

Additional Readings:

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

By the Authors and Illustrators

Editors of TIME for Kids. *Jackie Robinson: Strong Inside and Out.* HarperTrophy, 2005. A concise biography of the great ball player with photographs.

APPROACHING

Ballard, Robert. *Ghost Liners: Exploring the World's Greatest Lost Ships.* Little Brown, 1998. In this mesmerizing narrative, the author describes the final tragic hours of five vessels, including the Andrea Doria and the Lusitania.

ON LEVEL

Related to the Theme

Krull, Kathleen. *Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolf Became the World's Fastest Woman.* Voyager, 2000. This is a triumphant story about a remarkable person who as a child contracted polio and went on to win three gold medals in the Olympics.

APPROACHING

Earle, Sylvia. *Hello Fish! Visiting the Coral Reef.* National Geographic Children's, 2001. Here is a nice introduction to twelve beautiful fish that live in the ocean with simple text and stunning photographs.

APPROACHING

Greenberg, Jan. *Chuck Close Up Close.* DK Ink, 1998. Chuck Close overcame many difficulties to create captivating oversized portraits.

APPROACHING

Butts, Ellen. *Eugenie Clark: Adventures of a Shark Scientist.* Linnet, 2000. A concise biography of a remarkable pioneer in the study of sharks.

APPROACHING

Freedman, Russell. *Babe Didrikson Zaharias: The Making of a Champion.* Clarion, 1999. A biography with photos of the great 20th century athlete that reveals her amazing athletic skills and her passion for life.

ON LEVEL

Goodman, Susan. *The Ultimate Field Trip 3: Wading Into Marine Biology.* Aladdin, 2000. An excursion into the Bay of Fundy in Maine is made by a group of middle school students from Boston. Full-color photos also help to tell the story of their trip.

ON LEVEL

Kent, Deborah. *Athletes With Disabilities.* Franklin Watts, 2003. Explores the people and events involved in sports competitions for the disabled and discusses the disabled who participate.

ON LEVEL

Dutemple, Lesley A. *Jacques Cousteau.* Lerner, 2000. This comprehensive biography covers Cousteau's childhood, his inventions, and his lifelong interest in oceanography.

ON LEVEL

Lawlor, Laurie. *Helen Keller: Rebellious Spirit.* Holiday House, 2001. A compelling account of a life of struggle, determination, and accomplishment, illustrated with photos.

BEYOND

Levinson, Nancy Smiler. *Magellan and the First Voyage Around the World.* Clarion, 2001. Maps, paintings, and lists of provisions enliven this exciting story of the epic 16th century odyssey.

BEYOND

Partridge, Elizabeth. *This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie.* Viking, 2002. The life of the remarkable singer and songwriter is told in a carefully researched text with many photos.

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Murphy, Jim. *Gone A-Whaling: The Lure of the Sea and the Hunt for the Great Whale.* Clarion, 1999. An engrossing look at whaling in the 19th century with first-person narratives and numerous photographs.

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WEEK 3

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WEEK 5

Editors of TIME for Kids. *Time for Kids: Harriet Tubman: A Woman of Courage*. Harper, 2005. Here is the inspiring story of Harriet Tubman who freed over 300 slaves as a “conductor” on the Underground Railroad.

APPROACHING

Cline-Ransome, Lesa. *Satchel Paige*. Simon and Schuster, 2000. Here is a biography of the famous African American baseball pitcher and the first black to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame.

APPROACHING

Park, Linda Sue. *Seesaw Girl*. Clarion, 1999. Upset by her living circumstances in 17th century Korea, Jade is compelled to do something about her life.

BEYOND

Osborne, Mary Pope. *New York’s Bravest*. Knopf, 2002. A tale about New York’s legendary firefighter, Mose Humphreys.

APPROACHING

Haduch, Bill. *Go Fly a Bike! The Ultimate Book About Bicycle Fun, Freedom and Science*. Dutton, 2004. The title says it all. It’s a lively blend of history, science, trivia, and practical advice on cycling and caring for your bike.

APPROACHING

Bishop, Nic. *Digging for Bird Dinosaurs*. Houghton, 2000. A team of paleontologists travel to Madagascar in 1998 to search for fossil birds.

APPROACHING *

Rappaport, Doreen. *Martin’s Big Words: The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr*. Hyperion, 2001. In this beautiful picture biography, the author captures the life of the eloquent Civil Rights leader.

APPROACHING

Kalman, Bobbie. *Cycling in Action*. Crabtree, 2002. A well-illustrated and brief introduction to the world of cycling with clear descriptions of the sport and the equipment needed.

APPROACHING

Ryan, Pam Muñoz. *When Marian Sang: The True Recital of Marian Anderson The Voice of a Century*. Scholastic, 2002. This is a wonderful introduction to Marian Anderson, the gifted opera singer whose life and career encouraged social change.

APPROACHING *

Erlbach, Arlene. *The Kids’ Volunteering Book*. Lerner, 1998. Presents volunteer opportunities for children along with a few profiles of kids who are involved in different volunteer programs.

ON LEVEL

Gutman, Bill. *Lance Armstrong: A Biography*. Simon Spotlight, 2003. The compelling story of the greatest cyclist who ever lived from his bout with cancer to his comeback to win the Tour de France seven times.

ON LEVEL

Freedman, Russell. *In the Days of the Vaqueros: America’s First True Cowboys*. Clarion, 2001. An engrossing history of the Mexicans who rode broncos and roped cattle, told with period paintings and original photographs.

ON LEVEL *

Kulling, Monica. *Eleanor Everywhere: The Life of Eleanor Roosevelt*. Random House, 1999. Profiles the first wife of a president to have a public life and career of her own that were devoted to helping others.

ON LEVEL

Soto, Gary. *Summer on Wheels*. Scholastic, 1995. Mondo and Hector enjoy several adventures when they take a six-day bike trip from their home in East Los Angeles to the Santa Monica beach during their summer vacation.

ON LEVEL

Myers, Walter Dean. *At Her Majesty’s Request: An African Princess in Victorian England*. Scholastic, 1999. To save her from execution, an African princess is brought to England where her upbringing is supervised by Queen Victoria.

ON LEVEL

Matthews, Tom L. *Always Inventing: A Photobiography of Alexander Graham Bell*. National Geographic, 1999. An absorbing portrait of the life and achievements of the great scientist and his lifelong efforts to improve people’s lives.

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Bledsoe, Lucy Jane, *The Big Bike Race*. Holiday House, 1995. Ernest’s hopes of winning a big Washington D. C. bike race are dashed when his grandmother gives him a big, clunky yellow bike.

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Andronik, Catherine M. *Hatshepsut, His Majesty, Herself*. Atheneum, 2001. A biography of the Egyptian queen who declared herself king and ruled as such for twenty years.

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Pettit, Jayne. *Jane Goodall: Pioneer Researcher*. Franklin Watts, 1999. A biography of the famed zoologist that focuses on the work with her beloved chimpanzees at the Gombe Reserve in Tanzania.

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Kurtz, Jane. *Bicycle Madness*. Holt, 2003. Told through the eyes of a young girl, this is the story of the feminist, Frances Willard, who in the late 19th century defied convention by demonstrating for fair labor laws and women’s rights.

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Lawrence, Ian. *Lord of the Nutcracker Men*. Delacorte, 2001. Johnny receives long, loving letters and hand-carved toy soldiers from his father who is fighting in the trenches during World War I.

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