



### Background Knowledge

Florida is committed to helping students build background knowledge, so much so that it is codified in statute. Giving students the opportunity to read nonfiction and literary texts that reinforce and scaffold what they are learning in their content areas will give them the schema to which they can tie new learning.

### Civic Literacy Reading List

These civic-focused texts are the source of building background knowledge and vocabulary in the lower grades and a rich study in rhetoric, reasoning, and argumentation in the upper grades.

They are designed to reinforce civics instruction by providing quality texts to which students can apply their developing reading and reasoning skills.

### Kindergarten-1st Grade

Title	Author
<i>A Picture Book of Benjamin Franklin</i>	Adler, David A.
<i>D is for Democracy: A Citizen's Alphabet</i>	Grodin, Elissa
<i>George Washington</i>	Abraham, Philip
<i>I Pledge Allegiance</i>	Martin, Bill Jr. and Sampson, Michael
<i>Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln: The Story of the Gettysburg Address</i>	Fritz, Jean
<i>Liberty Rising</i>	Shea, Pegi Deitz
<i>Red, White, and Blue: The Story of the American Flag</i>	Herman, John
<i>Saving the Liberty Bell</i>	McDonald, Megan
<i>The Bald Eagle</i>	Pearl, Norman
<i>The Camping Trip That Changed America: Theodore Roosevelt, John Muir, and our National Parks</i>	Rosenstock, Barb
<i>The Flag We Love</i>	Ryan, Pam Munoz
<i>The Liberty Bell</i>	Firestone, Mary
<i>The Star-Spangled Banner</i>	Spier, Peter
<i>The Very First Americans</i>	Ashrose, Cara
<i>The White House</i>	Douglas, Lloyd G.
<i>Woodrow, the White House Mouse</i>	Barnes, Peter