Top 10 List of Nonfiction our Kids Love

- Bragg, Georgia. *How They Croaked: The Awful Ends of the Awfully Famous.*
- Levine, Karen. *Hana’s Suitcase.*
- Scieszka, Jon. *Knucklehead.*
- Swanson, James L. *Chasing Lincoln’s Killer.*
- *Who Was* biography series

Other Engaging Nonfiction Titles

- Fleming, Candace. *Amelia Lost: The Life and Disappearance of Amelia Earhart.*
- Freedman, Russell. *Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor.*
- Guiberson, Brenda. *Disasters: Natural and Man-Made Catastrophes Through the Centuries.*
- Hale, Nathan. *Nathan Hale’s Hazardous Tales* series.
- McClafferty, Carla. *Fourth Down and Inches: Concussions and Football’s Make-or-Break Moment.*
- Murphy, Jim. *An American Plague.*
- Murphy, Jim. *The Great Fire.*
- Warren, Andrea. *Orphan Train Rider: One Boy’s True Story.*

Picture Book Biographies

- Brown, Don. *Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein.*
- Burleigh, Robert. *One Giant Leap.*
- Cooney, Barbara. *Eleanor.*
- Farris, Christine King. *My Brother Martin: A Sister Remembers Growing Up with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*
- Nivola, Claire A. *Planting the Trees of Kenya.*
- Winter, Jeanette. *The Watcher: Jane Goodall’s Life with the Chimps.*
10 Nonfiction Read-Alouds

Picture Books
- Golenbock, Peter. *Teammates*.
- Milway, Katie Smith. *One Hen*.
- Smith, David J. *If the World Were a Village*.

Chapter Books
- Goodman, Susan. *How Do You Burp in Space?: And Other Space Tips Every Space Tourist Needs to Know*.
- Hopkinson, Deborah. *Titanic: Voices from the Disaster*.
- Leyson, Leon. *The Boy on the Wooden Box*.
- Paulsen, Gary. *My Life in Dog Years*.
- Scieszka, Jon. *Knucklehead*.

Nonfiction Books for High Schoolers
- Bascomb, Neal. *Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies and Survivors Captured the World’s Most Notorious Nazi*.
- Fleming, Candace. *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of Imperial Russia*.
- Kurlansky, Mark. *World Without Fish*.
- Macy, Sue. *Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom (With a Few Flat Tires Along the Way)*.
- Murphy, Jim and Blank, Alison. *Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure*.
- Sandler, Martin W. *The Impossible Rescue: The True Story of an Amazing Arctic Adventure*.

Web Resources for Finding Nonfiction Books
- [http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus](http://www.ncte.org/awards/orbispictus) Orbis Pictus Award (sponsored by National Council of Teachers of English)
- [http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertmedal](http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/sibertmedal) Robert F. Silbert Medal (sponsored by Association for Library Service to Children)
- [http://inkrethink.blogspot.com/](http://inkrethink.blogspot.com/) Interesting nonfiction for kids
Web Resources for Articles

- [http://grist.org/](http://grist.org/) - A variety of commentary/articles about environmental issues. Not all student appropriate; better to be chosen by teacher.
- [http://kellygallagher.org/resources/articles.html](http://kellygallagher.org/resources/articles.html) - Articles of the week used by Kelly Gallagher in his classroom.
- [http://www.readworks.org/](http://www.readworks.org/) - Articles related to different topics with included discussion questions. Includes units related to different reading strategies.
- [http://thereisabookforthat.com/2013/07/24/wonder-inducing-nonfiction-read-alouds/](http://thereisabookforthat.com/2013/07/24/wonder-inducing-nonfiction-read-alouds/) - Read alouds geared toward younger students but that can be used with lower-students, groups working on their own, or for extended analysis that will be used later with more challenging texts.
- [http://whatsthebigideaprogram.com/](http://whatsthebigideaprogram.com/) - Site with videos/activities related to 4 big themes, including bullying and lying. Goal is to help students to discuss and think about these. Can have students do further research into the problems and come up with solutions.
- [http://wonderopolis.org/](http://wonderopolis.org/) - A site that is updated daily with answers to kid-friendly questions.

Resources for Passion Projects/Genius Hour

**KWHLAQ**

- K - What do I know?
- W - What do I want to know?
- H - How do I find out?
- L - What did I learn?
- A - What action will I take?
- Q - What new questions do I have?

- Twitter: JoAnn Delaney (@jdelaneyjoann), Joy Kirr (@joykirr), Paul Solarz (@PaulSolarz)
- Websites with resources:
  - [http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=829279](http://www.livebinders.com/play/play?id=829279) - Livebinder with links to a wealth of information about Genius Hour in many different classrooms.
  - [http://psolarz.weebly.com/passion-projects-5214.html](http://psolarz.weebly.com/passion-projects-5214.html) - Example 5th grade projects

Professional Resources

- Daniels, Harvey and Steineke, Nancy. *Texts and Lessons for Content-Area Reading.*
- Gallagher, Kelly. *Deeper Reading.*
- Gallagher, Kelly. *Reading Reasons: Motivational Mini-Lessons for Middle and High School.*
- Harvey, Stephanie. *Nonfiction Matters: Reading, Writing, and Research in Grades 3-8.*
- Harvey, Stephanie and Goudvis, Anne. *Strategies That Work: Teaching Comprehension to Enhance Understanding.*
- Layne, Steven. *Igniting a Passion for Reading.*