



# Resources for Students

The following resources focus on the decades covered in *A Journey Through Time* and are written for an elementary audience. They can be found at your local library, bookstore, or online. Many are also available in the Homestead Museum Store.

## Rancho Days (1830-1870)

Arlen, Karen, Margaret Batt, and Nancie Kester. *They Came Singing: Songs from California's History*. 1995. A collection of over sixty songs covering the period from the Native Americans to the Gold Rush. (Songbook and CD)

Comstock, Esther. *Vallejo and the Four Flags*. 1979. Chronicles California's political history under four governments.

Faber, Gail and Michele Lasagna. *Clara Rounds Cape Horn*. 1997. The fictional account of nine-year-old Clara's long journey to California by ship in 1845.

Fink, Augusta. *To Touch the Sky*. 1971. Fourteen-year-old Cristobal, a Californio, and his friend Mactutu, a Native American, attempt to save Cristobal's inheritance, Rancho Bernicita, following the Mexican American War.

Freedman, Russell. *Children of the Wild West*. 1983. Accompanied by documentary photography, this book tells the story of pioneer children who traveled West in a wagon train.

Kalman, Bobbie. *The Gold Rush*. 1999. This colorful non-fiction book describes how the prospect of finding gold lured both men and women west, and the difficulties they and other groups faced. Numerous illustrations and original photographs are included.

Kalman, Bobbie. *Homes of the West*. 1999. Using colorful illustrations and historical photos, this book discusses the different types of homes built in western North America during the nineteenth century.

Knill, Harry. *Rosie and the Bear Flag*. 1993. This story of the Bear Flag Republic, as seen through the eyes of young Rosalia Leese, describes the history of California's flags from the end of Spanish rule to the beginning of statehood.

Levitin, Sonia. *Nine for California*. 1996. Inspired by the experiences of real-life stagecoach passengers, this story paints a vivid and exciting picture of cross-country travel in the 1800s.

McNeil, Keith and Rusty. *California Songs, Vol. 1*. 1998. A collection of folk songs with historical narration including *Oh, California!* and *My Darling Clementine*. (Audio cassettes or CDs)

McNeil, Keith and Rusty. *California Songbook*. 2001. A companion to the *California Songs* audio collection, this book includes sheet music and lyrics, as well as historical information and related illustrations.

McNeil, Keith and Rusty. *Moving West Songs*. 1989. A collection of folk songs about the American West. (Audio cassettes or CDs)

O'Brien, Elaine F. *Anita of Rancho Del Mar*. 1991. Set on a Spanish rancho, this is the action-packed story of an independent-minded young girl and her adventures, most of which turn disaster into triumph.

O'Dell, Scott. *Carlota*. 1977. Raised to take the place of her dead brother, Carlota de Zubaran races her stallion through the California lowlands, dives into shark-infested waters, searches for gold, and fights the battles that rage between Mexico and America for possession of California.

Reinstedt, Randall A. *Lean John, California's Horseback Hero: A True Tale of the American Conquest of California*. 1996. Lean John flees Los Angeles on horseback and embarks on a four-day ride to San Francisco to warn the Americans of an impending Californio revolt.

Politi, Leo. *Pedro, the Angel of Olvera Street*. 1946. This delightful picture book tells the story of the Mexican Christmas celebration known as the Posada procession.

Silverman, Jim, ed. *California Kids*. 1992. What was it like to grow up in nineteenth-century California? Here are stories by three people who were there: an Indian girl, a Mexican boy, and a Gold Rush girl. (Bilingual—English and Spanish)

Stotter, Ruth. *Tales from California History*. 1988. Ruth Stotter, one of the nation's prominent storytellers, brings California's pioneer days to life. (Audio cassettes or CDs)

### **City Makers (1870-1930)**

Blocksmas, Mary. *Ticket to the Twenties: A Time Traveler's Guide*. 1993. Explores life in the 1920s, including fashions, fads, and popular culture, through time travel.

Blumberg, Rhonda. *Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build a Transcontinental Railroad*. 1996. In 1832, when few Americans had been to the West Coast, and even fewer had seen a locomotive, Dr. Hartwell Carver of Rochester, New York, urged Congress to build a transcontinental railroad between New York and San Francisco. What went on in between is the subject of this exciting book.

Burleigh, Robert. *Flight*. 1991. This beautifully-illustrated picture book tells the story of Charles Lindbergh's solo flight across the Atlantic to Paris in May 1927.

Chadwick, Roxanne. *Amelia Earhart: Aviation Pioneer*. 1987. This story of daring and adventure traces Amelia Earhart's life from her childhood in Kansas through her famous solo trans-Atlantic flight and her last ill-fated journey.

Fritz, Jean. *You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?* 1995. The story of the women's suffrage movement, and the remarkable women who led the fight.

Gehret, Jeanne. *Susan B. Anthony: And Justice For All*. 1994. A fascinating look at a woman whose drive and passion for equality made a great difference in the lives of women and African Americans.

Howe, Jane Moore. *Amelia Earhart: Young Air Pioneer*. 1999. This chapter book is a fictional account of Earhart's early adventures based on factual events.

Kalman, Bobbie. *The Railroad*. 1999. Using colorful illustrations and historical photographs, this book describes the development of the railroad in North America and explores its influence on the settling of the West and impact on people's daily lives.

McCunn, Ruthanne L. *Pie-Biter*. 1983. Hoi comes from China to build the railroad. His love for American pies helps him gain strength and grow. With the help of his friend, he uses a clever ruse that sets him on the path toward becoming a successful packer.

McNeil, Keith and Rusty. *Western Railroad Songs*. 1994. A collection of folk songs about the railroads. (Audio cassettes or CDs)

Sullivan, George. *The Day the Women Got the Vote*. 1994. A photographic history of the women's rights movement.

### **California History**

Cobblestone Publishing. *California Chronicles*. This non-fiction magazine for children is filled with colorful illustrations, maps and historic photographs. Back issues cover topics such as the Native Americans of southern California, the Missions, the Gold Rush, statehood, and the hide and tallow trade.

Dolan, Edward. *Famous Builders of California*. 1987. Biographies of seven people who shaped California's history.

Wills, Charles A. *A Historical Album of California*. 1994. Beginning with Native American civilization, the book covers European exploration and settlement, early statehood, and present-day issues and events. Numerous prints, photographs, documents, and historical maps are included in this work.