

NJ Amistad Commission Curriculum Alignment for Westampton School District

NJ Amistad Curriculum Unit and Grade	Westampton Unit and Grade
Unit 1—Map Skills K-2: Cardinal Directions Middle School: Geography	Map Skills K: North American and Local Geography 1: South American and Map Skills 2: Africa and Map Skills 3: Asia and Map Skills, also study of Geography of the United States 4: Europe and Map Skills, also NJ 5-8: Continue to reinforce map skills and geography specific to units covered in the curriculum and for current events covered through Advisory curriculum
Unit 2—Indigenous Civilizations of the Americas 1000-1600	2: Early American-Columbus to Pilgrims (Native American studies) 4: Early NJ—Exploration and Settlement 5: Early Civilizations 6: Colonization and Settlement
Unit 3—Ancient Africa 3000 B.C-1492	2: Study of Africa (various countries and cultures); also connected to literature unit with African folktales 5: Classical Civilizations
Unit 4—The Emerging Atlantic World (Native Americans, Africans, Europeans) 1200-1700	2: Early America—Colonial Times to Civil War (includes study of Native Americans, Africans, and Europeans) 6: Three Worlds Meet 7: Colonization and Settlement
Unit 5—Establishment of a New Nation and Independence to Republic 1600-1800	2: Early America—Colonial Times to Civil War 4: Early NJ—Exploration and Settlement 7: Confederation to Constitution
Unit 6—The Constitution and the Continental Congress 1775-1800	1: American Heritage and Symbols 2: Early American—Colonial Times to Civil War 7: Confederation to Constitution 8: A Changing Nation
Unit 7—The Evolution of a New Nation 1801-1860	2: Underground Railroad, also literature unit on Pre Civil War America 4: Industry and Transportation in NJ 8: A Changing Nation
Unit 8—The Civil War and Reconstruction	2: Early America—Colonial Times to Civil War 8: A Changing Nation and A Nation Divided and Rebuilt
Unit 9—Post Reconstruction and the Origins of the Progressive Era 1878-1900	3: Contributions of African Americans (artists, scientists, inventors, athletes, etc.) 8: A Nation Divided and Rebuilt
Unit 10—America Confronts the 20 th Century and the Emergent Modern America 1901-1920	8: A Nation Divided and Rebuilt
Unit 11—America in the 1920s and 1930s; Cultural, Political, and Intellectual Development and the New Deal, Industrialization and Global Conflict	8: A Nation Divided and Rebuilt and The Great Depression

Unit 12—America In the Aftermath of Global Conflict: Domestic and Foreign Challenges, Implications and Consequences and the Era of Reform 1946-1970	High School
Unit 13—National and Global Debates, Conflicts, and Developments and America Faces the 21 st Century 1970-Present	High School

1st grade also has a world cultures unit

3rd grade does a unit on contributions of Black Americans

6th grade does a novel unit with *Watson’s Go to Birmingham*

8th grade does a novel unit with *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

8th grade Honors does a novel unit with *To Kill a Mockingbird*

Guided Reading/Literature Circle Sets for Elementary and Middle School (Grades 2-8):

This list represents the Book Rooms at each building. It does not include the Guided Reading Leveled Libraries in the grade levels, nor does it included the individual classroom library resources. The lists are also only reflective of literature with black characters or about black people. It is not reflective of all the other diverse groups that are represented in our literature such as Hispanics, Native Americans, etc.

- Frederick Douglass Fights for Freedom*
- The Patchwork Quilt*
- Shades of Black*
- A Picture Book of Jesses Owens*
- Anansi and the Talking Melon*
- Chicken Sunday*
- Escape North: The Story of Harriet Tubman*
- Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People’s Ears*
- Abiyoyo*
- Jackie Robinson*
- Jessie Owens*
- Wilma Rudolph*
- Freedom’s Wings: Corey’s Underground Railroad Diary*
- Five Brave Explorers (Great Black Heroes)*
- At the Plate with Sammy Sosa*
- I Have a Dream –The Story of MLK*
- If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad*
- Jackie and Me*
- The Story of George Washington Carver*
- Harriet Tubman: The Road to Freedom*
- Satch and Me*
- Samuel’s Choice*
- Two Tickets to Freedom*
- NBA Reader: Lebron James*
- The Well by Mildred Taylor*
- Rosa Parks: My Story*
- The Story of Harriet Tubman, Freedom Train*
- Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns*

We've Got A Job, The 1963 Birmingham Children's March
Fort Mose: And the Story of the Man Who Built the First Free Black Settlement in Colonial America
The Dream Keeper and Other Poems by Langston Hughes
Down To The Last Out, The Journal of Biddy Owens
Martin Luther King, Jr., and The March on Washington
The Drinking Ground
A Picture Book of Jesse Owens
In The Garden With Dr. Carver
Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson
Scraps of Time : Song for Harlem-
Testing the Ice: A True Story about Jackie Robinson
Martin's Big Words
Nelson Mandela
Ida B Wells: Let The Truth Be Told
Jackie Robinson: American Hero
Jackie and Me
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Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman?
Down To The Last Out, The Journal of Biddy Owens
Freedom Heroines
Stumptown Kid
The Dream Keeper and Other Poems - Langston Hughes
Fort Mose: And the Story of the Man Who Built the First Free Black Settlement in Colonial America
Letters From a Slave Girl
The Lions of Little Rock
Courage Has No Color - The True Story of the Triple Nickles
Double Dutch
We've Got A Job, The 1963 Birmingham Children's March

Read Alouds Used at Various Grade Levels Across Content (This List is not all inclusive. Read Alouds are used for Writing, Reading, and Social Studies instruction)

Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain
A Picture Book of Martin Luther King, Jr
A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman
Shortcut
Bigmama's
Jambo Means Hello: Swahili Alphabet Book
A Pocket for Corduroy
Aunt Flossie's Hats (And Crab Cakes Later)
Do Like Kyla
Daddy Calls Me Man
Peter's Chair
Anansi and the Moss Covered Rock
Anansi the Spider
Flossie and the Fox
Louis Armstrong: Jazz Musician
Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions
Max Found Two Sticks
The Story of Kwanza
Galimoto

Langston's Train Ride
Jamaica's Find
Amazing Grace
Anansi and the Magic Skick
Nobody Owns the Sky: The Story of Brave Bessie Coleman
Zomo the Rabbit: A Trickster Tale from West Africa
Just the Two of Us
Salt in His Shoes
Donovan's Word Jar
Jamaica Tag-Along
Starring Grace
Anansi Goes Fishing
The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom
Through My Eyes
Richard Wright and the Library Card
If a Bus Could Talk: The Story of Rosa Parks