



Building Knowledge and Character

5th – 6th Grade Reading List

English/Language Arts

Author	Title	Lexile
Adams, Richard	Watership Down	880
Aiken, Joan (any)	Armitage Family Stories	930
	Black Hearts in a Batter Sea	900
	Bridle the Wind	
	The Cuckoo Tree	
	Dido and Pa	930
	Go Saddle the Sea	
	Midnight is a Place	970
	Midwinter Nightingale	810
	Nightbirds on Nantucket	
	The Serial Garden: The Complete	
	The Stolen Lake	
	Teeth of the Gale	
	Wolves of Willoughby Chase	1020
Alcott, Lousia May (any)	An Old-Fashioned Girl	1290
	Eight Cousins, or, The Aunt-Hill	1260
	Jo's Boys	1210
	Little Men: Life at Plumfield with Jo's Boys	
	Little Women	1300
	Rose in Bloom	1360
Armstrong	Souder	900
Atwater, Richard	Mr. Popper's Penguins	910
Austen, Jane (any)	Emma	1080
	Mansfield Park	1180
	Northanger Abby	1120
	Persuasion	1100
	Pride and Prejudice	1190
	Sense and Sensibility	1180
Avi	The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	740
Babbitt, Natalie	Tuck Everlasting	770
Ballantyne, R. M.	The Coral Island	1250
Barrie, J.M.	Peter Pan: The Complete and Unabridged Text	920
Baum, Frank (any)	Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz	1020
	The Emerald City of Oz	990
	Kidnapped Santa Claus	1130
	Little Wizard Stories of Oz	
	The Magic of Oz	1110
	The Marvelous Land of Oz	
	Ozma of Oz	1070

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	The Patchwork Girl of Oz The Road to Oz The Scarecrow of Oz Tik-Tok of Oz The Tin Woodman of Oz The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	1090 1000
Blackwood, Gary	The Shakespeare Stealer	840
Blos, Joan	A Gathering of Days	
Brink, Carol Rylie	Caddie Woodlawn	890
Bronte, Charlotte (any)	Jane Eyre	840
Bronte, Emily (any)	Wuthering Heights	880
Burnett, Frances Hodgson (any)	A Little Princess Little Lord Fauntleroy Lost Prince The Lost Prince of Samavia The Secret Garden	930 1070 910 900 950
Burnford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey	1320
Carroll, Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland Through the Looking Glass	940
Claybourne, Anna	World of Shakespeare	1090
Cleary, Beverly	Mouse and the Motorcycle Ribsy	860 820
Clements, Andrew	Frindle	830
Colum, Padriac (any)	Children of Odin The Golden Fleece Nordic Gods and Heroes The Trojan War and Adventures of Odysseus	980
Collodi, Carlo	Pinocchio	730
Colum, Padraic	The Golden Fleece	980
Coolidge, Susan	The Dark is Rising Silver on the Tree What Katy Did What Katy Did at School What Katy Did Next	920 900 940 870 940
Cooper, Susan	Greenwich The Grey King Over Sea, Under Stone	830 930 830
Creech, Sharon	Walk Two Moons	770
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Bud, Not Buddy The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963	950 1000
Dahl, Roald	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator Danny, Champion of the World James and the Giant Peach	810 720 770 870



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	Matilda	840
Dalgliesh, Alice	The Courage of Sarah Noble	610
Davis, Ossie	Escape to Freedom	
De Aneli, Marguerite	The Door in the Wall	990
De Cervantes, Miguel	Don Quixote	
De la Mare, Walter	The Lord Fish	
Denenberg, Barry	So Far From Home	710
Dickens, Charles (any)	A Christmas Carol	900
	David Copperfield	1070
	Great Expectations	1230
	Old Curiosity Shop	1320
	Oliver Twist	1060
	The Pickwick Papers	1210
	A Tale of Two Cities	990
Dickinson, Emily	I'm Nobody! Who are You?	
Dodge, Mary Mapes	Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates	1020
Douglass, Frederick	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass	
Doyle, Arthur Conan (any)	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	1080
	The Case-Book of Sherlock Holmes	1040
	His Last Bow	1100
	The Hound of the Baskervilles	1090
	The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes	1180
	Mysterious Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	1090
	The Return of Sherlock Holmes	
	The Sign of the Four	
	A Study in Scarlet	1070
	The Valley of Fear	
Eliot, George (any)	Middlemarch	
	The Mill on the Floss	1240
	Silad Marner	
Evans, Cheryl	Greek Myths and Legends	950
Forbes, Esther	Johnny Tremain	840
Forester, C.S. (any)	Admiral Hornblower and the West Indies	
	The Barbary Pirates	1140
	Beat to Quarters	
	Commodore Hornblower	
	Flying Colours	
	Hornblower and the Atropos	
	Hornblower During the Crisis	
	Hornblower and the Hotspur	
	Lieutenant Hornblower	
	Lord Hornblower	
	Mr. Midshipman Hornblower	
	Ship of the Line	

