

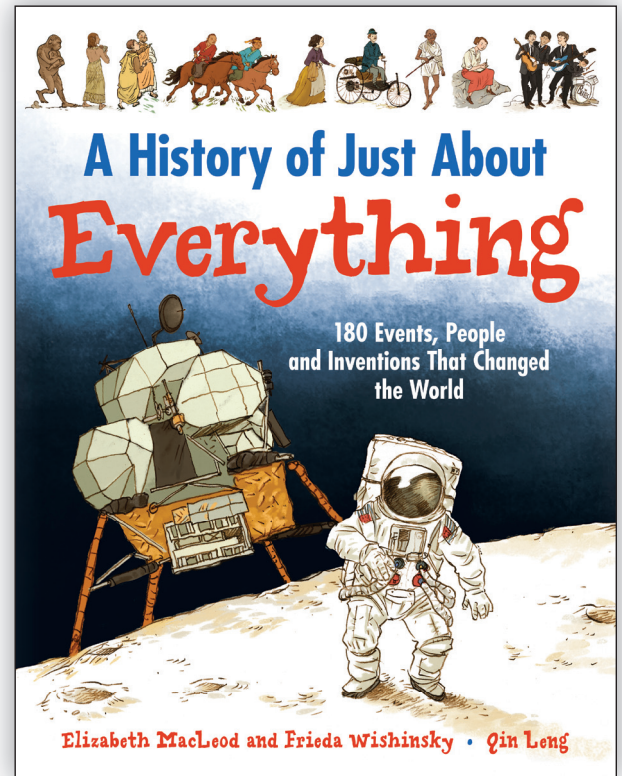
## TEACHER'S GUIDE INCLUDES

Awesome Activities that "Ripple" A HISTORY OF JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING into the classroom.



### Introduction

"Ripples" are connections — how we are all part of, and linked to, the past, the present and the future. Each event in this book includes a description of how it rippled forward to change the world. These fun, easy-to-do curriculum-based activities focus on how history "ripples" to impact our lives — even today.



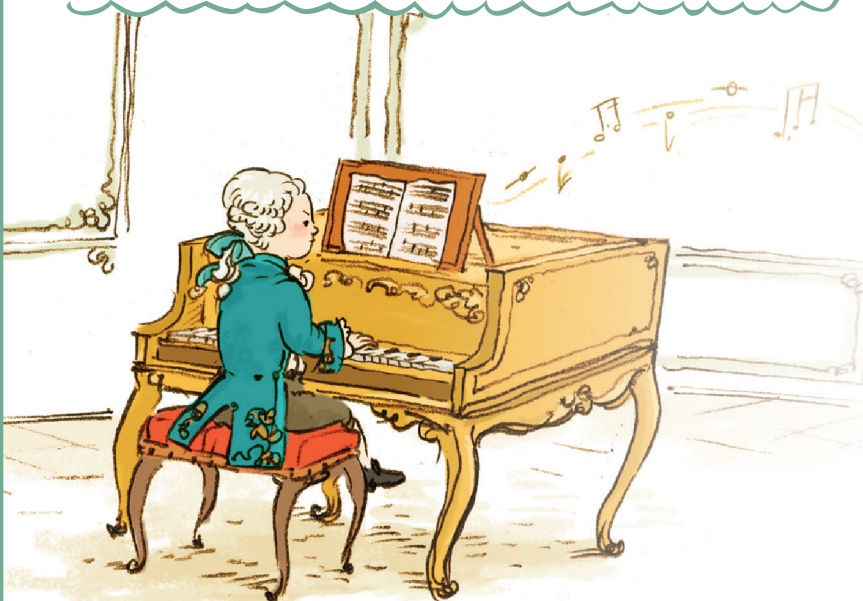
### Praise for *A History of Just About Everything*

"This heavily illustrated title takes readers on a whirlwind tour through historical milestones."  
— *Booklist*

"Compact and surprisingly complete, this volume is a superb introduction." — *School Library Journal*

"The book is easy to navigate and includes fun, colourful illustrations." — *Quill & Quire*

"A *History of Just About Everything* not only serves to pique a child's curiosity about world events, but it also demonstrates the relationship between the past and the present. Engaging, informative and entertaining. Highly Recommended." — *CM Magazine*



## Activities and Discussions

### A. WHAT DO YOU THINK? Share your opinion!

1. Tell about three events that changed your life, what happened and why they're important to you.
2. What three events in the last year changed your neighborhood, town or city? Why was each event important?
3. If you could meet any of the famous people mentioned in this book in real life, who would it be and why?
4. Is there any time in history that you think would be more exciting, interesting or amazing to live in than today? If so, when and how?
5. What are five facts you discovered in the book that you didn't know before and that surprised you? Tell why each of the facts surprised you.
6. Find two quotes by two of the famous scientists in the book. Why do you like these quotes and what do they mean to you?
7. Compare two of the people in the book: How are they different? In what ways are they the same? Which one would you like to eat lunch with? Why?



