

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

6th Grade English

UNIT 1: DEVELOPING RESILIENCE: THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM—1963

Fiction Texts with Aligned Themes and Topics

- *One Crazy Summer* by Rita Williams-Garcia*
- *Abby Takes a Stand: 1960* by Patricia McKissack*
- *Mama's Window* by Lynn Rubright, Patricia McKissack*
- *Mississippi Bridge* by Mildred D. Taylor*
- *Ruth and the Green Book* by Calvin A. Ramsey, Floyd Cooper*
- *Memphis, Martin, and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968* by Alice Faye Duncan, R. Gregory Christie*
- *Yolanda's Genius* by Carol Fenner**
- *Show Way* by Jacqueline Woodson**
- *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon M. Draper**
- *The Rock and the River* by Kekia Magoon**
- *The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano* by Sonia Manzano**
- *The Civil Rights Reader: American Literature from Jim Crow to Reconciliation* by Amy Schmidt, Julie Armstrong (Editor), Booker T. Washington**
- *Freshwater Road* by Denise Nicholas**
- *The Fog Machine* by Susan Follett**
- *Meridian* by Alice Walker**
- *Mississippi Trial, 1955* by Chris Crowe**

Non-Fiction Texts with Aligned Themes and Topics

- *My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.* by Christine King Farris
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose
- *Remember: The Journey to School Integration* by Toni Morrison
- *The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles
- *The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights* by Russell Freedman
- *As Fast as Words Could Fly* by Pamela M. Tuck, Eric Velasquez (Illustrator)
- *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* by Carole Boston Weatherford
- *Selma, Lord, Selma: Girlhood Memories of the Civil Rights Days* by Sheyann Webb-Christburg, Rachel West Nelson Milhouse, Frank Sikora
- *Getting Away with Murder* by Chris Crowe

Additional Texts by the Author

- *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis

- *The Mighty Miss Malone* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *Bucking The Sarge* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The Madman of Piney Woods* by Christopher Paul Curtis
- *The Journey of Little Charlie* by Christopher Paul Curtis

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