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Freedman, Russell	Indian Chiefs	1030
Gillooly, Eileen	Robert Browning	
Gipson, Fred	Old Yeller	910
Grahame, Kenneth (any)	Dream Days	1220
	The Golden Age (Tales)	1140
	The Reluctant Dragon	1070
	The Wind in the Willows	1140
Green, Roger Lancelyn (any)	Adventures of Robin Hood	1110
	King Arthur and His Knights of the Round Table	
	The Luck of Troy	1100
	The Tale of Troy	
	Tales of Ancient Egypt	
	Tales of Greek Heroes	1150
Harness, Cheryl	Remember the Ladies	
Henty, G.A. (any)		
Hesse, Karen	Witness	
Hesse, Sharon	Out of the Dust	
Hirsch Jr., E.D. (editor)	Realms of Gold, Volume 1	
	Realms of Gold, Volume 2	
	Realms of Gold, Volume 3	
Hollander, John	American Poetry	
Hope, Anthony	The Prisoner of Zenda	640
Hughes, Langston	The Dream Keeper	
Hunt, Irene	Across Five Aprils	1100
Irving, Washington (any)	The Legend of Sleepy Hollow	1440
	Old Christmas	
	Rip Van Winkle	930
Janke, Katelan	Survival in the Storm	990
Kastan, David Scott & Marina	William Shakespeare	
Kingsley, Charles (any)	The Heroes (or Greek Fairy Tales)	
	Heroes of Greek Mythology	
	Madam How and Lady Why: or, First lessons in Earth Lore for Children	
	The Water-Babies	
	Westward Ho	1070
Kipling, Rudyard (any)	Captain Courageous	
	Jungle Book	1160
	Just So Stories	1060
	Kim	940
	The Man Who Would Be King	
	Puck of Pook's Hill	
	Rikki-tikki-tavi	810
Knight, Eric	Lassie Come Home	780
L'Engle, Madeleine	An Acceptable Time	710
	Many Waters	700



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	A Swiftly Titling Planet	850
	A Wind in the Door	790
	A Wrinkle in Time	740
London, Jack (any)	The Call of the Wild White Fang	1010 970
Lange, Andrew (any)	The Arabian Nights Fairy Books (blue, yellow, etc. – fairy tales) The Red True Story Book Tales of Troy and Greece	1180
Lee, Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird	870
Lewis, C.S. (any)	The Horse and His Boy	970
	The Last Battle	890
	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	940
	The Magician’s Nephew	970
	Prince Caspian	870
	The Silver Chair	840
	The Voyage of the Dawn Treader	970
Lofting, Hugh	The Story of Doctor Dolittle	580
	The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle	860
Lowry, Lois	Number the Stars	670
	The Giver	760
MacDonald, George (any)	At the Back of the North Wind	
	Golden Key	870
	Light Princess	880
	The Lost Prince	
	The Princess and the Curdle	1120
	The Princess and the Goblin	1030
Marryat, Captain (any)	The Children of the New Forest	
	Jacob Faithful	
	The King’s Own	
	Mastermind Ready	
	Mr. Midshiman Easy	
	The Phantom Ship	
	The Pirate	
	Poor Jack	
	Snarleyyow or the Dog Fiend	
	The Three Cutters	
Matas, Carol	Daniel’s Story	720
McKissack, Patricia C.	Color Me Dark	680
	A Picture of Freedom	790
Mesmer, Edric S.	The Best Poems Ever	
Meyer, Carolyn	Beware, Princess Elizabeth	910
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of Avonlea	1020
	Anne of Green Gables	990



