Keywords: Colonial life in America; Massachusetts Bay Colony; Plymouth Colony (Massachusetts); Williamsburg (Virginia); Jamestown (Virginia); Lost Colony (North Carolina); Revolutionary War in America; American Revolution

Background Information
Reference materials are always a good place to start on your research on any topic to help you build background information.
- **World Book***(print or online): Start with the article “Colonial life in America” or “Revolutionary War in America”
- Look up the name of the colony (Virginia, Massachusetts, etc.) and look for the “history” section
- Look up the name of the colonist or other important person (by last name)
- **CultureGrams States Edition** includes history as well as other aspects of the 50 states

Other Reference Books
Some reference books offer more specific information about Colonial America and the American Revolution
- **Colonial America** (Grolier, 1998)
- **Junior Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States** (UXL, 1999)
- **Colonial America Reference Library** (UXL, 2000) – includes Almanac, Biographies and Primary Sources
- **American Revolution Reference Library** (UXL, 2000) – includes Almanac, Biographies and Primary Sources

Biographies
- Check the reference books mentioned above
- **SIRS Discoverer** – click on “Biographies” in the box on the bottom right to search for a person by name
- **eLibrary Elementary** - click on the “topics” tab, then look for “biographies,” then click on “leaders in U.S. history”
- Books can be found in the 921 shelves of the non-fiction or biography collection, alphabetized by the person’s last name

Non-fiction Books
- Non-fiction history books focusing on the United States are usually in the 973-979 shelves
- Book on colonial crafts are in the 745 section
Web Sites

KidsClick! has great lists of websites about the colonial period and the American Revolution [http://www.kidsclick.org/midamer.html]


Test your knowledge of the American Revolution with this game. Learn about daily life in the Colonies, read headlines from six colonial cities, and discover a timeline of important events.

Fiction

Dear America Series – various authors
A Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Bulla
Constance: A Story of Early Plymouth by Patricia Clapp
The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth Speare
Tituba of Salem Village by Ann Petry
The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz
The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare
The Arrow Over the Door by Joseph Bruchac
James Printer: A Novel of Rebellion by Paul Samuel Jacobs
Saturnalia by Paul Fleischman
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
John Treegate's Musket by Leonard Wibberly
Early Thunder by Jean Fritz
My Brother Sam is Dead by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
Jump Ship to Freedom by James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier
The Fighting Ground by Avi
Sarah Bishop by Scott O'Dell
Just Jane by William Lavender
This Time, Tempe Wick? By Patricia Lee Gauch
A Ride into Morning by Ann Rinaldi
Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons by Ann Rinaldi

Picture Books

The Thanksgiving Story by Alice Dalgliesh
The Pilgrims of Plimoth by Marcia Sewall
The First Thanksgiving Feast by Joan Anderson

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