school, understand what the specific concerns are to your child.

### Using the letter/form:

- 1) Be sure to date your letter
- 2) Provide your email address in the letter
- 3) Include your child's name, grade, and school
- 4) Delete the grades/books that D
- 5) Sign, Print, Date to complete

This is meant as a guide to help you opt out of changes, please do so as required to suit your needs.

Once you have submitted your letter, please email us at [Info@MomsforLibertyWC.org](mailto:Info@MomsforLibertyWC.org)

We also encourage you to share your letter with other parents in your district.

When parents let us know that they have opted out, we will continue our work to support our students.

If you have additional comments or questions, you can securely message us at: [Info@MomsforLibertyWC.org](mailto:Info@MomsforLibertyWC.org)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Principal \_\_\_\_\_

Attached, you will find the parent opt-out form for the school year 2021-2022. Please return this to the principal and all teachers, including media center/technology.

Please respond by email to confirm your opt-out.

1. What alternative curriculum would you like to use?
  - a. A lesson plan
  - b. Assignments that are appropriate for the grade level
  - c. Alternate, grade-appropriate materials
2. Where my child(ren) will be receiving instruction
3. Who will be supervising/teaching the child(ren)
4. I would like to see all supplemental instructional materials used by the school
5. (optional) How will my child(ren) be receiving instruction

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Signed, \_\_\_\_\_

- Under T.C.A. 49-2-124, I DO NOT CONSENT to my child, \_\_\_\_\_, being administered psychotropic medication, a mental health screening, evaluation, testing or examination.

Parent and/or Legal Guardian

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Reference: Law's and Policies to know and

T.C.A. § 49-6-7003. A parent or legal guardian has the right to review all teaching materials, instructional materials, and other teaching aids used in the classroom of the parent or legal guardian's child; and to review tests that are developed by and graded by a teacher of the parent or legal guardian's child. LEAs shall make all teaching materials, including handouts readily available for review upon request by the parents or legal guardians.

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- I DO NOT CONSENT to my child, \_\_\_\_\_, participating in the reading and discussion of the below books and all of their associated lessons. I am requesting alternate academic instruction, during the same period.

I request that this notification be included in the notification to all persons instructing my child during the 2021-2022 school year and will lead to additional actions to protect my child.

### School:

#### Books/Videos opting out of:

#### Kindergarten

- Why do Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears
- Rap a Tap Tap
- The Carta marina MAP AKA the Monster Map

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

- Seahorse: The Shyest Fish in the Sea
- VIDEO: "Pygmy Seahorses: Master of Camouflage"
- What Do You Do With A Tail Like This?
- Brave Irene
- Feelings
- Hurricane
- The Rough-Face Girl
- Never Smile At A Monkey
- Compare Organization of Millet and Van Gogh

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

- First Nations of North America: Plains Indians
- The Buffalo are Back
- The Story of Johnny Appleseed
- Johnny Appleseed
- Martin Luther King Jr and the March to Washington
- The Story of Ruby Bridges
- Separate is Never Equal
- When Peace Met Power (article)
- "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around"
- How can people respond to injustice - Video

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- Shark Attack!
- Amos and Boris
- Starry Messenger: Galileo
- Immigration: Who and Why (Article)
- Family Pictures, by Carmen Lomas Garza
- Alvin Ailey by Andrea Davis Pinkney (video)
- Coming to America

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Love that Dog
- All summer in a Day Pt1 and Pt2 (video & handout)
- Hatchet
- George vs George: The American Revolution as seen through the eyes of a boy
- Walk Two Moons (removed Feb 2022)
- The Boston Massacre, Paul Revere photo and assassination
- "Massacre in King Street," Mark Clemens
- Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak, Kay Winters
- Cannibal Monster play and all accompanying lessons
- Native American Plays for Children"
- Understanding Greek Myths
- Gifts from the Gods: Ancient Words & Wisdom from the Greeks

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Thunder Rolling in the Mountains
- Lincoln Hall Speech (Surrender Speech)
- The River Between Us
- We Are The Ship: The Story of the Negro League Football Team
- VIDEO: "The Civil War: The Cause" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...>)
- VIDEO: "The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...>)
- Video - America Divided (<https://www.history.com/shows/america-divided>)

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# Wit & Wisdom Resources



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- Click “Legal”
- Read the Lawsuit
- Affidavits by:
  - Trisha Lucente
  - Dr. James Lindsay
  - Jennifer McWilliams

