



# United States of America

*Digital Resources and Children's Books*

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## **Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:**

The U.S. in 100 Pictures to "American Oxygen":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4LETBLUtM2Q>

The 5 Regions of the U.S.: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhW8OI215qE>

American Culture: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gu2IYxRkRFk>

Becoming a U.S. Citizen: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sVBw-sZmXV4>

Images of Washington DC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SnO9PTptoGw>

The U.S. Capitol Building, Built by Slaves:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGCK7\\_9RkXs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGCK7_9RkXs)

Top 10 Presidents of the U.S.: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_xFovzUrCcg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_xFovzUrCcg)

Top 10 First Ladies: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5UFQS1n38o>

White House History: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L8W22w3ujGY>

Native American Cultures before arrival of Europeans:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dOWdV9Fkcv>

A History of America in 25 Minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k3HUPHMYEJw>

Life of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Plantation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-UGuR7xGe0>

The Iroquois Confederacy, America's First Democracy:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S4gU2Tsv6hY>

The Iroquois Confederacy's Impact on the U.S. Constitution:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hU8wgnykzJE>

William Penn's Religious Freedom Experiment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7iHeSHGebIQ>

Freedom of Religion in the U.S.: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RC9uqHtnvzo>

Revolutionary War, Bet you Didn't Know!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQvxFZTpdYE>

George Washington, Mini Bio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvE9fb--Dig>

The Liberty Bell: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvInYZxLKXU>

The Constitution for Kids: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsTB7gSfDPI::>

Women's Rights Seneca Falls Convention:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sflbz0rV414>

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Wife, Mother and Revolutionary Thinker:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7h\\_9B3q2Y-E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7h_9B3q2Y-E)

The Civil War with Ken Burns: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y7HmBmWz9m>

Abraham Lincoln, Mini Bio: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L80\\_q2tPveo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L80_q2tPveo)

The Construction of the Statue of Liberty:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O84phC4w-C>

A Virtual Field Trip to the Statue of Liberty:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEqGmv8cN7w>

Oregon Trail Covered Wagon Ride: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SIfXjtQHho>

African America Cowboys, Forgotten Men of the West:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SIfXjtQHho>

How the National Parks Service Got Started:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipUdTv\\_fHgM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ipUdTv_fHgM)

U.S. Holiday Celebrations: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvWSFAOT78U>

Traditional Square Dance USA: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Upu113eLid4>

American Folktales: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hXIKnbqKL9s>

Tale of Johnny Appleseed: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfyvL\\_HV2rw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sfyvL_HV2rw)

U.S. Food Culture, State by State:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XSrEt4yp70&t=2s>

## **Websites:**

United States Overview: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States)

States of the United States:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S.\\_state#States\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._state#States_of_the_United_States)

15 Best Cities to Visit in the U.S.: <https://www.timeout.com/usa/things-to-do/best-cities-to-visit-in-the-us>

8 Facts about Religion and Government in the U.S.: <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/07/16/8-facts-about-religion-and-government-in-the-united-states/>

Truly Made in America, Consumer Reports:

<https://www.consumerreports.org/cro/magazine/2013/02/made-in-america/index.htm>

10 Most Famous American Artists and their Masterpieces: <https://learnodo-newtonic.com/famous-american-painters>

Cinema of the United States:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cinema\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cinema_of_the_United_States)

History of Music in the U.S.:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music\\_history\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Music_history_of_the_United_States)

A Brief Overview of American Literary Periods: <https://www.thoughtco.com/american-literary-periods-741872>

Library of Congress, Explore Women's Right to Vote:

<https://www.loc.gov/exhibitions/women-fight-for-the-vote/about-this-exhibition/seneca-falls-and-building-a-movement-1776-1890/>

## **Lesson Plans:**

5 Regions of the U.S. for Kids: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w\\_XsEflqeTY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w_XsEflqeTY)

50 States, 5 Lessons:

[https://www.educationworld.com/a\\_lesson/lesson/lesson278.shtml](https://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/lesson/lesson278.shtml)

Scouting Out the States: <https://www.education.com/lesson-plan/scouting-out-the-states/>

