

Teaching Self-Government Media List

*Numbers in parentheses are age recommendations

Books

We didn't read a book because it was popular. That doesn't mean that we never read popular books, but I have noticed that most of the best books were written before 1970.

Some of our favorites:

- I Wonder Why.....
- TSG Children's Books (Londyn Larae Says Okay, Porter Earns A Quarter, Big Win For Quin, Paije Takes The Stage).....Nicholeen Peck
- Little House on the Prarie Series (9 books).....Wilder
- Anne of Green Gables book (8 books)..... L.M. Montgomery (8+)
- Little Maid Series (11 books).....Alice Turner Curtis (6+ read aloud)
- OLD American Girl books (Felicity, Kaya, Josefina, Kirsten, Addy, Samantha, Kit, and Molly). The rest or no bueno. (6+ read aloud/self read)
- Great Brain Series (7 books).....John D. Fitzgerald (8+)
- Childhood of Famous Americans/World Figures (loads!).....Publisher: Bobbs-Merrill
- Teddy's Button.....Amy LeFeuvre (6+)
- Hedge of Thorns.....Mark Hamby (8+)
- Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle (3+ books).....Betty MacDonald (6+)
- Pippy LongstockingAstrid Lindgren (6+)
- Little Britches Series (3+ books)..... Ralph Moody (8+)
- The Secret Garden.....Frances Hodgson Burnett (6+)
- The Hiding Place.....Corrie Ten Boom (12+)
- Toothpaste Millionaire.....Jean Merrill (8+)
- The Story of Alva Thomas Edison.....Margaret Cousins (8+)
- The Thaven Chronicles (3 books).....Travis Pond (12+)
- The Bronze Bow.....Elizabeth George Spear (12+)
- Louisa May Alcott books (8+)
- A Little Princess.....Frances Hodgson Burnett (8+)
- Trumpet of the Swan.....E.B. White (6+)
- Charlotte's Web.....E.B. White (6+)
- Stuart Little.....E.B. White (6+)
- Mathematicians Are People Too! (2 books).....Reimer (6+)
- Beatrix Potter books (Peter Rabbit, etc) (4+)
- Dangerous Journey: Story of Pilgrim's Progress.....Oliver Hunkin (8+)
- Red Scarf Girl.....Ji-Li Jiang (12+)
- Jane Eyre.....Charlotte Brontë (12+)
- Dream Giver.....Bruce Wilkinson (12+)
- Roles.....Nicholeen Peck (8+)

- The Chosen.....Chaiam Potok (12+)
- Caddie Woodlawn.....Carol Ryrie Brink (8+)
- Do Hard Things.....Alex & Brett Harris (12+)
- The Virginian.....Owen Wister (12+)
- Lonesome Gods.....Louis La'mour (12+)
- Education of a Wandering Man.....Louis La'mour (12+)
- The Story of My Life.....Helen Keller (12+)
- Narnia series.....C.S. Lewis (8+)
- The Boys in the Boat.....Daniel James Brown (12+)
- Twenty and Ten.....William Pene DuBois (8+)
- Toliver's Secret.....Esther Wood Brady (6+)
- Snow Treasure.....Marie McSwigan (8+)
- Sign of the Beaver.....Elizabeth George Spear (8+)
- Any books from Libraries of Hope
- The Princess and the Goblin & The Princess and Curdy.....George MacDonald (8+)
- The Giver.....Lois Lowry (14+)
- Jane Austin books (14+)
- Jean Fritz books (5+)
- If You...seriesPublished by Schoolastic (4+)
- A Fish Out Of Water.....Helen Palmer (0-8)
- Small Pig.....Arnold Lobel (0-8)
- Lucille.....Arnold Lobel (0-8)
- Danny and the Dinosaur.....Syd Hoff (0-8)
- Christina Katerina and the Box.....Patricia Lee Gotch (0-8)
- Because A Little Bug Went Ka-Choo.....Rosetta Stone (0-8)
- Wacky Wednesday..... Theo Lesige (0-8)
- The Little Engine That Could.....(0-8)
- The Princess and the Pea.....(0-8)
- The Diggingest Dog.....Eric Gurney (0-8)
- The Princess Who Never Laughed.....Produced by Disney (0-8)
- Say Hola to Spanish.....Susan Middleton Elya (0-8)
- Magic Treehouse series.....Mary Pope Osborne (6+)
- The Elves and the Shoemaker.....(0-8)
- My First Little House Books.....Wilder (0-8)
- Usborne Starting Point Science Books (0-8)
- The Little House.....Virginia Lee Burton (0-8)
- The Little Red Hen (0-8)
- The Escape of Marvin The Ape.....Caralyn & Mark Buehner (0-8)
- American Legends (0-8)
- The Story of Ruby Bridges.....Robert Coles (0-8)
- Aesop's Fables (0-8)
- Rumpelstiltskin.....Edith H. Tarcov (6+)
- Archimedes and the Door of Science.....Jeanne Bendic (8+)
- Laddie.....Jean Straton Porter (anything by her) (8+)

