

# Lift Every Voice Books Overview

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*Lift Every Voice* begins with emphasizing the core democratic values, skills, and knowledge that young people and adults need to lift their voices and to create a more compassionate, just, and free country and world. In *Lift Every Voice*, these Democratic Competencies are organized into five books: Book 1: Democratic Values, Book 2: Social and Emotional Skills, Book 3: Democratic Skills and Practice, Book 4: Social and Ecological Awareness, and Book 5: Democratic Knowledge.

Democratic Values, Skills, and Knowledge

"...that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

—Gettysburg

Address

Lift Every Voice  
and Unite Our Country

"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning  
to breathe free."

—Emma

1. Democratic Values: Guide

Lazarus

Democratic Values, Skills, and Knowledge                      2. Social and  
Emotional Skills: Stand in Other People's Shoes, Resolve  
Conflicts Non-Violently

" We will be known forever by the tracks we leave In other  
people's lives, our kindnesses and generosity. Take the time  
to walk a mile in his moccasins."

–Mary T. Lathrap  
Skills,

and

Democratic Values,  
Knowledge

3. Democratic Skills and Practices: Advocate,  
Discuss, Debate, Negotiate  
"Black Lives Matter was created as... a call to action for  
those who want to ...build a world where black lives do,

in fact, matter."

–Alicia Garcia      Democratic Values, Skills, and Knowledge

4. Social and Ecological Awareness: Pursue Social  
Justice and Ecological Balance

"We stand now where two roads diverge . . . The other fork of  
the road...offers our last, our only chance to reach a  
destination

that assumes the preservation

of the earth." –Rachel Carson      Democratic Values, Skills,

## Knowledge

## 5. Democratic Knowledge: Understand Our Democratic Rights and Protect Them

"We look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms...freedom of speech... freedom...to worship  
...freedom from want . . . (and)  
freedom from fear . . . anywhere  
in the world." –Pres. Roosevelt

Democratic Values, Skills,  
and Knowledge

# **Democratic Values, Skills, and Knowledge: Five Books**



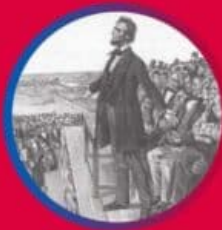
Book 1:  
Democratic  
Values



Book 2:  
Social-Emotional  
Skills



Book 3:  
Democratic Skills  
and Practices



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(1863) President  
Abraham Lincoln

## Lift Every Voice

How can we create a more compassionate,  
just, and democratic country and world?



Book 4:  
Social and  
Ecological Awareness



Book 5:  
Democratic  
Knowledge

## An Overview of Democratic Values, Skills, and Knowledge

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