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Novels

Refugees

Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Refugee by Alan Gratz

Kiss the Dust by Elizabeth Laird

Clean Water

Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Child Labor

Iqbal by Francesco D'Adamo

The Clockwork Three by Matthew J. Kirby

Spilled Water by Sally Grindley

Education

Home of the Brave by K A Applegate

Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Gender Equality

Seesaw Girl by Linda Sue Park

Reduced Inequalities

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper

Wonder by R.J. Palacio

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

World War 2

Anne Frank's Diary by Anne Frank

Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr

United States

Slavery

Civil Rights Movement

Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson

Immigration

Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Environment/Animals

The One and Only Ivan by K A Applegate

Picture Books

Human Rights

Peace One Day
Every Human has Rights
For Every Child

Refugees

Song For Cambodia
Gleam and Glow
Mohamed's Journey (there are more of these with different names at the beginning telling the stories of refugees from different locations)

Poverty

One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference

Clean Water

Water Princess
Ryan and Jimmy and the Well in Africa that Brought them Together

Gender Equality

I Could DO That! (Esther Morris) - Google Public Data to see women's right to vote dates
Marvelous Mattie
Eleanor, Quiet No More
Fly High (Bessie Coleman)

Reduced Inequalities

Walking to School (Northern Ireland Religious Segregation)

World War 2

The Champion of Children (Janusz Korczak)
The Yellow Star (Legend from Denmark)
A Picture Book of Anne Frank
So Far From the Sea (Japanese Internment Camp)

United States

Slavery

An Apple for Harriet Tubman (Slavery)

Civil Rights Movement

Delivering Justice WW Law and The Fight for Civil Rights (background on Civil Rights Movement)

Testing the Ice (Jackie Robinson)

Martin's Big Words

Separate But Not Equal (California school's - Mexican American)

Immigration

Harvesting Hope (Cesar Chavez - Workers Rights)

Child Labor

Yasmin's Hammer by Ann Malaspina

Education

Helen Keller

Running Shoes

Environment/Animals

Rachel Carson

The Boy who Harnessed the Wind

Mama Miti

One Plastic Bag