

History and Civics

In order to counteract bad history, it is important to read good history. Each of these books is well documented and often written in a way that makes history interesting - not just a dry collection of facts.

The 5000 Year Leap - Principles of Freedom 101 by W. Cleon Skousen

Discover the 28 Principles of Freedom our Founding Fathers said must be understood and perpetuated by every people who desire peace, prosperity, and freedom.

Debunking Howard Zinn: Exposing the Fake History That Turned a Generation Against America

by Mary Grabar

While somewhat less “entertaining” than some of the other recommendations, this author demolishes Zinn’s Marxist talking points that teach students that American history is nothing more than a litany of oppression, slavery, and exploitation.

The American Miracle: Divine Providence in the Rise of the Republic by Michael Medved

This book reveals a record of improbabilities and amazements that demonstrate what the Founders always believed: that events unfolded according to a master plan, with destiny playing an unmistakable role in lifting the nation to greatness.

Land of Hope: An Invitation to the Great American Story by Wilfred McClay

This inspiring narrative account of the American story is especially needed today, to shape and deepen young Americans’ sense of the land they inhabit, help them to understand its roots and share in its memories, all the while equipping them for the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship in American society.

1776 by David McCullough

The stirring story of the year of our nation’s birth, 1776, interweaving the actions and decisions that led Great Britain to undertake a war against her rebellious colonial subjects and that placed America’s survival in the hands of George Washington.

American Story: The Beginnings by David Barton and Tim Barton

America is not perfect but offers a compelling story of those seeking religious and civil freedom, escaping oppression, pursuing opportunity, and often joining hands to achieve common goals, revealing God’s Providence in America.

American Story: Building the Republic by David Barton and Tim Barton

The lives of the first seven presidents reflect the opportunities America offers. Farmers, attorneys, military veterans, and philosophers, they each rose to the highest ranks of political leadership. From very different backgrounds, all loved their nation.