Read On

If students enjoyed the various types of genres in this collection, you might recommend the following books for independent reading and investigation.

Assessment Options

The following projects can help you evaluate and assess your students' outside work. Videotapes or audiotapes of completed projects may be included in students' portfolios.

Write Journal Entries

Students reading *Bud, Not Buddy* can keep a journal as they read. Students should write from Bud's viewpoint. Each entry should serve to summarize the chapter, including Bud's feelings.

Have a Debate

The Maze explores the topic of public land and the opinions regarding its use. Students reading the book can host a mock debate in which some students argue for the use of public land, such as National Forests, while others argue against it.

Author a Picture Book

Have students who read *Goodbye, Vietnam* learn facts about Vietnam, including its location, landscape, climate, and people. Students may choose to write an ABC book in which each letter of the alphabet stands for a Vietnam fact. Students should share their books with a primary class.

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Fiction

Bud, Not Buddy



Bud—not Buddy—has gotten bad treatment in orphanages and foster homes, so he runs off in search of his father. Bud does not know his father but suspects that he is a member of the famous jazz band the Dusky Devastators of the Depression! Bud finds both adventure and trouble during his search in *Bud, Not Buddy.* This heartwarming and hilarious novel by Christopher Paul Curtis won a Newbery Medal.

Goodbye, Vietnam



One of the messages in the famous speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is that freedom does not come easily for everyone; some people must face injustice and treachery before they can be free. You'll find a character determined to find freedom no matter how dire the situation in Gloria Whelan's *Goodbye, Vietnam.* Thirteen-year-old Mai and her family are forced to leave Vietnam for Hong Kong. The voyage is difficult, but they are determined to persevere so that they can eventually start a new life in the United States.

The Maze



Rick Walker doesn't know where to turn when he is lost and alone. Luckily, a biologist named Lon Peregrino befriends Rick. Lon is dedicated to preserving the nearly extinct California condors that reside by the Maze, a landscape of beautiful, deep canyons. In Will Hobbs's novel *The Maze,* Rick helps Lon protect the condors from extinction while following his own dreams of flight.

The Friends



You may know her: the new kid in class whom no one seems to want for a friend. In *The Friends* by Rosa Guy, the new girl is Phyllisia Cathy, and she is from the West Indies. The only person who will befriend her is Edith, a Harlem-born girl who is trying as hard as she can to keep her family together despite facing the hardships of poverty.

Selection Readability

Estimated Word Counts and Lexile Scores of Read On Books

Fiction	Word Counts	Lexile	Readability
Bud, Not Buddy	62,329	950	Accessible
The Maze	51,000	720	Easily Accessible
Goodbye, Vietnam	35,100	810	Accessible
The Friends	55,300	N/A	Easily Accessible

Nonfiction

The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe



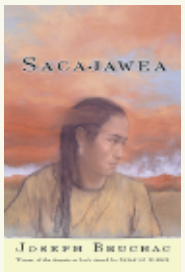
We all have read about history from a human's point of view, but what about a dog's point of view? In *The Captain's Dog,* Roland Smith takes us inside the mind of Captain Lewis's dog, named Seaman. As Lewis and Clark embark on their adventure across America, Seamen shares his own account of the beautiful country, the harsh conditions, and the trailblazing spirit that changed the United States.

The Flight of Red Bird: The Life of Zitkala-Sa



When Gertrude Bonnin was eight years old, she was removed from a Sioux reservation and placed in a boarding school in Indiana. She resisted when her instructors tried to make her renounce her customs. Instead she renamed herself Zitkala-Sa (Red Bird). As an adult, she made people aware of the harsh treatment American Indians were enduring. Doreen Rappaport tells this brave woman's story in *The Flight of Red Bird: The Life of Zitkala-Sa.*

Sacajawea



As a translator, peacemaker, caretaker, and guide, Sacajawea was indispensable to the success of the Lewis and Clark expedition. By many accounts, the whole undertaking would have failed without the aid of this famous American Indian. In *Sacajawea,* Joseph Bruchac provides a firsthand look at the journey through the alternating viewpoints of Sacajawea and William Clark.

Immigrant Kids



Today, the only work most children in the United States have to worry about is schoolwork, but this was not always the case. In *Immigrant Kids,* Russell Freedman explores how young people lived in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, when children often had to work under unsafe, exhausting conditions.

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Nonfiction	Word Counts	Lexile	Readability
The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe	50,839	890	Accessible
Sacajawea	35,646	840	Accessible
The Flight of Red Bird: The Life of Zitkala-Sa	42,000	N/A	Challenging
Immigrant Kids	53,000	1,050	Accessible

Assessment Options

Give a Speech

As students read *The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe,* have them take note of important research findings. Students can write a speech from Lewis to be delivered to President Jefferson at the completion of the expedition. The speech should summarize the findings of the expedition. Students should give their speech to the class.

Participate in a Discussion

Small groups of students reading *Immigrant Kids* can put themselves into the shoes of an immigrant. Have them imagine that they are immigrating to another country. Ask them to discuss what they would miss the most about their homeland, what they would look forward to in the new country, and the challenges they think they would face in the new country.

Plan a Play

Tell a small group of students who read *Sacajawea* to plan, write, and act out a scene from a play depicting an aspect of Sacajawea's involvement in the Corps of Discovery. Students can base their scene on the book as well as additional information they learn on the Internet or in print resources.

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