

Classical Literature Reading List Sixth Through Eighth Grade

Fables, Folk Tales, and Fairy Tales

Irving, Washington. *Rip Van Wrinkle, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow and Other Tales*
Manniche, Lise. *How Djadja-Em-Ankh Saved the Day*
Tales from the Arabian Nights

Myths and Legends

Bierhorst, John. *Black Rainbow: Legends of the Incas and Myths of Ancient Peru*
Gottlieb, Gerald. *The Adventures of Ulysses*
Hamilton, Edith. *Mythology*
Kingsley, Charles. *The Heroes*
Lang, Andrew. *Tales of Troy and Greece*
Picard, Barbara Leonie. *The Iliad of Homer*
Pyle, Howard. *The Store of King Arthur and His Knights*
Sutcliffe, Rosemary. *The Light Beyond the Forest; The Sword and the Circle*
Westwood, Jennifer. *Stories of Charlemagne*

Fantasies

Alexander, Lloyd. *The Book of Three*
Bacon, Martha. *Moth Manor*
Bond, Nancy. *A String in the Harp*
Goudge, Elizabeth. *The Little White Horse*
Lawhead, Stephen R. *The Dragon King Trilogy: In the Hall of the Dragon King; The Warlords of Nin; The Sword and the Flame*
Lawhead, Stephen R. *Dream Thief*
L'Engle, Madeleine. *A trilogy: A Wrinkle in Time; A Wind in the Door; A Swiftly Tilting Planet*
Ormondroyd, Edward. *Time at the Top*
Siegel, Robert. *Alpha Centuari*
Siegel, Robert. *Whalesong*
Swift, Jonathan. *Gulliver's Travels*
Tolkien, J.R.R. *Farmer Giles of Ham*
Tolkien, J.R.R. *The Lord of the Rings trilogy: The Fellowship of the Ring; The Two Towers; The Return of the King*
Tyler, J.E.A. *The New Tolkien Companion*
Verne, Jules. *From the Earth to the Moon*
Verne, Jules. *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*

Realistic Modern Stories

Branscum, Robbie. *For Love of Jody*
Branscum, Robbie. *To the Tune of a Hickory Stick*
Brown, Fletch. *Street Boy*
Burnford, Sheila. *The Incredible Journey*
Donahue, Marilyn C. *To Catch a Golden Ring*
Du Bois, William Pene. *The Alligator Case*
Farley, Walter. *The Black Stallion*
Hamori, Laszlo. *Dangerous Journey*
Hamori, Laszlo. *Flight to the Promised Land*
Haugaard, Erik Christian. *Chase Me, Catch Nobody*

Realistic Modern Stories (6th – 8th)

Haugaard, Erik Chrstian. *The Little Fishes*
Henderson, Lois T. *A Candle in the Dark*
Herge. A series: *The Tintin books*
Holm, Anne *I am David*
Holman, Felice. *Slake's Limbo*
Holman, Felice *The Wild Children*
O'Hara, Mary. *My Friend Flicka*
Ottley, Reginald. A trilogy: *Boy Alone; The Roan Colt; Rain Comes to Yamboorah*
Pollock, Penny. *Keeping It Secret*
Robinson, Joan G. *The Dark House of the Sea Witch*
St. John, Patricia M. *Where the River Begins*
St. John, Patricia M. *Star of Light*
St. John, Patricia M. Three books: *Rainbow Garden; The Secret at Pheasant Cottage; The Tanglewood Secret*
Serraillier, Ian. *The Silver Sword*
Series: *Starring You! A Making Choices Book*
Stolz, Mary. *Cider Days*
Stolz, Mary. *A Dog on Barkham Street*
Streatfeild, Noel. *When the Sirens Wailed*
Thiele, Colin. *Fight Against Albatross Two*
Willard, Barbara. *The Gardener's Grandchildren*

