

Suggested Books for Story for History

Third to Sixth

Storybooks, biography and novels for your classroom or school library:

- This is a suggested list and is not definitive.
- Included at each class level are books children may enjoy reading on their own and books to read aloud to them.
- The books listed below can be ordered from any good bookshop using the ISBN provided
- These books can also be sourced on the net.
- Many of the books listed may be available from your local library

Books may be classified by curriculum strand.

Some of the books suggested may link a number of strands/strand units.

Third to Sixth Class.			
Strand: Story			
Strand unit: Stories from the lives of people in the past.			
Title	Author	Publisher/ISBN	Description
Titanic The disaster that shocked the world.	Mark Dubowski	Dorling Kindersley 0-7513-6194	Big Book. Includes photographs of people, documents, and newspapers.
Titanic	Anna Claybourne Katie DayneS	Usborne Young Readers. 0 7460 6831 X	Illustrated documentary/story
Titanic Voyage from Drumshee	Cora Harrison	Wolfhound Press 0 863276792	Kitty is leaving Drumshee to go on the unsinkable Titanic as maid to Lady Victoria Fitzgerald

Degas and the Little Dancer. <i>Other titles</i> <i>Picasso and...</i> <i>Leonardo and...</i> <i>Camille and...</i>	Laurence Anholt	Frances Lincoln 0-7112-1075-6	Picture book. The story of the little girl, Marie, who cannot afford ballet lessons and so models, becoming the model for Degas' famous sculpture.
Iceman [Tom Crean]	Michael Smith	Collins Press 1-903464-44-7	Biography of Tom Crean, Antarctic explorer.
The Boss [Ernest Shackleton]	Michael Smith	Collins Press 1-903464-57-9	Biography of Ernest Shackleton
South Pole	Catherine Charley	Scholastic. 0-439-98240-5	Chapters alternatively written from perspective of rivals Scott and Amundsen in their race to the South Pole.
Martin Luther King	Rob Lloyd Jones.	Usborne Famous Lives 0 7460 6815 8	Biography.
John Lennon	The Life and World of series	Heinemann 0-43114783-3	Biography - childhood, family , friends and achievements.
Strand: Story			
Strand unit: Myth and Legend			
Brendan the Navigator	George Otto Simms	The O'Brien Press 0-86278-241-4	Winner of Bisto Book of the Decade.
Irish Tales and Legends	Una Leavy Susan Field	The O'Brien Press	Collection of traditional Irish legends.
The Boyne Valley book of Irish Legends	Retold by Brenda Maguire	The O'Brien Press	Favourite legendary tales.

Irish Legends for the Very Young	Niamh Sharkey	Mercier 185 635 144 0	Read aloud
Stories of Ireland for Children	Eddie Lenihan	Mercier Press 0 85342 927 8	Fionn Mac Cumhaill and the feathers from China...
Strange Irish Tales for Children		Mercier Press 1 85635 197 1	King Cormac's Fighting Academy...
Gruesome Irish Tales for Children		Mercier Press 1 85635 197 1	Suitable for 5 th /6 th class – Independent Readers.
Irish Myths and Legend	Retold by Ita Daly.	019 275 4548	Mythological Cycle. Fianna Cycle Cuchulainn Cycle
Greek Myths for young children	Marcia Williams	Walker Books 0-7445-3075-X	Eight legends retold in strip cartoon style.
Greek and Norse legends.	Rodney Matthews	Usborne 0 746002408	Reference guide and brief outline of famous stories.
The Orchard Book of Greek Gods and Goddesses	Geraldine Mc Caughren Emma Chichester Clark	Orchard. 184362 866X	A collection of 15 stories of Greek gods and goddesses.
Once Upon A Starry Night	Retold by Jacqueline Mitton.	Frances Lincoln 91-84507-073-9	Legends of Hercules, Pegasus, Cassiopeia and seven more.
Brother Eagle Sister Sky	Chief Seattle Susan Jeffers	Puffin 0-14-054514-X	Chief Seattle's message to the government in Washington D.C. Who wanted to buy his people's land?
1000 things you should know about Myths and Legends	Vic Parker.	Miles Kelly Publishing 1-84336-633-5	Explores and discusses common themes and features found in myths and legends of different people.

Strand: Early People and ancient societies.			
Collection of stories from various early peoples and ancient societies.			
Stories that crafted the earth.	Adrian Beckingham,	Survival. 0 906362652	Explores creation stories from the following cultures Aboriginal, Amazonian Indian, AmericanCanadian, Norse Viking, Indian Tibetan Ancient Britain, Celtic
Strand unit: The Egyptians			
Double Take Tutankhamen's Tomb	Catherine Charley	Scholastic. 0 439 98240 5	The story of Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon who share an ambition to discover the tomb that nobody else believes in.
Tutankhamen	Life and world of series	Heinemann. Key stage 2 Pack D 0 431 14761 2	Biography – family, childhood, friends, enemies, achievements.
The Awful Egyptians. The Awesome Egyptians	Terry Deary Martin Brown	Horrible Histories 0 439 95396 0 590 554662	Back in ancient times pharaohs were foul, Servants suffered and everyone believed in an awesome afterlife.
Aristotle	Life and world of series	Heinemann. Key stage 2 Pack D 0 431 14765 5	Biography – family, childhood, friends, enemies, achievements

