

## *Explanation of Reading Lists*

### **IRL**-(Independent Reading Level)

- 1-For beginning readers
- 2-For fluent readers
- 3-Medium difficulty
- 4-Advanced
- 5-Very difficult

### **RAL**-(Read Aloud Level)

- 1-For five and under (lots of pictures, shorter)
- 2-Elementary aged
- 3-Advanced reading material

Highlighted texts are specifically Catholic resources.

While there are other books listed highlighting religious history, they are not strictly Catholic.

These books are ones we have either read in our homeschool, or I am familiar with enough to recommend.

*(Note: History Cycle 4 will be added as we study it in our homeschool.)*

## *General History Resources*

| <b>Title</b>                 | <b>Author</b> | <b>IRL</b> | <b>RAL</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|
| Child's History of the World | Hillyer       | 2          | 2          |
| Our Island Story             | Marshall      | 2          | 2          |
| The World's Story            | O'Neill       | 3          | 2          |

### **General**

Landmark Books

Bethlehem Books

Childhood of Famous Americans biography series

Story of the World series

[RC History](#)

## History Cycle 1

(Creation-Time of Christ)

| <b>Title</b>                                      | <b>Author</b>         | <b>IRL</b> | <b>RAL</b> |
|---|-----------------------|------------|------------|
| D'aulaire's Book of Greek Myths                   | D'Aulaire             | 1          | 1          |
| The Librarian Who Measured the Earth              | Lasky                 | 1          | 1          |
| A Life of Our Lord for Children                   | Pochoki               | 1          | 2          |
| The First Christians: The Acts of the Apostles... | Pochoki               | 1          | 2          |
| Story of St. Paul                                 | Footsteps of the Sts. | 1          | 2          |
| Story of Andrew the Apostle                       | Footsteps of the Sts. | 1          | 2          |
| Story of St. Stephen                              | Footsteps of the Sts. | 1          | 2          |
| Archimedes and the Door of Science                | Bendick               | 2          | 2          |
| Black Ships Before Troy                           | Sutcliff              | 2          | 2          |
| Gilgamesh the Hero                                | McCaughrean           | 2          | 2          |
| Golden Goblet                                     | McGraw                | 2          | 2          |
| The Children's Homer                              | Colum                 | 3          | 2          |
| Cat of Bubastes                                   | Henty                 | 3          | 2          |
| Mara, Daughter of the Nile                        | McGraw                | 3          | 2          |
| Hittite Warrior                                   | Williamson            | 3          | 2          |
| Augustus Caesar's World                           | Foster                | 3          | 2          |

## History Cycle 2

(33AD-1600)

| <b>Title</b>                                    | <b>Author</b>         | <b>IRL</b> | <b>RARL</b> |
|---|-----------------------|------------|-------------|
| Apple and the Arrow                             | Bugg                  | 1          | 1           |
| Columbus  | D'Aulaire             | 1          | 1           |
| Leif the Lucky                                  | D'Aulaire             | 1          | 1           |
| Christopher Columbus and Discovery of the New.. | Pollard               | 1          | 1           |
| The Sword in the Tree                           | Bulla                 | 1          | 2           |
| Hide the Children: St. Bernard                  | Footsteps of the Sts. | 1          | 2           |
| Story of St. Patrick                            | Footsteps of the Sts. | 1          | 2           |
| St. Elizabeth of Hungary                        | Footsteps of the Sts. | 1          | 2           |
| St. Valentine                                   | Sabuda                | 1          | 2           |
| Twelve Bright Trumpets                          | Mann                  | 2          | 2           |
| Our Island Story                                | Marshall              | 2          | 2           |
| Galen and the Gateway of Medicine               | Bendick               | 2          | 2           |
| Beorn the Proud                                 | Polland               | 2          | 2           |
| St. Elizabeth's Three Crowns                    | Vision                | 2          | 2           |
| Francis of the Seven Seas                       | Vision                | 2          | 2           |
| St. Anthony and the Christ Child                | Vision                | 2          | 2           |
| Francis and Clare                               | Vision                | 2          | 2           |
| St. Thomas Aquinas                              | Vision                | 2          | 2           |
| Joan of Arc                                     | Vision                | 2          | 2           |
| St. Thomas More of London                       | Vision                | 2          | 2           |
| Edmund Campion                                  | Vision                | 2          | 2           |
| St. Ignatius                                    | Vision                | 2          | 2           |
| St. Philip of the Joyous Heart                  | Vision                | 2          | 2           |
| Viking Tales                                    | Hall                  | 2          | 2           |
| Castle Diary                                    | Platt                 | 2          | 2           |
| Canterbury Tales Retold for Children            | McCaughren            | 2          | 2           |
| Trial and Triumph                               | Hannula               | 3          | 2           |
| The Hidden Treasure of Glaston                  | Jewett                | 3          | 2           |
| Augustine Came to Kent                          | Willard               | 3          | 2           |
| If all the Swords in England                    | Willard               | 3          | 2           |
| Winning His Spurs                               | Henty                 | 3          | 2           |
| A Door in the Wall                              | d'Angeli              | 3          | 2           |
| The Story of Rolf and the Viking Bow            | French                | 3          | 3           |
| The Great and Terrible Quest                    | Lovett                | 3          | 3           |
| Son of Charlemagne                              | Willard               | 4          | 2           |
| Otto of the Silverhand                          | Pyle                  | 4          | 3           |
| Men of Iron                                     | Pyle                  | 4          | 3           |
| The Trumpeter of Krakow                         | Kelly                 | 4          | 3           |
| Robin Hood                                      | Pyle                  | 5          | 3           |

## History Cycle 3

(1600-1850)

| <b>Title</b>                       | <b>Author</b>  | <b>IRL</b> | <b>RARL</b> |
|------------------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|
| The Life of George Washington      | Pollard        | 1          | 1           |
| Benjamin Franklin                  | D'Aulaire      | 1          | 1           |
| Buffalo Bill                       | D'Aulaire      | 1          | 1           |
| Pocahontas                         | D'Aulaire      | 1          | 1           |
| The Matchlock Gun                  | Edmonds        | 1          | 1           |
| A Lion to Guard Us                 | Bulla          | 1          | 2           |
| Little House Series                | Wilder         | 1          | 2           |
| Our Hero General U.S. Grant        | Pollard        | 1          | 1           |
| George Washington's World          | Foster         | 2          | 2           |
| Ben and Me                         | Lawson         | 2          | 2           |
| Sign of the Beaver                 | Speare         | 2          | 2           |
| Fr. Marquette and the Great Rivers | Vision         | 2          | 2           |
| St. Vincent de Paul                | Vision         | 2          | 2           |
| Kateri Tekakwitha Mohawk Maiden    | Vision         | 2          | 2           |
| St. Isaac and the Indians          | Vision         | 2          | 2           |
| David Crockett, Scout              | Fletcher Allen | 2          | 2           |
| Up from Slavery                    | Washington     | 2          | 2           |