Realistic Historical Stories

Alcott, Louisa M. *Little Women*
Alexander, Lloyd. *The Marvelous Misadventures of Sebastian*
Avery, Gillian. *A Likely Lad*
Blackmore, Richard. *Lorna Doone*
Blos, Joan W. *A Gathering of Days*
Bronte, Charlotte. *Jane Eyre*
Cervantes, Miguel de. *The Adventures of Don Quixote de la Mancha*
Cervantes, Miguel de. *The Adventures of Don Quixote*
Chamberlain, Barbara. *Ride the West Wind*
Defoe, Daniel. *Robinson Crusoe*
Dengler, Sandy. *The Melon Hound*
Dickens, Charles. *Oliver Twist*
Dickinson, Peter. *The Dancing Bear*
Drewery, Mary. *Devil in Print*
Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*
Fritz, Jean. *Early Thunder*
Fritz, Jean. *Brady*
Harnett, Cynthia. *The Writing on the Hearth*
Haugaard, Erik Christian. *Hakon of Rogen's Saga; A Slave's Tale*
Haugaard, Erik Christian. *A Messenger for Parliament; Cromwell's Boy*
Hawse, Alberta. *Vinegar Boy*
Henderson, Lois T. *Touch of the Golden Scepter*
Henry, Marguerite. *Justin Morgan Had a Horse*
Hewes, Agnes Danforth. *With the Will to Go*
London, Jack. *The Call of the Wild*
Mayne, William. *Max's Dream*
Montgomery, Lucy Maud. *Anne of Green Gables*
Muir, John. *Stickeen*
O'Dell, Scott. *Island of the Blue Dolphins*
O'Dell Scott. *The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt by Day*

O'Dell, Scott. *The King's Fifth*
Porter, Jane. *Scottish Chiefs*
Prokop, Phyllis S. *The Sword and the Sundial*
Pyle, Howard. *Men of Iron*
Pyle, Howard. *Otto of the Silver Hand*
Pyle, Howard. *Howard Pyle's Book of Pirates*
Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan. *The Yearling*
Rawls, Wilson. *Where the Red Fern Grows*
Scott, Sir Walter. *Ivanhoe*
Speare, Elizabeth G. *The Bronze Bow*
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *The Black Arrow*
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Kidnapped*
Stevenson, Robert Louis. *Treasure Island*
Stockton, Frank R. *The Lady or the Tiger and Other Stories*
Sutcliffe, Rosemary. *Blood feud*
Terhune. Albert Payson. *Lad: A Dog*
Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*
Twain, Mark. *The Prince and the Pauper*
Verne, Jules. *A Long Vacation*
Verne, Jules. *Michael Strogoff: A Courier of the Czar*
Walsh, Jill Paton. *Children of the Fox*
Wiggin, Kate Douglas. *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*
Willard, Barbara. *The Lark and the Laurel*
Wyss, Johann David. *The Swiss Family Robinson*

Biographies

Aldis, Dorothy. *Nothing is Impossible*
Aylward, Gladys. *Gladys Aylward, The Little Woman*
Bendick, Jeanne. *Archimedes and the Door of Science*
Brown, Marion Marsh. *Homeward the Arrow's Flight*
Burgess, Alan. *The Small Woman*
Clapp, Patricia. *Dr. Elizabeth*
Commager, Henry S. *America's Robert E. Lee*
Cousins, Margaret. *The Story of Thomas Alva Edison*
De Gering, Etta. *Wilderness Wife*
Drewery, Mary. *Devil in Print*
Foster, Genevieve. *The World of William Penn*
Freedom, Russell. *Jules Verne: Portrait of a Prophet*
Gies, Joseph and Frances. *Leonard of Pisa and the New Mathematics of the Middle Ages*
Holberg, Ruth Langland. *An American Bard: The Story of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*
Jenkins, Peter and Barbara. *A Walk Across America; The Walk West: A Walk Across America 2*
Judson, Clara Ingram. *Soldier Doctor*
Kennerly, Karen. *The Slave Who Bought His Freedom*
Knight, David C. *Isaac Newton: Mastermind of Modern Science*
Krensky, Stephen. *Conqueror and Hero: The Search for Alexander*
Latham, Jean Lee. *Anchor Aweigh: the Story of David Glasgow Farragut*
Latham, Jean Lee. *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*
Magnusson, Sally. *The Flying Scotsman*
Meigs, Cornelia. *Invincible Louisa*
Lawson, Audrey and Herbert. *The Man Who Freed the Slaves: The Story of William Wilberforce*
Nohl, Frederick. *Martin Luther: Hero of the Faith*
O'Dell, Scott. *The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt By Day*
Powers, Elizabeth. *The Journal of Madame Royale*
Singer, Isaac Bashevis. *A Day of Pleasure*
Sootin, Harry. *Robert Boyle: Founder of Modern Chemistry*

Biographies (6th-8th)

