

Hand in Hand



A RIF GUIDE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATORS

Themes: American History, Multiculturalism, Diversity

Grade Level: 1st to 8th grade

Book Brief: This anthology presents American history through poems from a diverse group of writers.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Allow kids to look at the beautiful double-page paintings by Peter M. Fiore. How do the pictures help you know what the anthology is about?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

STEREO READING (AGES 7-12)

Choose a poem with at least four stanzas (e.g. “Paul Revere Speaks,” “Western Wagons,” “When Johnny Comes Marching Home” or “We Shall Overcome”). Divide the kids into two groups. Have groups read the first and last stanzas aloud together. Alternate reading the other stanzas between the two groups. After the first read through, let the kids take turns being in the center so they can hear the stereo sound.

SYMBOLS OF AMERICA (AGES 5-12)

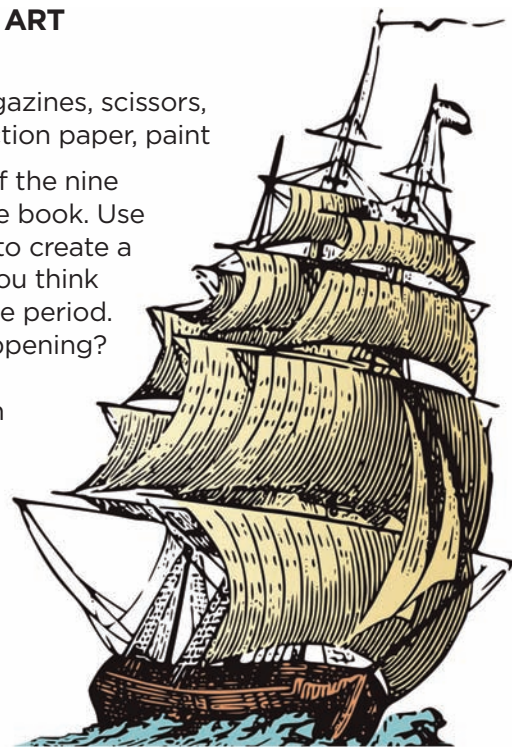
Materials: paper, markers or colored pencils

Use the internet or other reference materials to find pictures of American symbols. Choose one of the symbols. Pretend that you have been asked to make a new design. Draw your new symbol and explain why you chose that design.

HISTORICAL ART (AGES 7-12)

Materials: magazines, scissors, glue, construction paper, paint

Choose one of the nine sections of the book. Use the materials to create a collage that you think shows the time period. What was happening? What was the transportation like? How did people dress? Write a poem to go with your collage.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER POETRY ANTHOLOGIES BY THIS AUTHOR

Amazing Faces (2010), *My America, A Poetry Atlas of the United States* (2000), *Got Geography!* (2006).

TECHNOLOGY LINK FOR KIDS

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