Cleopatra	Life and world of series	Heinemann. Key stage 2 Pack D 0 431 14765 5	Biography – family, childhood, friends, enemies, achievements
Groovy Greeks	Terry Deary Martin Brown	0 -590 55825 0	Horrible History.
Strand unit: The Romans			
The Sandal	Tony Bradman Philippe Dupasquier	Puffin Pictures. 14- 054173-X	A father takes his children into town for a walk and the baby's sandal gets lost...the same story set Yesterday 77BC, Today and Tomorrow 2250 AD
Pompeii	Karen Bull	Usborne Series 2 9 780 746 068 328	'August 24 th 79 AD began like any other day...' story of last day of Pompeii 3 rd /4 th
Julius Caesar	Life and world of series	Heinemann. Key stage 2 Pack D 0 431 14765 5	Biography – family, childhood, friends, enemies, achievements
The Rotten Romans.	Terry Deary Martin Brown	Scholastic 0-590-55290-2	Horrible Histories.
Asterix the Gaul.	Rene Goscinny Albert Uderizo	0 75286 605 2	Classic comic strip stories. Over 30 books in series.

Strand unit: Early Christian Ireland			
Brendan the Navigator	George Otto Simms.	The O'Brien Press 0-86278-241-4	Bisto Award Winner. Legend of St. Brendan.
Murder at Drumshee	Cora Harrison	Wolfhound 0863278329	Ireland of St. Patrick and Brehon Laws. Drumshee is shaken by a terrible murder.
Murder strikes again	Cora Harrison	Wolfhound	Set in 5 th century Ireland Christians new and strange, a priest is murdered.
Strand unit: Central and South American peoples.			
Maya's Children The story of La Llonorona	Rodolfo Anaya	Hyperion	Latin American legend of La Llonorona, the crying woman.
Rain Player	David Wisniewski	Clarion	Original tale based on Mayan belief. A boy must defeat the rain gods in a game of ball to save his people.
Strand unit: Asian peoples			
Lugalbanda. The boy who got caught up in a war.	Told by Kathy Henderson.	Walker Books. Hardback 1 84428 746 7	Epic tale from ancient Iraq.
Strand unit: African peoples			
Muffaro's Beautiful Daughters.	John Steptoe	Lothrop	Zimbabwean Cinderella story. Picture book.
Strand unit: Australasian peoples.			
Walkabout	James Vance Marshall	Puffin.	Two children lost in the Australian outback are guided to safety by an aboriginal boy. Deals with culture and racism
Strand unit: Vikings			
The Last Viking	Terry Deary	Barrington Stoke 1 842992 899	Story of a Viking raid told through the eyes of a child.

Sea Wolves from the North [also The Viking Princess]	Michael Mullen	Merlin Wolfhound	On Iona Diarmaid, the boy monk must protect the golden book from Red and the Viking warriors.
Strand: Life, society, work and culture in the past.			
Strand unit: Life in Norman Ireland.			
Brian Boru Emperor of the Irish.	Morgan Llywelyn	O'Brien Press 0-86278-230-9	Story of Brian Boru
Strongbow	Morgan Llywelyn	O'Brien Press 0-86278-274-0	Story of the Norman conquest chapters alternatively told Aoife and Strongbow
A life for a life.	Cora Harrison	Wolfhound.	Normans knights come to Drumshee
Strand unit : Life in the medieval towns and countryside in Ireland and Europe.			
The Orchard Book of Legends of King Arthur	Andrew Matthews	Orchard 1 84362 593 8	Stories with illustrations.
The subject of the following stories listed link with the Strand: Era's of Change and Conflict for fifth and sixth class			
Secret Spy from Drumshee	Cora Harrison.	Wolfhound	1828. Election fever has hit Drumshee as Daniel O'Connell tries to get elected.
The Secret of the Ruby Ring	Yvonne Mc Grory	Milkweed Editions 091594392	Lucy is caught between the Ireland of today and Ireland of the land league, boycotting and evictions and C.S. Parnell

The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett	Hodder	Life in a big house In Victorian times.
The Railway Children	E. Nesbit.	Puffin Classics 014 036 671 7	Adventures of 3 children to in a rural village
Charles Dickens and friends	Marcia Williams	Walker Books 014 036 814 0	5 Dickens' stories retold in comic strip
Oliver Twist Abridged.	Charles Dickens	Puffin Classics. 014 036 814 0	Oliver seeks his fortune on the streets of London.
Little House in the Big Wood.	Laura Ingels Wilder	0 7497 09316	Life of a pioneering family in America at the turn of the 19th century.
Under the Hawthorn Tree	Marita Conlon McKenna.	O'Brien Press	Story of Peggy who immigrates to America in search of a better life.
Wildflower girl			
Fields of Home			
When Jessie Came Across the Sea	Amy Hest	Walker Books 0-7445-6963 -X	A young girl's voyage across the sea to a new life in America.
The Hiring Fair	Elizabeth O'Hara	Poolbeg 1 85371 2722	Donegal 1890s.Parnell times. Sally and her sister have to become servants.
Blaeberry Sunday		Poolbeg 185371 360 0	1893. Sally returns to Donegal.

