**Tip: Children learn history through stories.**

***“*If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten.”**

**–Rudyard Kipling**

* **Stories make historical facts and figures interesting and fun.** They give children a snapshot of what life was like long ago.
* **Children can read about famous people in history, world events, and foreign places.** Reading one book can open an interest in reading others on the same subject. Many nonfiction books include timelines and glossaries to help children understand the history.
* **Characters in a story can help children navigate through a historical event.** Relatable characters and inquisitive characters can help children understand how it was to live in a time before technology or other conveniences they may take for granted.
* **Picture book art helps children visualize how it was to live in a different time or place.** They can see the kind of clothes people wore, the way the buildings looked, and the different kinds of transportation.
* **Books about the past give parents, grandparents, and teachers an opportunity to talk about how things were different and how and why things change over time.**
* **Stories are memorable.** They arouse our emotions and help us create images in our heads.Many studies show that we remember stories better than facts alone. Why? We remember what we feel.
* **Stories help us cope.** We can see how others solved problems and faced adversity.
* **Stories come in many forms**, including poetry, song, movement, pictures, plays, and even jokes.