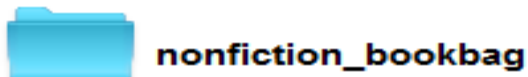


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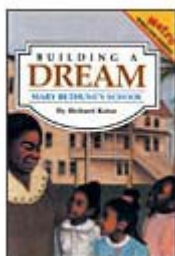
- Nonfiction supplement to core programs
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## GRADE 2



### **All for the Better: A Story of El Barrio, by Nicholasa Mohr.**

**All for the Better** tells of 11-year-old Evelina Lopez, who traveled alone in 1933 from Puerto Rico to New York's El Barrio and showed amazing courage during the Great Depression.



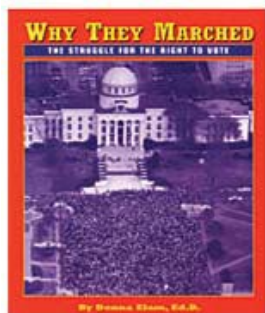
### **Building a Dream: Mary Bethune's School, by Richard Kelso.**

**Building a Dream** describes how Mary McLeod Bethune opened a school for African Americans— starting with a shabby cottage, discarded materials, and just \$1.50.



### **Hungry Plants, by Mary Batten.**

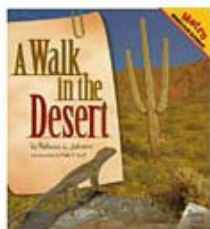
**Hungry Plants** explains how Venus flytraps, bladderworts, sundews, and other carnivorous plants have ingeniously adapted to life in the wild.



### **Why They Marched: The Struggle for the Right to Vote, Donna Elam Ed.D.**

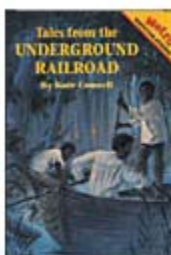
*Why They Marched* is the dramatic story of the events that occurred between January and March 1965 in Selma, Alabama, and which culminated in the 54-mile protest march from Selma to Montgomery, the state capital. The personal stories of participants in the Selma march are woven throughout this book and bring to life this important moment in the history of the American civil rights movement. *Why They Marched* chronicles the obstacles faced by civil rights activists, as well as their unflagging determination as they used nonviolent strategies in response to harsh verbal and physical abuse for one purpose only: to secure the right to vote in safety.

## GRADE 3



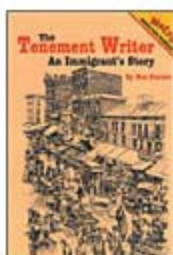
### **A Walk in the Desert, by Rebecca L. Johnson.**

**A Walk in the Desert** explores the geography of the Desert Southwest and explains how life survives in this harsh climate.



### **Tales from the Underground Railroad, by Kate Connell.**

*Tales from the Underground Railroad* is a collection of true stories about African Americans who escaped from slavery and were finally reunited with their families.



### **The Tenement Writer – An Immigrant’s Story, by Ben Sonder.**

**The Tenement Writer** tells of young Anzia Yeziarska and her family, who left Poland in 1890 seeking a better life in New York City—only to learn that America's streets were not paved with gold.

## GRADE 5



### **Hurricanes!: Fascinating Facts, Quizzes and Photos, by The Weather Channel.**

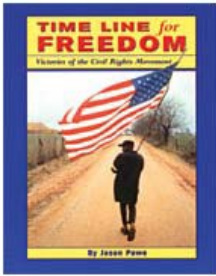
**Hurricanes!** examines the impact of several famous hurricanes, revealing how the latest scientific knowledge and technology allow meteorologists to track and monitor these powerful storms.



### **These Lands Are Ours – Tecumseh’s Fight for the Old Northwest, by Kate Connell.**

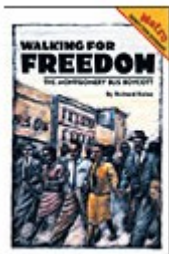
**These Lands Are Ours** describes how Shawnee leader Tecumseh organized and united Native Americans to fight the U.S. government's efforts to dislodge them from their native homes.

