

Social Studies & Me! Connecting Red Clover Books to the Social Studies Standards **Sally Anderson, Red Clover Award Conference 2011**

Social Studies is the study of people and how they live. Children are curious about themselves, the people around them, and the world in which we all live.

The National Council for Social Studies (NCSS) defines Social Studies as “the integrated study of the social sciences and humanities to promote civil competence.” NCSS also asserts that the main purpose of teaching Social Studies is “to help young people develop the ability to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good as citizens of a culturally diverse, democratic society and an interdependent world.”

Stories are a powerful way to introduce Social Studies to children. Stories bring Social Studies to life. They can help children learn how to use Social Studies skills, knowledge and inquiry to address their own real-life problems.

Social Studies Inquiry

- Initiate an inquiry by developing/asking questions
- Share ideas/develop a hypothesis, thesis or research statement based on prior knowledge
- Design research
- Conduct research
- Develop reasonable explanations that support the research statement
- Make connections to research (discussions, proposing solutions, asking other questions)
- Communicate their findings (drawings, oral or written report, etc.)

History

Hog Music by M.C. Helldorfer (2001-2002)
Fannie in the Kitchen by Deborah Hopkinson (2002-2003)
Rhyolite by Diane Siebert (2004-2005)
Mary Smith by Andrea U'Ren (2004-2005)
Miss Bridie Chose a Shovel by Leslie Conner (2005-2006)
Fireboat by Maira Kalman (2003-2004)
Boxes for Katje by Candace Fleming (2004-2005)
Dadblamed Union Army Cow by Susan Fletcher (2008-2009)
Wind Flyers by Angela Johnson (2008-2009)
Owney the Mail-Pouch Pooch by Mona Kerby (2009-2010)
Abe Lincoln Crosses a Creek by Deborah Hopkinson (2009-2010)

Floods

Nora's Ark by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock (2006-2007)
River Friendly, River Wild by Jane Kurtz

Vermont

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin (1998-1999)
From Dawn till Dusk by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock (2003-2004)

Sports / Teams / History

Lou Gehrig by David Adler (1998-1999)

Mudball by Matt Tavares (2006-2007)

Girl Wonder by Deborah Hopkinson (2004-2005)

Physical and Cultural Geography

Mapping

I Lost My Bear by Jules Feiffer (1999-2000)

Going North by Janice Harrington (2005-2006)

Me on the Map by Joan Sweeney

My Map Book by Sara Fanelli

As the Crow Flies by Gail Hartman

Where Do I Live? By Neil Chesnow

Mapping Penny's World by Loreen Leedy

Books about taking a walk: *Rosie's Walk* by Pat Hutchins, *Down the Road* by Alice Schertle,

Where are you going Manyoni? by Catherine Stock

Environmental Issues

Night of the Pufflings by Bruce McMillan (1996-1997)

Wangari's Trees of Peace by Jeannette Winter (2009-2010)

Pale Male by Janet Schulman (2009-2010)

Finding Home by Sandra Markle (2009-2010)

Redwoods by Jason Chin (2010-2011)

Environments / Communities

From Dawn till Dusk by Natalie Kinsey-Warnock (2003-2004)

How Many Stars in the Sky? by Lenny Hort

Down the Road by Alice Schertle

What's in a Name? (Grandparents)

The Hello, Goodbye Window by Norton Juster (2006-2007)

The Water Gift and the Pig of the Pig by Jacqueline Briggs Martin (2004-2005)

The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County by Janice Harrington (2008-2009)

A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever by Marla Frazee (2009-2010)

I Love Saturdays y domingos by Alma Flor Ada

How are We the Same? How are We Different? (I like/do this, you like/do that)

Like Butter on Pancakes by Jonathan London (1996-1997)

If You Find a Rock by Peggy Christian (2001-2002)

Rocks in His Head by Carol Otis Hurst (2002-2003)

Flotsam by David Wiesner (2007-2008)

What Families Do Together, Same / Different

Night Driving by John Coy (1997-1998)

Pete's a Pizza by William Steig (1998-1999)

Fred Stays With Me! by Nancy Coffelt (2008-2009)

Mama Zooms by Jane Cowen-Fletcher

Moving

What You Know First by Patricia MacLachlan (1996-1997)

The Gardener by Sarah Stewart (1998-1999)

Hog Music by M.C. Helldorfer (2001-2002)

Other Cultures

Hush! A Thai Lullaby by Minfong Ho (1997-1998)

My Name is Yoon by Helen Recorvits (2004-2005)

Elephants Can Paint Too! by Katya Arnold (2006-2007)

I Lost My Tooth in Africa by Penda Diakité (2007-2008)

Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding by Lenore Look (2007-2008)

Sky Sweeper by Phillis Gershator (2008-2009)

Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad by James Rumford (2009-2010)

To Be a Kid by Maya Ajmera

Where are you going Manyoni? by Catherine Stock

Civics, Government and Society

Getting Along With Others

The Blushful Hippopotamus by Chris Raschka (1997-1998)

Sometimes I'm Bombaloo by Rachel Vail

Cleversticks by Bernard Ashley

Jamaica and Brianna by Juanita Havill

Chester's Way by Kevin Henkes

Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores by James Howe

Rules / Voting

Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse by Kevin Henkes (1997-1998)

Scaredy Squirrel Makes a Friend by Melanie Watts (2008-2009)

This is Our House by Michael Rosen

Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann

Duck for President by Doreen Cronin

Justice / Individual Rights

America's Champion Swimmer by David Adler (2001-2002)

Big Jabe by Jerdine Nolen (2001-2002)

Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport (2002-2003)

The Other Side by Jacqueline Woodson (2002-2003)

When Marian Sang by Pam Munoz Ryan (2003-2004)

Going North by Janice Harrington (2005-2006)

Mr. George Baker by Amy Hest (2005-2006)

This is the Dream by Diane Shore (2007-2008)

Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine (2008-2009)

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type by Doreen Cronin (2001-2002)

Economics

Money

Max and Ruby's Midas: Another Greek Myth by Rosemary Wells (1996-1997)

Yoshi's Feast by Kimiko Kajikawa (2001-2002)

Pennies for Elephants by Lita Judge (2010-2011)

Jenny Found a Penny by Trudy Harris

Money Madness by David Adler

Bunny Money by Rosemary Wells

One Hen by Katie Millway

Estela's Swap by Alexis O'Neil

A Chair for My Mother by Vera B. Williams

Solving Problems

One Grain of Rice by Demi (1998-1999)

Lottie's New Beach Towel by Petra Mathers (1998-1999)

Community Workers

I Stink! by Kate and Jim McMullen (2003-2004)

Mama I'll Give You the World by Roni Schotter (2007-2008)

Owney the Mail-Pouch Pooch by Mona Kerby (2009-20010)

Saturday at the New You by Barbara Barber

Guess Who? by Margaret Miller

Producers / Consumers

Little Red Hen (Makes a Pizza) by Philemon Sturges (1999-2000)

An Orange in January by Dianne Aston

Big Jimmy's Kum Kao Take Out by Ted Lewin

Ox-Cart Man by Donald Hall

Apple Picking Time by Michele Slawson