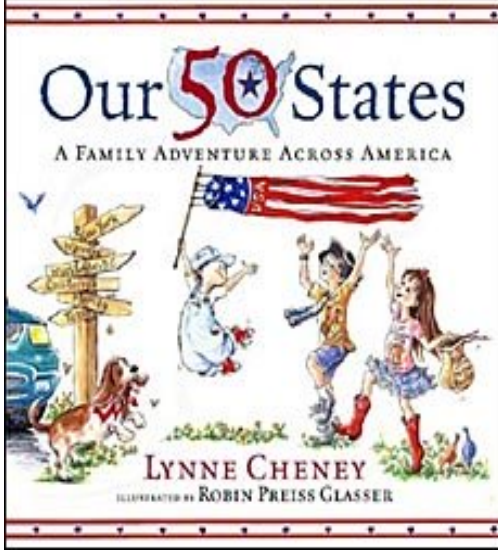
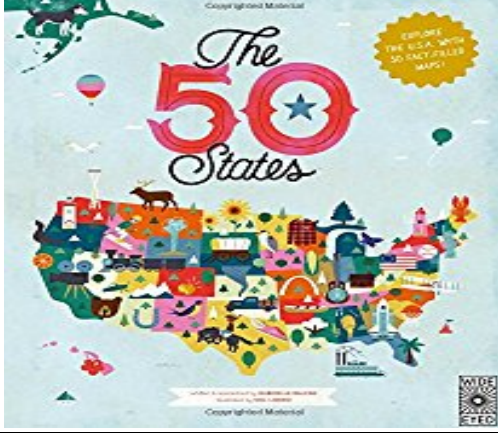

United States Printables: <https://www.teachervision.com/subjects/social-studies-history/us-states>

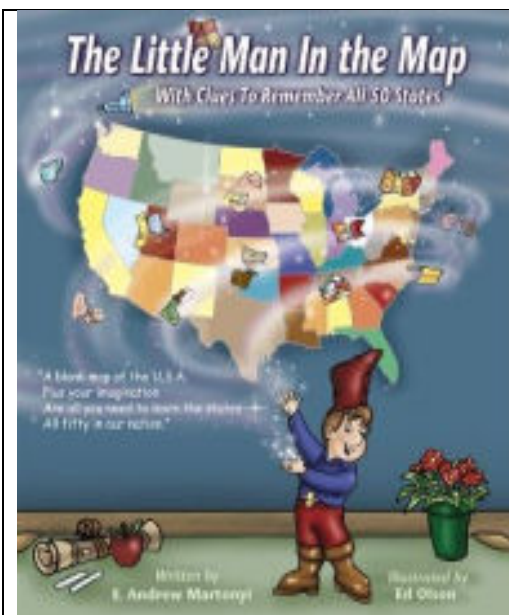
3 Branches of Government Lesson Plan: <https://kids.usa.gov/teachers/lesson-plans/government/3-branches/index.shtml>

U.S. Geography Resources: <http://www.eds-resources.com/edgeographyus.htm>

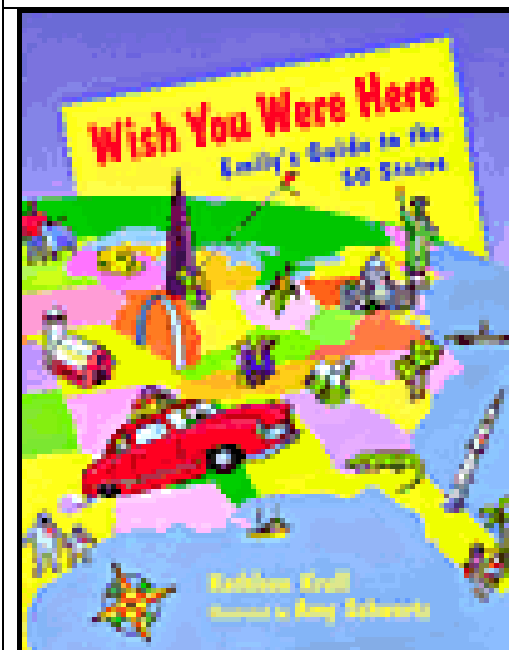
Thematic Units, State Studies: <https://thematicunits.theteacherscorner.net/state.php>

## Children's Books:

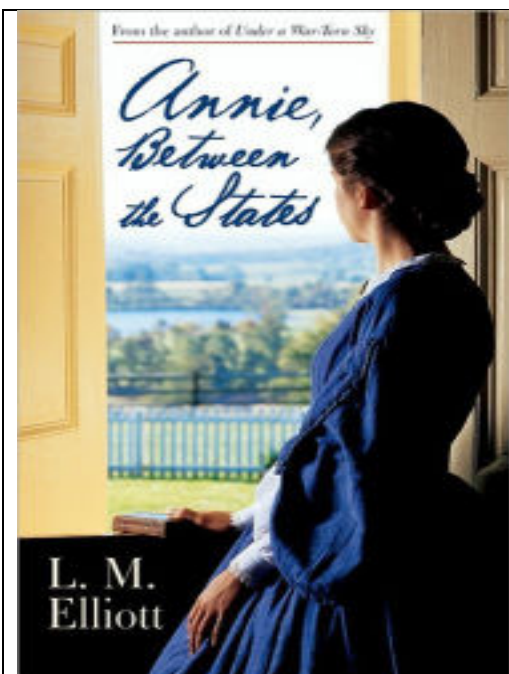
	<p><b>Title:</b> Our 50 States: A Family Adventure Across America  <b>Author:</b> Lynne Cheney  <b>Illustrator:</b> Robin Preiss Glasser  <b>Grade:</b> K-3  <b>Publisher:</b> Simon &amp; Schuster Books for Young Readers  <b>ISBN:</b> 0689867174  <b>Summary:</b> This "spirited, whistle-stop celebration of America" (PW) follows a family on a 50-state cross-country vacation (what a trip!), sharing interesting details on route. The pages are so "creatively cluttered" (PW) that students could spend hours poring over the book. Includes a fold-out map of the entire route.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> The 50 States  <b>Author:</b> Gabrielle Balkan  <b>Illustrator:</b> Sol Linero  <b>Grade:</b> 2-5  <b>Publisher:</b> Wide Eyed Editions  <b>ISBN:</b> 978-1847807113  <b>Summary:</b> It is a collection of two-page spreads about each state in the U.S. featuring an infographic map, key facts (state capitals and symbols) and a timeline of "Moments to Remember," as well as mini-bios of famous people born in that state.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> The Scrambled States of America  <b>Author:</b> Laurie Keller  <b>Grade:</b> 1-3  <b>Publisher:</b> Square Fish  <b>ISBN:</b> 9780805068313  <b>Summary:</b> A very unconventional but fun way to learn United States geography! Keller has imbued each state with a unique personality and witty sense of humor, so as your students devour the funny illustrations and witty exchanges between states, they won't even realize how much they are learning!</p>