### B. LEARN MORE — RESEARCH!

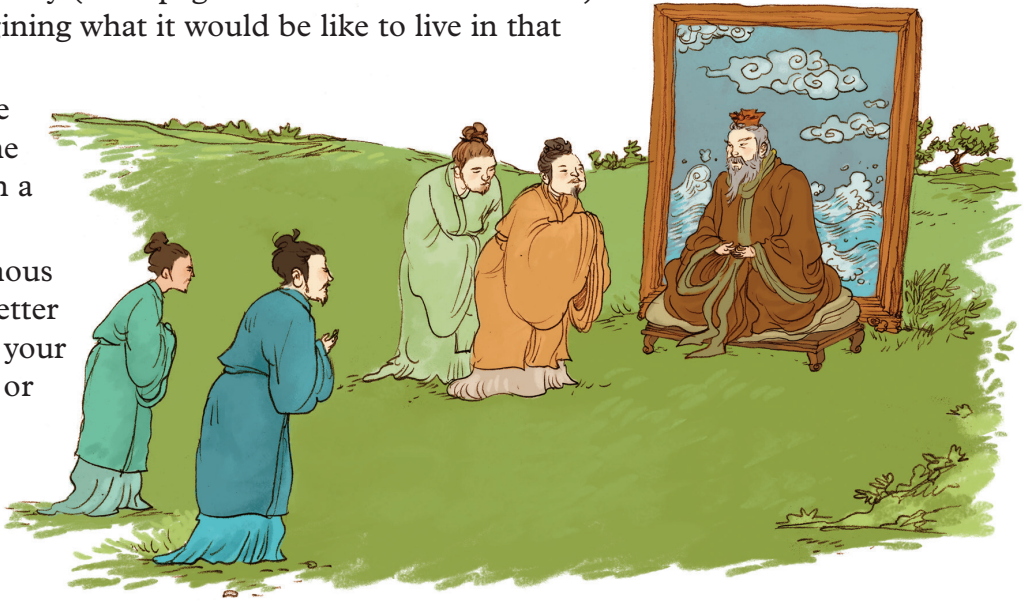
1. Note five events you think changed the world but aren't mentioned in **A HISTORY OF JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING**. In 250 to 500 words, explain what happened, why each event is important and how it changed history.
2. Note five people you think changed the world but aren't mentioned in this book. In 250 to 500 words, explain each person's importance and how he/she changed history.
3. Pick one of the events in this book and find five more facts the book doesn't mention.
4. Pick one of the people in this book and find five more facts the book doesn't mention.
5. Interview your parents, grandparents or an older family friend and ask what three events or people changed their world when they were young and why.





## C. BE CREATIVE!

1. Pick a time in early history (from page 6, when the first human appeared, to page 23, when the Silk Road flourished) and write a one-page story imagining what it would be like to live in that moment in time.
2. Pick a time in later history (from page 24, with the rise of the Roman Empire, to page 52, when the American Revolution occurred) and write a one-page story imagining what it would be like to live in that moment in time.
3. Pick a time in more recent history (from page 53 to the end of the book) and write a one-page story imagining what it would be like to live in that moment in history.
4. Pick one of the famous people in the book and make a list of the things that person would pack in a briefcase, purse or backpack.
5. Pretend you're one of the famous people in the book and write a letter to your best friend telling about your incredible invention, discovery or achievement.
6. Take a look at the time line at the end of the book, then create one for your own life.



## D. BE ARTISTIC!

1. Create a postage stamp to celebrate one of the important events in the book.
2. Make a collage about one of the famous people in the book. Be sure to include photos or drawings of items he or she would have used.
3. Draw a scene from an event in the book.
4. Make a poster advertising an event, invention or person in the book (e.g., the telephone, a Beatles concert, etc.).