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DAVE ALLEN, in his official capacity as )  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF )  
TEACHING ASSESSMENT; PENNY )  
SCHWINN, in her official capacity as )  
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and the WILLIAMSON COUNTY )  
BOARD OF EDUCATION; )  
*Defendants.* )

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES LIND

Comes now the Affiant, James Lindsay Ph.D,  
hereby depose and say as follows:

1. I am an adult citizen and resident of Blount Cou  
affidavit based on my own personal knowledge.
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AFFIDAVIT OF JENNIFER McWILLIAMS

Comes now the Affiant, Jennifer McWilliams, and b  
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1. I am an adult citizen and resident of Madison County  
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AFFIDAVIT OF PATRICIA JANE LUCENTE

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hereby depose and say as follows:

1. I am an adult citizen and resident of Williamson County, Tennessee, and  
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2. I attest that the materials attached hereto are true and accurate copies of  
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3. The log-in information for the Wit & Wisdom online Teacher's Manu  
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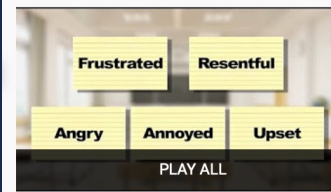


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- “Let’s Talk Wit & Wisdom” video
- Parent Book Reviews
- Full Teachers Manuals (pdf)
  - FL content same as TN
- Teachers Manuals Reviews
- YouTube Playlist (Next Slide)

A screenshot of the MOMS for LIBERTY website. The header includes the logo, navigation links (HOME, RESOURCES, EVENTS, BLOG, PHOTOS, PRESS, DONATE, CONTACT), and a "JOIN NOW" button. The main content area is titled "WIT &amp; WISDOM LIBRARY". Below the title, there is a logo for "PARENTS' CHOICE TENNESSEE" with the tagline "Our Tax Dollars, Our Children, Our Choice". To the right, text provides information about a lawsuit against Wit &amp; Wisdom in Williamson County Schools, with links to "Download the Lawsuit HERE" and "Read supporting documents HERE". Below this is a section titled "OPT-OUT OF WIT &amp; WISDOM" containing two video thumbnails. The first thumbnail is titled "Let's Talk Wit &amp; Wisdom 2" and is described as "A presentation of Parents' Findings". The second thumbnail is titled "EPOCH TIMES INTERVIEWS ROBIN STEENMAN..." and features a woman speaking. Both thumbnails have a "Share" button and a YouTube logo.

# Video Resources

- Pro-bono work by John Spiropolous in 2021
- 11 total videos (2-14 mins)
- Covers selected K-2 books
- YouTube channel:
  - **“MFL WC”**
- Playlist:
  - **“Wit & Wisdom Exposed”**



WIT & WISDOM

EXPOSED

11 videos • 169 views • Last updated on Sep 25, 2021

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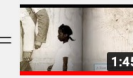
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Kindergarten - Why Mosquitoes Buzz in Peoples Ears

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2nd Grade - Teaching 7-year-olds The "N" Word

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2nd Grade - Role-Playing a Story on Racism

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2nd Grade - Social Justice Warrior Training

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2nd Grade - Weaponizing a Heroic Story

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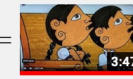
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2nd Grade - Separate Is Never Equal

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2nd Grade - Teaching Ethnic Slurs

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1st Grade - Negative Feelings Book

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1st Grade - Seahorse the Shyest Fish in the Sea



# Online Resources

DOWNLOAD the OPT-OUT TOOLKIT

DOWNLOAD the OPT-OUT ZOOM CALL

## Resource Library

A collection of resources and information to help educate and inform.



Critical Race Theory (CRT)

Learn More



Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Learn More



Wit & Wisdom Curriculum

Learn More



SAVVAS Curriculum (Trade Books)

Learn More



Library Books

Coming Soon



Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE)

Coming Soon



Gender Ideology

Coming Soon



Restorative Justice

Coming Soon

## OPT-OUT TOOL KITS



Wit & Wisdom Curriculum (Elementary ELA Curriculum)

Opt-Out Kit



Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

Coming Soon



SAVVAS Curriculum (Trade Books) (MS/HS ELA)

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Comprehensive Sex Education (CSE)

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Student Surveys

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Medical Releases

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