Steele, William O. *Westward Adventure: The True Stories of Six Pioneers*
Stonaker, Frances Benson. *Famous Mathematicians*
Syme, Ronald. *Magellan: First Around the World*
Tudor, Bethany. *Drawn from New England: Tasha Tudor*
Vander Schrier, Nettie. *The Golden Thread*
Washington, Booker T. *Up From Slavery*
Wilson, Dorothy Clarke. *Ten Fingers for God*
Zochert, Donald. *Laura*

God's World Books

Angeli, Marguerite de. *The Door in the Wall*
Blos, Joan W. *A Gathering of Days*
Brink, Carol Ryrie. *Caddie Woodlawn*
Brink, Carol Ryrie. *Magical Melons*
Forbes, Esther. *Johnny Tremain*
Fritz, Jean. *Early Thunder*
George, Jean Craighead. *My Side of the Mountain*
George, Jean Craighead. *On the Far Side of the Mountain*
Gray, Elizabeth Janet. *Adam of the Road*
Henry, Marguerite. *Horse Adventure Series*
Hess, Donna Lynn. *In Search of Honor*
Hunt, Irene. *Across Five Aprils*
Keith, Harold. *Rifles for Watie*
Latham, Jean Lee. *Carry On, Mr. Bowditch*
Lewis, C.S. *The Chronicles of Narnia*
MacDonald, George. *The Lost Princess*
O'Dell, Scott. *Carlota*
O'Dell, Scott. *Sing Down the Moon*
O'Dell, Scott. *Streams to the River, River to the Sea*
Speare, Elizabeth George. *Calico Captive*
Speare, Elizabeth George. *Forbidden Gates*
Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Sign of the Beaver*
Speare, Elizabeth George. *The Bronze Bow*
Taylor, Mildred D. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
Thomasma, Kenneth. *Soun Tetoken: Nez Perce Boy Tames a Stallion*
White, John. *The Sword Beaver*
Williamson, Denise. *The King's Reward*
Yates, Elizabeth. *Hue & Cry*
Yates, Elizabeth. *Sound Friendships*
Yates, Elizabeth. *The Journeyman*

Seventh and Eighth Grades

Alcott, Louisa May. *LITTLE MEN* 1871

Jo March and her husband Professor Bhaer's school for boys is a place of light, warmth, comfort, and delights, where self-knowledge and self-control are acquired along with book learning.

Armstrong, William Howard. *SOUNDER*. Illustrated by James Barkley. 1969.

Angry and humiliated when his sharecropper father is jailed for stealing food for his family, a young black boy grows in courage and understanding by learning to read with the help of the devoted dog Sounder.

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *THE SECRET GARDEN*. 1909.

A ten-year-old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors and discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.

Cooper, James Fenimore. *THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS*. 1826.

Set in pre-Revolutionary times, this story tells of the Indians caught up in the struggle of Europeans for the continent of North America.

Defoe, Daniel. *ROBINSON CRUSOE*. 1719.

An Englishman's great resourcefulness enables him to survive for almost thirty years on the desert island where he is shipwrecked.

Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan. *ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOMES*. 1892

A collection of Sherlock Homes mystery adventures includes "A Scandal in Bohemia," "The Red-Headed League," and "The Adventure of the Speckled Band."

Frank, Anne. *THE DIARY OF A YOUNG GIRL*. 1947.

Hidden from Nazi soldiers, a young girl keeps a diary of her experiences.

Gilbreth, Frank B. and Ernestine. *CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN*. 1948

The twelve Gilbreth children are unforgettable as they grow up under the direction of their famous efficiency-expert parents.

Grahame, Kenneth. *THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS*. 1908.

This classic animal story features friends Toad, Mole, Rat, and Badger.

Hunt, Irene. *ACROSS FIVE APRILS*. 1964. Newbery Honor Book.

With the men in family in both the Union and Confederate Armies, ten-year-old Jethro runs the farm and comes to have serious doubts about the war between brothers.

L'Engle, Madeleine. *A WRINKLE IN TIME*. 1962 Newbery Medal.

Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers in a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government.

Lewis, C.S. *THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE*. 1950.

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter.

Seventh and Eighth Grades

London, Jack. *WHITE FANG*. 1906.

A wolf-dog experiences the wilds, the campfire, and finally the habitation of the white man that molds him into a loyal ally.

Montgomery, L.M. *ANNE OF GREEN GABLES*. 1908.

An adventurous young orphan goes to live on a farm with an elderly brother and sister.

Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan. *THE YEARLING*. Illustrated by N.C. Wyeth. 1938. Pulitzer Prize.

