



Books, websites, and other resources about the orphan train era.



A young "newsie" selling papers in 1910.

More materials available:

- Historical overview article
- Discussion questions

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Books

Hopkinson, Deborah. Shutting out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York, 1880-1924. New York: Orchard/Scholastic, 2003.

Reef, Catherine. *Alone in the World: Orphans and Orphanages in America.* New York: Clarion Books, 2005.

Warren, Andrea. Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1996.

Warren, Andrea. *We Rode the Orphan Trains*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 2001.

Websites

kancoll.org/articles/orphans An online collection of historical news articles, photos, and other primary sources related to the orphan trains in Kansas.

orphantraindepot.org The website for the National Orphan Train Complex in Concordia, Kansas has information about the museum as well as several pages of orphan train rider stories.

pbs.org/wgbh/amex/orphan Website for the PBS documentary about the orphan trains (see below) includes a teacher's guide.

Video

American Experience: The Orphan Trains. 60 minutes, PBS Home Video, 2006.