**Title:** The Little Man In the Map  
**Author:** E. Andrew Martonyi  
**Illustrator:** Ed Olson  
**Grade:** K-3  
**Publisher:** Schoolside Press  
**ISBN:** 9780978510046  
**Summary:** Asked by their teacher to find clues for memorizing the states, students begin to see images—a hat, a shirt, a pair of boots—formed by state boundaries. When they put some of them together, they're amazed to find the outline of a man standing in the middle of the map. They draw a face and arms on him and create The Little Man In the Map, whom they nickname MIM. Their imaginations bring MIM alive, and with his help they discover the surprising roles all the states can play.



**Title:** Wish You Were Here  
**Author:** Kathleen Krull  
**Illustrator:** Amy Schwartz  
**Grade:** 1-5  
**Publisher:** Random House Children's Books  
**ISBN:** 9780385311465  
**Summary:** During the wildest summer of her life so far, Emily and her grandmother visit each and every one of the 50 states. They fly to see the highest place in North America—4 miles up Mount McKinley in Alaska—and drive through the desert to the lowest (and hottest), in Death Valley. Emily describes the breathtaking sights, scrumptious food, funny stories, and fascinating history that make each state unique. She describes many customs brought here from other countries and the contributions of American Indians.



**Title:** Annie, Between the States

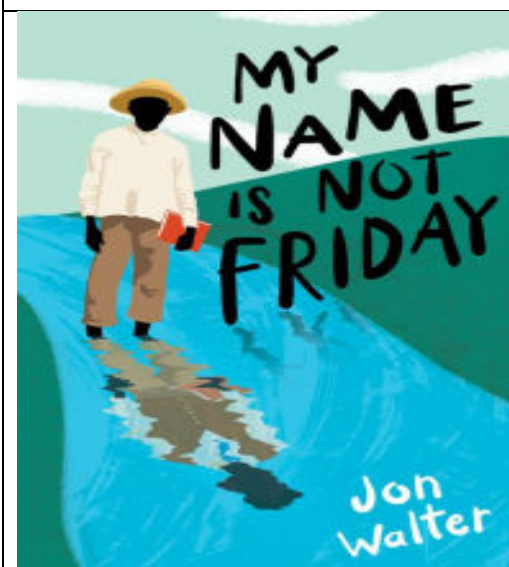
**Author:** L. M. Elliott

**Grade:** 9- 12

**Publisher:** HarperCollins Publishers

**ISBN:** 9780060012137

**Summary:** The civil war has broken out, and Annie Sinclair's Virginia home, Hickory Heights, is right in the line of battle. Caught up in the rising conflict, Annie and her mother tend to wounded soldiers while Annie's older brother, Laurence, enlists in the Confederate cavalry under Jeb Stuart. Even Annie's rambunctious baby brother, Jamie, joins John Mosby, the notorious "Gray Ghost." Faced with invading armies, Annie is compelled into a riskier role to protect her family and farm. She conceals Confederate soldiers and warns Southern commanders of Union traps, and the flamboyant Jeb Stuart dubs her "Lady Liberty."



**Title:** My Name Is Not Friday

**Author:** Jon Walter

**Grade:** 8-12

**Publisher:** Scholastic, Inc.

**ISBN:** 9781338160642

**Summary:** Well-mannered Samuel and his mischievous younger brother Joshua are free black boys living in an orphanage during the end of the Civil War. Samuel takes the blame for Joshua's latest prank, and the consequence is worse than he could ever imagine. He's taken from the orphanage to the South, given a new name -- Friday -- and sold into slavery. What follows is a heartbreaking but hopeful account of Samuel's journey from freedom, to captivity, and back again.