



We the People Bookshelf

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We the People, a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) initiative, explores significant events and themes in our nation's history. The *We the People* Bookshelf is a set of classic books for young readers from Kindergarten through High School, selected by the NEH and the American Library Association. Titles selected for the *We the People* Bookshelf often highlight important chapters in American history; or express universal themes that are integral parts of American culture. Past themes of the *We the People* Bookshelf include "[Courage](#)," "[Freedom](#)," "[Becoming American](#)," and the "[Pursuit of Happiness](#)."

This year's Bookshelf, entitled "[Created Equal](#)," allows young people to discover what the Revolutionary generation meant when it declared that "all men are created equal." What challenges has America faced in its efforts to live up to the ideal of universal human equality? Celebrating the 2009 bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln, the "[Created Equal](#)" Bookshelf highlights Lincoln and his contributions towards human equality in America.

The 2007-2008 *We the People* "Created Equal" Bookshelf includes the following titles.

Kindergarten to Grade 3

- *The Ugly Duckling* by Hans Christian Andersen [Curriculum Materials Lab PZ8.A542 Ug 1986b](#)
- *The Gettysburg Address* by Abraham Lincoln [Curriculum Materials Lab - E475.55 .L7 1995](#)
- *Pink and Say* by Patricia Polacco [Curriculum Materials Lab PZ7.P75186 Pk 1995](#)
- *Pink Y Say* by Patricia Polacco (translated by Alejandra Lopez Varela)*

Grades 4 to 6

- *Saturnalia* by Paul Fleischman [Curriculum Materials Lab PZ7.F59918 Sat 1990 Regular Loan](#)
- *Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence* by Russell Freedman
[Curriculum Materials Lab - E221 .F84 2000](#)
- *Lincoln: A Photobiography* by Russell Freedman [Curriculum Materials Lab - E457.905 .F73 1987](#)
- *Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom* by Virginia Hamilton
[Curriculum Materials Lab E450 .H23 1996 Regular Loan](#)
- *Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson [Curriculum Materials Lab PZ7.P273 Ly 1991 Regular Loan](#)
- *Lyddie* by Katherine Paterson (translated by Rosa Benavides)*

Grades 7 to 8

- *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis*
- *Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott* by Russell Freedman*
- *Abraham Lincoln the Writer: A Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Letters* ed. by Harold Holzer
- *Breaking Through* by Francisco Jiménez [Curriculum Materials Lab - PZ7.J57525 Br 2001](#)
- *Senderos Fronterizos: Breaking Through Spanish Edition* by Francisco Jiménez

[Curriculum Materials Lab - PS3560.I55 B7416 2002](#)

Grades 9 to 12

- *Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution* by Natalie S. Bober
[Curriculum Materials Lab - E322.1.A38 B63 1995](#)
- *That All People May Be One People, Send Rain to Wash the Face of the Earth* by Nez Perce Chief Joseph*
- *Flowers for Algernon* by Daniel Keyes [Stacks - PS3561.E769 F54](#)
- *Flores Para Algernon* by Daniel Keyes (translated by Paz Barroso)*
- *Lincoln's Virtues: An Ethical Biography* by William Lee Miller [Stacks - E457.2 .M643 2002](#)
- *Amistad: A Novel* by David Pesci [Stacks - PS3566.E736 A65 1997](#)

* Title on order

