Classical Conversations
Cycle 2
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Reference Books:

History

The Kingfisher History Encyclopedia
The Kingfisher Atlas of World History
The Usborne Book of World History

Geography

The Kingfisher Geography Encyclopedia
DK World Atlas

Science

The Kingfisher Science Encyclopedia
The Usborne Living World Encyclopedia
The Usborne Internet-Linked Science Encyclopedia
History:

Week 1 – Charlemagne
Son of Charlemagne
You Wouldn't Want to Be a Medieval Knight!

Week 2 – William the Conqueror
Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices from a Medieval Village

Week 3 – The Crusades
You Wouldn't Want to Be a Crusader!

Week 4 – Magna Carta
The Magna Carta: Cornerstone of the Constitution

Week 5 – Hundred Years' War
Joan of Arc by Demi
Joan of Arc by Diane Stanley
You Wouldn't Want to be Joan of Arc!

Week 6 – Renaissance
Who Was William Shakespeare?
Shakespeare’s Stories for Young Readers
Who Was Leonardo da Vinci?
I, Galileo

Week 7 – Reformation
Martin Luther: A Man Who Changed the World
John Calvin (Christian Biographies for Young Readers)
Week 8 – European Explorers
The Picture History of Great Explorers
Around the World in a Hundred Years: From Henry the Navigator to Magellan
Explorers Who Got Lost
Who Was Ferdinand Magellan?
Who Was Christopher Columbus?
Who Was Marco Polo?
You Wouldn't Want to Sail With Christopher Columbus!
You Wouldn't Want to Explore With Marco Polo!

Week 9 – Absolute Monarchs
Henry VIII and His Wives Paper Dolls
The King's Day: Louis XIV of France
The Royal Diaries: Marie Antoinette: Princess of Versailles

Week 10 – Russia
The Royal Diary: Catherine, the Great Journey Russia, 1743
Eyewitness: Russia

Week 11 – French Revolution
In the Reign of Terror: A Story of the French Revolution
You Wouldn't Want to Be an Aristocrat in the French Revolution!
Les Miserables (A Stepping Stone Book)

Week 12 – The Battle of Waterloo
Napoleon: The Story of the Little Corporal

Week 13 – Industrial Revolution
All About America: The Industrial Revolution
The Twenty-One Balloons
Smokestacks and Spinning Jennys: Industrial Revolution
Week 14 & 15 – World War I
War Game: Village Green to No-Man's-Land
Knit Your Bit: A World War I Story
Where Poppies Grow: A World War I Companion
In Flanders Fields: The Story of the Poem by John McCrae
A Cup of Cold Water: The Compassion of Nurse Edith Cavell

Weeks 16 & 17 – World War II
The Little Ships: The Heroic Rescue at Dunkirk in World War II
Border Breakdown: The Fall of the Berlin Wall
The Greatest Skating Race: A World War II Story from the Netherlands
You Wouldn't Want to Be a Secret Agent During World War II!
You Wouldn't Want to be a World War II Pilot!
Who Was Anne Frank?
Corrie Ten Boom: Shining in the Darkness
Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Home Front in World War II
The Little Riders
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit
Number the Stars

Week 18 – United Nations

Week 19 – Korean War
Peacebound Trains
Korean War (America at War)
America In Korean War: A History Just for Kids!

Week 20 – Vietnam War
The Wall
10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War
Week 21 – End of the Cold War
Ronald Reagan: Young Leader (Childhood of Famous Americans)
The Cold War (20th Century Perspectives)

Week 22 – Fall of Communism

Week 23 – Gulf War

Week 24 – End of Apartheid
Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom
Science:

Week 1 – Biomes

Wild Places: Mountains, Jungles & Deserts

Week 2 & 3 – Food Chain

Who Eats What? Food Chains and Food Webs
The Magic School Bus Gets Eaten: A Book About Food Chains
Secrets of the Garden: Food Chains and the Food Web in Our Backyard
A Bold Carnivore: An Alphabet of Predators

Week 4 – Natural Cycles

Did a Dinosaur Drink This Water?

Week 5 – Animals & Environmental Change

Going Home: The Mystery of Animal Migration
Animals in Winter

Week 6 – Pollution

The Everything Kids’ Environment Book

Week 7-11 – Solar System

Eye Wonder: Space
The Klutz Guide to the Galaxy
Sun Up, Sun Down: The Story of Day and Night
First Space Encyclopedia
The Magic School Bus Sees Stars: A Book About Stars
The Magic School Bus Lost In The Solar System
The Magic School Bus Takes a Moonwalk
**Week 12 – Space Missions**

*Moonwalk: The First Trip to the Moon*

*Space Exploration (DK Eyewitness Books)*

**Week 13 – States of Matter**

*What Is the World Made Of? All About Solids, Liquids, and Gases*

*What's the Matter in Mr. Whiskers' Room?*

**Week 14 – Acid vs Base**

*Acids and Bases (Why Chemistry Matters)*

**Week 15, 19-21, 23 – Energy, Laws of Thermodynamics & Heat**

*Energy Makes Things Happen*

*The Magic School Bus in the Arctic: A Book About Heat*

**Week 16-18 – Newton's Laws of Motion**

*Isaac Newton and the Laws of Motion*

*Forces Make Things Move*

*The Magic School Bus Plays Ball: A Book About Forces*

**Week 22 – Light**

*Light: Shadows, Mirrors, and Rainbows*

*The Magic School Bus Makes A Rainbow: A Book About Color*

**Week 24 -- Electricity**

*Charged Up: The Story of Electricity*

*The Magic School Bus And The Electric Field Trip*
English:

I And You And Don't Forget Who: What Is a Pronoun?
Dearly, Nearly, Insincerely: What Is An Adverb?
Lazily, Crazily, Just a Bit Nasally: More About Adverbs
A Mink, a Fink, a Skating Rink: What Is a Noun?
A Lime, a Mime, a Pool of Slime: More About Nouns
But and For, Yet and Nor: What Is a Conjunction?
Hairy, Scary, Ordinary: What Is an Adjective?
Quirky, Jerky, Extra Perky: More About Adjectives
Cool! Whoa! Ah and Oh!: What Is an Interjection?
Fine Arts:

*Great Artists (Weeks 13-18)*
- Discovering Great Artists
- Rembrandt (Getting to Know the World’s Greatest Artists)
- Carl Linnaeus: Father of Classification
- Thomas Gainsborough Artist of England
- Monet (Getting to Know the World’s Greatest Artists)
- Edgar Degas (Getting to Know the World’s Greatest Artists)

*Orchestra & Composers*
- Classical Music for Dummies
- Meet the Orchestra
- Ludwig Van Beethoven (Getting to Know the World’s Greatest Composers)
- Johannes Brahms (Getting to Know the World’s Greatest Composers)
- Two Scarlet Songbirds: A Story of Anton Dvorak
Other Read Alouds:

Make Way for McCloskey: A Robert McCloskey Treasury
Mike Mulligan and More: Four Classic Stories by Virginia Lee Burton
HarperCollins Treasury of Picture Book Classics: A Child's First Collection
James Herriot's Treasury of Inspirational Stories for Children
Mrs. Piggle Wiggle
The Cricket in Times Square
Owls in the Family
All of a Kind Family Downtown
My Father's Dragon
Uncle Wiggily's Storybook
The Classic Tales of Brer Rabbit
Charlotte's Web
Lawn Boy
Encyclopedia Brown Cracks the Case
Understood Betsy
The Whipping Boy
Castle Diary: The Journal of Tobias Burgess
Hidden Tales from Eastern Europe