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	Anne's House of Dreams	930
	Anne of Ingleside	940
	Anne of the Island	910
	Anne of Windy Poplars	940
	Emily Climbs	930
	Emily of New Moon	950
	Emily of Quest	950
	Jane of Lantern Hill	
	Rainbow Valley	980
	Rilla of Ingleside	1030
	The Road to Yesterday	800
Mulock, Dinah Maria	The Little Lame Prince	
Murphy, Jim	My Name is America: The Journal of James Edmond Pease	1070
Myers, Walter Dean	The Journal of Bidly Owens	920
Nesbit, E. (any)	Book of Dragons	1170
	The Enchanted Castle	890
	Five Children and It	980
	The House of Arden	
	The Magic City	
	The Magic World	
	New Treasure Seekers	
	The Phoenix and the Carpet	1000
	The Railway Children	920
	The Story of the Amulet	890
	The Story of the Treasure Seekers	
	Wet Magic	
	The Wouldbegoods	
North, Sterling	Rascal	1140
	The Wolfing	910
O'Dell, Scott	Island of the Blue Dolphins	1000
Orr, Wendy	Nim's Island	930
Osborne, Mary Pope	My Brother's Keeper	590
Paterson, Katherine	Bridge to Terabithia	810
Paulsen, Gary	Hatchet	1020
Peck, Richard	A Year Down Yonder	610
Peck, Robert Newton	The Day No Pigs Would Die	690
Poe, Edgar Allan	The Raven	
Porter, Jane	The Scottish Chefs	
Pyle, Howard (any)	Adventures of Robin Hood	1270
	The Book of Pirates	1400
	Garden Behind the Moon	950
	Men of Iron	1210
	The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood	850
	Otto of the Silver Hand	

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	Stolen Treasure The Story of Champions of the Round Table The Story of Jack Ballister's Fortunes The Story of King Arthur and His Knights The Story of Sir Lancelot and His Companions Twilight Land The Wonder Clock	1430
Ransome, Arthur (any)	The Bix Six Coot Club Peter Duck Pigeon Post Secret Water Swallowdale Swallows and Amazons We Didn't Mean to Go to Sea Winter Holiday	
Rawls, Wilson	Where the Red Fern Grows	700
Rawlings, Marjorie	The Yearling	750
Riordan, Rick	The Lightning Thief	740
Rowling, J.K.	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	880
Ryan, Pam Munoz	Becoming Naomi Leon Esperanza Rising	830 750
Schmidt, Gary D.	Robert Frost	
Schoonmaker Bolin, Frances	Carl Sandburg Emily Dickinson	
Scott, Walter (any)	Ivanhoe	1410
Shakespeare (any)	Hamlet Julius Caesar King Lear Richard III Macbeth Merchant of Venice A Midsummer Night's Dream Othello Taming of the Shrew Tempest The Tragedy of Macbeth Two Noble Kingsmen William Shakespeare's Julius Caesar	1390 1380 1340 1290 1350 1330
Sidney, Margaret	Five Little Peppers and How They Grew	
Snicket, Lemony	A Series of Unfortunate Events book 1	1010
Sperry, Armstrong	Call it Courage	830
Spinelli, Jerry	Maniac Magee	820
Spyri, Johanna	Heidi	1000
Sterling, Dorothy	Freedom Train	910

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Stevenson, Robert Louis (any)	Across the Plains	1150
	Black Arrow	980
	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	1060
	Dynamiter	970
	In the South Seas	1040
	Kidnapped	990
	New Arabian Nights	
	Silverado Squatters	1120
	Treasure Island	1070
Street, Pat	There's a Frog in My Throat!	
Taylor, Mildred D.	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	920
Taylor, Theodore	The Cay	860
Tolkien, J.R.R. (any)	The Children of Hurin	
	The Fellowship of the Ring	860
	The Hobbit	1000
	The Legend of Sigurd and Gudrun	
	The Return of the King	920
	The Simarillion	1150
	Tales from the Perilous Realm	
	The Two Towers	810
Trollope, A. A. (any)	American Senator	1100
	Barchester Towers	1090
	Doctor Thorne	1020
	He Knew He Was Right	1120
	The Way We Live Now	1080
Twain, Mark (any)	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	980
	Adventures of Tom Sawyer	950
	A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	1080
	The Notorious Jumping Frog and Selected Works	
	The Prince and the Pauper	1160
	Pudd'n Head Wilson	1150
Verne, Jules (any)	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea	1030
	Around the World in 80 Days	1080
	A Journey to the Center of the Earth	1040
	The Mysterious Island	
Wells, H.G. (any)	First Men in the Moon	1130
	The Invisible Man	980
	Island of Dr. Moreau	1130
	The Time Machine	1070
	Tono Bungay	1130
	War of the Worlds	1170
	World Set Free	1310
White, T.H.	The Once and Future King	1080
	The Sword in the Stone	1120



