

Colonial Period – Independent Reading Book – 1st Six Weeks – Facing the Unknown

Students are to choose a novel, 200 pages or longer, set in the Colonial Period. We'll interpret that period loosely, say from Columbus to 1800. Do not include the Civil War. You may, of course, include the Revolutionary War. If you purchase a book, don't write in it, and choose to donate it to the school at the end of the unit, you will earn 10 points extra credit.

Students may choose from about 20 books in my room, visit the school library or public libraries, browse at a bookstore, or browse online. Don't forget the "used book" sites online – books are often cheaper that way. Abebooks.com is one of my favorite used book sites. Students may choose to read the same title as another student. Some of the titles listed below are "out of print" so only available from used booksellers.

Parents: Please understand that I have not read each of these books from cover to cover, although I have read extensive summaries and comments about each on Amazon, and feel I have chosen quality books that will serve our Christian Worldview. Your junior should read a page or two in several parts of the book to determine its appropriateness. ALSO, if you know of a quality novel set in and showing life in the American Colonial Period, please do not hesitate to suggest that title to me, or send a copy with your teen for me to review.

Here are some ideas, but you can browse and choose a different book not listed here:

I, Roger Williams by Mary Settle
A Name of Her Own by Jane Kirkpatrick – an excellent book!
Jane Grey by Zane Grey
Portraits of Destiny (any of the three books) by Thoene brothers
America Born by Robert A. Bennett
Mount Vernon Love Story by Mary Higgins Clark
Primrose Way by Jackie Koller
A Ride Into Morning: Tempe Wick by Rinaldi
Ransom of Mercy Carter by Caroline Cooney
April Morning by Howard Fast
Taking Liberty: Oney Jude by Rinaldi
1776, Son of Liberty by Elizabeth Massie
Cast Two Shadows by Ann Rinaldi
Rain from God – Ammerman – an excellent Christian book!

I have these available in my room:

The Rain from God – Ammerman
1776, Son of Liberty – Massie
April Morning – Fast
Private Yankee Doodle – Martin
Andrew Jackson – Remini
Just Jane – Lavender
Maria by Eugenia Price
Ransom of Mercy Carter by Caroline Cooney
A Name of Her Own by Jane Kirkpatrick