Penny-farthing Sally.	Elizabeth O'Hara	Poolbeg 185371 686 3	Sally in service in Dublin at the turn of the century .Time of Yeats, Hyde, and Gaelic League.
Strand unit: Life during World War 11			
When Hitler stole pink rabbit	Judith Kerr	Collins. 00-00-713763X	Story of family who must leave Germany during World War II.Based on experiences of author.
Friedrich	Hans Peter Richter	Puffin 0-14-032205-1	Story of friendship between a Jewish and Christian boy.
Hana's Suitcase	Karen Levine	Evans 0-237-52630-1	Reconstruction of the true story of Hana Brady who died in Auschwitz.
The Silver Sword	Ian Serrallier	Red Fox 009 943 949 2	Four children's hazardous journey across war torn Europe in search of their parents.
Safe Harbour	Marita Conlon McKenna	O'Brien Press	Two children are evacuated from the London Blitz to live in Wicklow with a grandfather they do not know.
Far Away Home	Marilyn Taylor	O'Brien 0 862 78 6436	Based on true events describing the real experiences of young refugees who come to Northern Ireland during World War II.
The Orphans of Normandy	Nancy Amis	Pocket Books. 0-743-48386-3	A true story of World War II told through drawings by children
Once.	Morris Gleitzman	0-141-32063-X	A young Jewish boy escapes from an orphanage and goes in search of his parents.

Goodnight Mr. Tom	Michelle Magorian	Puffin 0140 315 411	A young boy evacuated from London during the Blitz stays with Mr. Tom.
Carrie's War	Nina Bawden	Puffin	Carrie and her brother are evacuated to Wales – a spooky tale!
Anne Frank Beyond the Diary	Ruud van der Rol Rian Verhoeven	Viking Penguin 0-670-84932-4	Story with documents, and photographs Reference Book.
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	John Boyne	Oxford University Press 0198326769	Set during World War II. A young boy befriends a child in a concentration camp.
I am David	Anne Holm	Harcourt Childrens Books 0152051619	Story of a young boy that escapes from a prison camp during World War II
Anne Frank	Susanna Davidson	Usborne Famous Lives 0 7460 681 2	Biography.
Strand unit: Life in Ireland since the 1950s			
Rosie's Quest	Ann Carroll	Poolbeg. 1 85371 281 7	Rosie Mc Grath travels back in time to Dublin in 1956.
Strand : Eras of conflict and change			
Strand Unit: The Renaissance			
Leonardo and the flying boy	Laurence Anholt	0-7112-1075-6	A story about Leonardo di Vinci
Strand: Traders, explorers and colonisers from Europe			
Christopher Columbus	Minna Lacey David Cuzik	Usborne Famous Lives 9 780 063 286	Biography.

Strand unit: The Great Famine. [link with Life in the 19th century]			
The Long March A famine gift for Ireland.	Marie Louise Fitzpatrick	Wolfhound Press 0-86327-644X	Story of the Choctaw Indians in America, their help to Irish famine victims and of their own long march to the west.
Under the Hawthorn Tree	Marita Conlon McKenna	O'Brien Press 0 86278 283X	Three children's survival during the famine.
Strand unit: Changing Roles of Women in the 19th and 20th century.			
Amelia	Siobhan Parkinson	O'Brien Press.	Dublin 1914. Rumours of war and rebellion. Suffragettes.
Strand unit: World War 1			
War Game	Michael Foreman	Puffin	Story of the soldiers who emerged from the trenches to play football in No Man's Land.
Strand: Politics, conflict and society.			
Strand unit: 16th and 17th Century Ireland.			
Granuaile	Morgan Llywelyn	O'Brien Press	Story of Grace O'Malley, pirate queen and trader.
Red Hugh	Deborah Lisson	O'Brien Press	The story of Red Hugh O'Donnell's years in prison and daring escape. English
Strand unit: 1916 and the foundation of the state.			
Guns of Easter	Gerard Whelan.	O'Brien Press	Story of Jimmy a young boy whose father is away fighting in the Great War and uncle is a rebel in the 1916 Rising.

No Peace for Amelia	Siobhan Parkinson.	O'Brien Press	Amelia's friend is fighting in the Great War and brother in hiding after the 1916 Rising.
Strand: Continuity and Change over time			
Edison's Fantastic Phonograph.	Diane Kempton M.P. Robertson.	Frances Lincoln 0-7112-1865-X	The story of a scientific genius and how he recorded sound for the first time.