A young Florida farm boy raised a wild deer a pet, but trouble looms as the animal grows and begins to destroy the family's crops.

Richeter, Conrad. *THE LIGHT IN THE FOREST*. 1953.

John Butler, young son of an affluent family, is captured by the Delawares and becomes an Indian in every sense, even to learning how to hate the white men.

Speare, Elizabeth George. *THE BRONZE BOW*. 1961 Newbery Medal.

A boy learns acceptance and love as his hate for the Romans, who killed his parents, dissolves.

Spyri, Johanna. *HEIDI*. 1880.

The goats and the Grandfather are Heidi's only happiness when she is sent from her mountain home to a big city where she can go to school and be a companion for Clara, a wealthy, gentle girl who cannot walk.

Steinbeck, John. *THE RED PONY*. 1933.

Four episodes in the life of Jody, a boy on a California ranch.

Stevenson, Robert Louis. *TREASURE ISLAND*. 1882.

While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads to a pirate fortune as well as great danger.

Ten Boom, Corrie. *THE HIDING PLACE*. 1971.

Corrie ten Boom's account of her amazing family's experiences during the German occupation of Holland reveals her indomitable Christian faith.

Twain, Mark. *THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN*. 1885.

A poor white boy and a runaway slave find murder, family feuds, villains, and friendship while traveling on a raft on the Mississippi River.

Twain, Mark. *THE PRINCE AND THE PAUPER*. 1882.

A poverty-stricken child and Edward, Prince of Wales, exchange clothes during a chance encounter. Each boy must live the other's life until they are restored to their true identities.

Verne, Jules. *JOURNEY TO THE CENTRE OF THE EARTH*. 1864.

Professor Hardwigg and his party attempt to reach the center of the earth by descending into the crater of a live volcano.

Wyss, Johann David. *THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON*. 1813.

When a Swiss couple and their four sons are shipwrecked on an isolated island, they adapt to their "New Switzerland," using imaginative methods of farming and animal taming.

Additional Books: Seventh and Eighth Grades

Additional Books for Grades Seven and Eight

Adams, Richard, WATERSHIP DOWN
Adamson, Joy, BORN FREE
Aldrich, Bess Streeter, A LANTERN IN HER HAND
Bagnold, Enid, NATIONAL VELVET
Brink, Carol Ryrie, CADDIE WOODLAWN
Bronte, Charlotte, JANE EYRE
Buck, Pearl, THE GOOD EARTH
Burnford, Sheila, THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY
Cleaver, Bill and Vera, WHERE THE LILIES BLOOM
Collier, James and Christopher, MY BROTHER SAM IS DEAD
Cooper, James Finimore, THE DEERSLAYER
Crane, Stephen, THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE
Dickens, Charles, DAVID COPPERFIELD, OLIVER TWIST, and A TALE OF TWO CITIES
Dodge, Mary Mapes, HANS BRINKER
Dumas, Alexandre, THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO and THE THREE MUSKETEERS
Farley, Walther, THE BLACK STALLION
Forbes, Esther, JOHNNY TREMAIN
Fox Paula, SLAVE DANCER
Gipson, Fred, OLD YELLER
Green, Bette, SUMMER OF MY GERMAN SOLDIER
Hautzig, Ether, THE ENDLESS STEPPE
Holm, Ann, NORTH TO FREEDOM
Hunt, Irene, UP THE ROAD SLOWLY
Keith, Harold, RIFLES FOR WATIE
Keller, Helen, THE STORY OF MY LIFE
Kipling, Rudyard, CAPTAINS COURAGEOUS
Lee, Harper, TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD
London, Jack, THE CALL FO THE WILD
Marshall, Catherine, CHRISTY
Meador, Stephen, SHADOW IN THE PINES
Morey, Walt, GENTLE BEN
O'Dell, Scott, THE HAWK THAT DARE NOT HUNT BY DAY and SING DOWN THE MOON
O'Hara, Mary, MY FRIEND FLICKA
Paterson, Katherine, JACOB HAVE I LOVED
Pyle, Howard, MEN OF IRON
Schaefer, Jack, SHANE
Sewell, Anna, BLACK BEAUTY
Sheldon, Charles, IN HIS STEPS
Steinbeck, John, THE PEARL
Swift, Jonathan, GULLIVER'S TRAVELS
Wallace, Lew, BEN HUR
Wells, H.G., THE WAR OF THE WORLDS