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Wiggin, Kate Douglas	Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm	1160
Wilde, Oscar	The Happy Prince and Other Stories	
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	By the Shores of Silver Lake	820
	Farmer Boy	820
	The First Four Years	1030
	Little House in the Big Woods	930
	Little House on the Prairie	760
	Little Town on the Prairie	850
	The Long Winter	790
	On the Banks of Plum Creek	720
	These Happy Golden Years	840
Wolff, Virginia	Bat 6	930
Wyss, Johann	The Swiss Family Robinson	1260
Yep, Laurence	Hiroshima	660

History & Geography

Author	Title	Lexile
Adler, David	Enemies of Slavery	1040
Bolden, Tonya	Portraits of African-American Heroes	1140
Bridges, Ruby	Through My Eyes	860
Bruchac, Joseph	Sacajawea	840
Dash, Joan	We Shall Not Be Moved	1170
Davis, Kenneth C.	Don't Know Much About Abraham Lincoln	1040
Fritz, Jean	Around the World in a Hundred Years	1050
	You Want the Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?	870
Haskins, James	Black Eagles	1160
MacDonald, Alan	Henry VIII and His Chopping Block	710
Marks	Romans	920
McGowen, Tom	World War II	1310
Palacios, Argentina	Standing Tall	1060
Pinkney, Andrea Davis	Let It Shine	940
Robinson, Sharon	Promises to Keep	1030
Roop, Peter & Connie	Christopher Columbus	620
	Sitting Bull	700
Santella, Andrew	Daniel Boone and Cumberland Gap	870
Stanley, Jerry	I Am an American	1180
Sullivan, George	Abraham Lincoln	700
	Davy Crockett	670
	Lewis and Clark	710



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Mathematics

Author	Title	Lexile
Burns, Marilyn	The I Hate Mathematics! Book	610
Ellis, Julie	What's Your Angle, Pythagoras?	
Neuschwander, Cindy	Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi	390
Pallotta, Jerry	Count to a Million	450
Schwartz, David M.	G is for Googol	760
	If You Made a Million	840

Music

Author	Title	Lexile
Venezia, Mike	Aaron Copland	930
	Ludwig, van Beethoven	1010

Science

Author	Title	Lexile
Bennett, Paul	Under the Ocean	1150
Berger, Melvin & Gilda	Did It Take Creativity to Find Relativity, Albert Einstein?	
	What Makes an Ocean Wave?	870
Doherty, Gillian	Birds	890
Howell, Laura (et al)	Animal World	
	World of Plants	
Jenkins, Steve	Almost Gone	1020
Jones, Lynda	Five Brilliant Scientists	660
Miller, S.	Seahorses, Pipefishes, and Their Kin	920
Miller, Sara Swan	True Bugs	
Mitton, Jacqueline	Scholastic Encyclopedia of Space	1070
Nunn, Laura Silverstein	Diabetes	940
St. George, Judith	Dear Dr. Bell . . . Your Friend, Helen Keller	1180
Souza, D. M.	Freaky Flowers	1110
	Wacky Trees	1090
Steele, Philip	Black Holes	910
Swan, Erin Pembrey	Land Predators of North America	
	Pelicans, Cormorants, and Their Kin	1020
Tocci, Salvatore	Calcium	1250
	Carbon	
	Experiments With Plants	700
	Experiments With Solids, Liquids, and Gases	680
	Hydrogen and the Noble Gases	
	Nitrogen	1050



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	Oxygen The Periodic Table Tin	
Trueit, Trudi Strain	Octopuses, Squids, and Cuttlefish	990

Visual Arts

Author	Title	Lexile
Foa, Emma	Edward Hopper	1040
Oliver, Clare	Jackson Pollock	1040
Stanley, Diane	Michelangelo	940
Venezia, Mike	Botticelli Pieter Bruegel Raphael	940