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**Time Line for Freedom : Victories of the Civil Rights Movement,  
by Jason Powe.**

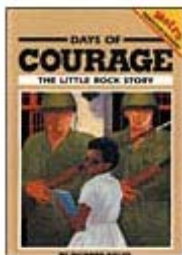
*Time Line for Freedom* highlights major victories of the American civil rights movement, beginning with the 1935 struggle of Charles Houston, Thurgood Marshall, and the NAACP as they addressed the issue of segregation in America's public schools, colleges, and law schools. The subsequent events of this book are set in the South during the volatile 1950s and '60s, when segregation was still the standard, and voting in safety was only a dream. The fierce determination of those involved in the struggle for equal rights is often told from a dramatic first-person viewpoint that is certain to provide a memorable experience for young readers.



**Walking for Freedom : The Montgomery Bus Boycott,  
by Richard Kelso.**

**Walking for Freedom** recounts Rosa Parks's arrest for refusing to give up her bus seat to a white rider—and how the news mobilized local African Americans, culminating in the Montgomery bus boycott.

**GRADE 6**



**Days of Courage: The Little Rock Story,  
by Richard Kelso.**

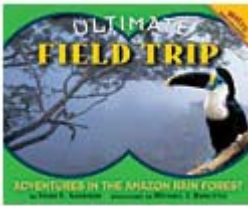
**Days of Courage** presents the dramatic story of nine African American teenagers from Little Rock, Arkansas, who risked their lives to go to a school they had every right to attend.



**La Causa – The Migrant Farmworkers Story, by  
Dana Catherine de Ruiz and Richard Larios.**

**La Causa** is a modern David-and-Goliath tale that recounts the life of Cesar Chavez, who fought on behalf of, and alongside, poor migrant farm workers paid too little to live.

Grade 6,  
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**Ultimate Field Trip – Adventures in the Amazon Rainforest,  
by Susan E. Goodman.**

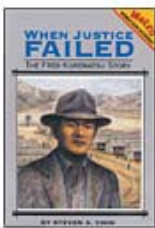
**Ultimate Field Trip** follows a group of young Americans who travel to the Amazon rain forest to learn about its geography, ecology, and culture.

**GRADE 7**



**They Shall be Heard: Susan B. Anthony & Elizabeth Cady Stanton,  
by Kate Connell.**

**They Shall Be Heard** profiles Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, pioneers in the Women's Rights movement from the mid-19th century into the 20th.



**When Justice Failed: The Fred Korematsu Story,  
By Steven A. Chin.**

**When Justice Failed** follows Japanese American Fred Korematsu, who was arrested and forced to move with his family to an internment center after the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

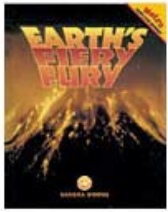
**Grade 8 - From Civil War to Civil Rights**



**A Place called Heartbreak – A Story of Vietnam,  
by Walter Dean Myers.**

**Place Called Heartbreak** profiles Air Force Major Fred Cherry, an African American fighter pilot who was shot down during the Vietnam War and spent seven long years as a prisoner of war.

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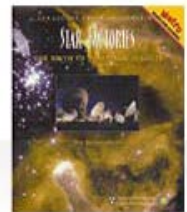
**Earth's Fiery Fury,  
by Sandra Downs.**

**Earth's Fiery Fury** looks at volcanoes—their formation, their spectacular eruptions, how they create new landforms, and how we use their power.



**Osceola – Patriot and Warrior, by  
Moses Jumper and Ben Sonder.**

**Osceola** portrays a Seminole leader's struggle to resist U.S. Army efforts to uproot his people from their Florida home and move them to the Arkansas Territory.



**Star Factories – The Birth of Stars and Planets,  
by Ray Jayawardhana.**

**Star Factories** tracks modern astronomers as they discover a new answer to a question that has puzzled sky-watchers for centuries: How do stars and planets come into being?