

3-5th Grade Certificate Master List

Social Studies

George Washington Leadership Award

George Washington led American patriots to victory over an army considered the best in the world. He accomplished this by showing great leadership and respect for his soldiers. As the new nation's first president, Washington guided the new democracy with courage. His qualities as a leader include the following: resourceful, thoughtful and respectful. He is considered a role model for many Americans.

Thurgood Marshall Passion Award

Thurgood Marshall's life was guided by passionate support for individual and civil rights. His work as a civil rights lawyer helped overturn the segregation of schools in the landmark Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education*. Later, as a Supreme Court Justice, Marshall continued to use the law to fight against racial inequality.

Theodor Seuss Geisel Creativity Award

As the author of some of the most famous and loved children's books, Dr. Seuss used his imagination to create funny, interesting characters and memorable stories. Kids all over the world have grown up with his books. Dr. Seuss' creativity encouraged kids to use their own imaginations and to dream.

Walt Disney Creative Thinking Award

As a young man, Walt Disney had more than his share of failures. He lost one of his first jobs as a cartoonist for a Kansas City newspaper because he was not "creative" enough. Those failures simply made Disney work harder to achieve his dreams. In the end, he created an entertainment empire that brings job to people all over the world.

Thomas Edison Critical Thinking and Analysis Award

Thomas Edison is considered by many people to be the greatest inventor of all time. Among his many inventions were the light bulb, the motion picture camera and the phonograph. Much of Edison's success came through his willingness to tackle problems through critical thinking and analysis to find answers to many scientific questions.

Lewis and Clark Expedition Collaboration Award

The Lewis and Clark expedition probably would not have succeeded without collaboration, not only between the two, but also of their entire expedition team. The journals of the Lewis and Clark expedition describe the teamwork needed to carry out some of the most challenging and difficult circumstances that the group encountered during their journey.

Edward L. Ayers Innovation Award

As a historian, Edward L. Ayers works to help people learn about the American past. He also is an innovative thinker, establishing the Digital Scholarship Lab. This cutting edge project develops groundbreaking digital humanities projects, such as a historical atlas that uses interactive mapping to teach people about important events in American history.

Deb Haaland Protector of Cultures Award

As the nation's first female Native American Congressional representative, Deb Haaland has worked on many different issues. One of the most important has been to protect cultural artifacts belonging to Native Americans. Working with other Native American representatives, Haaland has pushed for stronger laws to protect artifacts..

Steven Chu Problem Solving Award

As a physicist, Steven Chu knew that one of the problems in working with atoms was that they traveled at incredible speeds. Chu would go on to discover a way to cool and trap atoms by using laser light. His work won him the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1997.

James Monroe Troubleshooting Award

James Monroe's creation of the Bill of Rights helped solve one of the trickiest challenges of the Constitutional Convention. Many delegates were concerned with protecting the rights of citizens. Monroe's solution outlined in specific detail the protections of American citizens rights to speak, worship, and protest without fear of government punishment.

Rosa Parks Good Citizen Award

Rosa Parks was a civil rights activist in Alabama. On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat to a white man. She was arrested for breaking a segregation law. Her determination to help make things better for African Americans made her a symbol of freedom for many Americans.

Maya Angelou Storytelling Award

Maya Angelou was an award-winning writer, civil rights activist, and teacher. She overcame many difficult challenges in her life to become a famous writer and poet. Her autobiographical stories and poems remain popular with students and adults.

Sandra Day O'Connor Outstanding Service Award

As the first woman to be appointed as a justice to the Supreme Court, Sandra Day O'Connor broke an important barrier for all women. She is known for her support of civil liberties as guaranteed under the Bill of Rights.

Ole Kirk Christiansen Product Design Award

You may not recognize the name, but chances are you have seen a Lego or two. Ole Kirk Christiansen, a carpenter, invented Legos. Today, Legos are one of the most popular toys in the world. The design for the blocks have never changed so Legos from many years ago can be used with today's Legos.

Kelly Ramirez-Donders and Jane Zelikova Database Creation Award

In 2018, women scientists Kelly Ramirez-Donders and Jane Zelikova created a database of women experts in science. They did this to show the impact of women in all areas of science.

Maya Lin Design Award

Maya Lin is one of the most innovative and creative artists in America. At the age of 21, while still an architecture student, Lin won a design competition for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Although many people criticized her design, the memorial wall is one of the most visited sites in Washington.

Frances Benjamin Johnston Photojournalism Award

Frances Benjamin Johnston was a woman photographer known for her photographic series about African and Native Americans. She began her career at a time when there were few women photographers.

Steve Jobs Creative Innovator Award

From the moment that Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak created their company Apple Computers, Jobs knew that it was going to be a great product. By 1984, Apple Computers was making a name in the computer industry. Today, Apple is recognized for its many innovative ideas and products, thanks to Steve Jobs' vision.

Cokie Roberts History and Current Events Award

Many people know Cokie Roberts as a journalist who often reported about government and politics. But she was also a noted historian who wrote books about notable women in American history.