

Social Justice Texts for Common Core Objectives

Title and Author	Grade Level	Standards for Literature	Social Justice Link
Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman	K 2 3 5	1 3 6 2	Social Identity
Ashley Bryan's ABC of African American Poetry by Ashley Bryan	1-2	10	Multicultural
Back of the Bus by Aaron Reynolds	k 1 2 3	3, 9, 7 7, 3, 4 7 3, 7	Civil Rights
Bein' With You This Way by Lisa Nikola	4 2	5 4	Multicultural Identity
Ben and the Emancipation Proclamation by Patrice Sherman	4 5	3 6	Civil Rights
Bird in a Box by Andrea Davis Pinkney (use with A Nations Hope)	5	2	Multicultural Social Identity
Birmingham 1963: How a Photograph Rallied Civil Rights Support by Shelley Tougas	Teacher	Reference	Civil Rights
Black Elk's Vision: A Lakota Story by S. D. Nelson	5	7	Native American Rights
Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson	Teacher	Reference	Civil Rights

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Climbing Lincoln's Steps: The African American Journey by Suzanne Slade	1 4	9 7	Civil Rights
The East-West House: Noguchi's Childhood in Japan by Christy Hale	k-2	7	Social Identity Multicultural
Finding Lincoln by Ann Malaspina	K-2 4	3 9	Civil Rights
First Come the Zebra by Lynne Barasch	k 1 2	3 3 2, 3, 6	Overcoming Differences Multicultural
Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson	Teacher	Reference	Civil Rights
Frederick Douglass: A Noble Life by David A. Adler	Teacher	Reference	Civil Rights
The Friendship Doll by Kirby Larson	3 4 5	3 3, 6 3	Class Differences Gender Differences
Goyangi Means Cat by Christine McDonnell	K-4	7	Social Identity Fitting In
The Great Migration: journey to the North by Eloise Greenfield	k-5 1-2	7 4	Change Social Identity Civil Rights

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Heart and Soul: the Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson (Use with We are the Ship)	3-4	9	Equality Human Rights
Henry Aaron's Dream by Matt Tavares	k-3 4	7 9	Integration Civil Rights
The House Baba Built: An Artist's Childhood in China by Ed Young (Use with Drawing from Memory)	3-5 4	6 9	Identity Multicultural
In Her Hands: The Story of Sculptor Augusta Savage by Alan Schroeder	2-4	7	Multicultural success in the U.S.
Let It Shine: Three Favorite Spirituals	1-2	4	Multicultural Religion
Mao and Me: The Little Red Guard by Jiang Hong Chen	3-5 4 5	7 9 6	Identity Multicultural
My People by Langston Hughes	1-3	7	African American Culture
Of Thee I Sing: A Letter To My Daughters by Barack Obama	k-4	7	Multicultural success in the U.S.
Plays From Asian Tales: Volume 3 by Barbara Winther	4-5	3, 5	Asian Culture
Plays From Asian Tales: Volume 2 by Barbara Winther	4-5	3, 5	Asian Culture

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Rethinking Our Classrooms Volumes 1 and 2	Teacher	Reference	Social Justice in the Classroom
Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down by Andrea Davis Pinkney	1-2 4	4 9	Civil Rights
Sylvia & Aki by Winifred Conkling	3 4 5	3, 6 3, 9 3, 6	Human Rights
These Hands by Margaret H. Mason	1 2 3	4 4, 6 9	Civil Rights
Underground by Shane Evans	k-5 1-2	7 4	Civil Rights
The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce	3 4 5	3, 7 3, 7, 9 7	Multicultural Awareness Tolerance
We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball by Kadir Nelson (Use with Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans)	4 5	7, 9 7	Civil Rights