- Charles Dickens books (12+)
- C.S. Lewis philosophy books (12+)
- And There Was Light.....Jaques Lusseyran (12+)
- Uncle Tom's Cabin.....Harriet Beecher Stowe (12+)
- The Scarlett Pimpernell.....Baroness Emmuska Orczy (12+)
- The Hobbit & The Lord of the Rings.....J.R.R Tolkein (12+)
- Tales from Shakespeare.....Charles and Mary Lamb (8+)
- Les Miserables.....Victor Hugo (14+)
- Extraordinary Ordinary People.....Condoleeza Rice (14+)
- Man's Search For Meaning.....Victor Frankl (12+)
- Understanding The Times.....David Nobel (14+)
- The Fourth Turning.....Strauss & Howe (14+)
- Character.....Samuel Smiles (14+)
- The Alliance.....Gerald N. Lund (12+)
- Pollyanna.....Eleanor H. Porter (6+)

Games

- Grandpa Beck games (Cover Your Assets, Skull King, Gnoming Around, The Bears and the Bees, Nuts About Mutts, Antiquity Quest, etc)
- Tribute
- Stupid
- Five Crowns (with our one house rule)
- Scum
- Bananagrams
- Code Names
- Set
- Rat-A-Tat-Cat
- Chess
- Twister
- Boggle
- Compatibility (for older kids)
- Mancala (so fun for littles!)
- Guesstures
- Jenga (Tumbling Tower)
- High-Ho Cherry-O
- Chutes and Ladders
- Sorry
- Pandemic
- Wits and Wagers
- Guess Who
- Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza
- Uno (Jungle Rules)
- Zilch
- Screaming Viking

- "Freeze!"
- Monkey Goes To Court
- Poison, Knock Your Socks Off
- Wacky Six
- California Speed
- Sleeping Queens
- "Store" with homemade checkbooks (or old, real checkbooks. This is how my children learned to use/write checks). For example, someone runs the bus, someone runs the bakery, someone else the grocery store, another person runs the post office, etc. You can only pay for things with checks, which makes it fun.
- Rummikub
- Dominoes
- Operation
- Headbandz

Movies

- Akeelah and the Bee
- A Little Princess
- A Secret Garden
- Amazing Grace (14+)
- Apple Dumpling Gang
- Most Disney movies before 2002
- Hallmark Christmas movies
- A Song To Remember (14+)
- Balto (Disney)
- Shirley Temple movies (Bright Eyes, etc)
- Bedknobs and Broomsticks
- The Blindside (PG-13, 14+)
- Call of the Wild
- Cars movies (Disney)
- Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
- Christmas Shoes
- Cokeville Miracle (12+)
- Courageous (Kendrick Brothers)
- Eight Below (12+)
- Scarlet Pimpernel (8+)
- Emma
- Pride and Prejudice (3-hour and A&E 6-hour versions)
- Ella Enchanted
- Ever After (12+)
- Facing The Giants (Kendrick Brothers)
- Fiddler on the Roof
- Fireproof (Kendrick Brothers)
- The Nativity Story

- Flicka
- Forever Strong (PG-13, 14+)
- Ghandi (12+)
- Gifted Hands
- God's Not Dead (4 movie series)
- The Greatest Game Ever Played (12+)
- Heaven Is For Real
- Hidden Figures
- Horatio Hornblower (parents screen beforehand because of a select few scenes)
- The Hiding Place
- The Hobbit (we used to say 'if you've read the book')
- When Calls The Heart series
- Wives and Daughters (14+)
- War Room (Kendrick Brothers)
- Unplanned (is rated R, but it's because it goes into detailed truth about abortion)
- Tale of Two Cities
- The Sound of Music
- The Ultimate Gift & The Ultimate Life
- Seven Brides For Seven Brothers
- Slipper and the Rose
- Sky High (8+)
- Sense and Sensibility
- The Sorcerer's Apprentice (12+)
- The Inheritance
- Persuasion
- Jane Eyre (14+, if you've read the book, then you can watch it)
- King and I
- Little Dorrit (12+)
- Little House on the Prairie
- Little Lord Fauntleroy
- Little Women
- How The Grinch Stole Christmas (Old one)
- Lorna Doone (12+)
- Love Comes Softly series (10 movies)
- Man From Snowy River & Return From Snowy River
- McFarland, USA
- The Mighty Macs
- Miracles From Heaven
- Miracle
- Mighty Ducks (3 movies)
- Glory Road
- Remember the Titans
- The Absent-Minded Professor
- Rudy

- Mom's Night Out
- Monster's Inc & Monster's University
- My Fair Lady
- The Music Man
- Narnia movies
- National Treasure movies (could be swearing)
- 1776 ("gentleman's swearing")
- Planes
- Parent Trap
- Phantom of the Opera (preview beforehand)
- Radio
- The Princess Bride
- Relative Race (BYUtv)
- Random Acts of Kindness (BYUtv)
- Studio C (the older ones)