

The books chosen for the Literary Legacy Challenge list are from three sources: traditional classics, Newbery award winners, and contemporary inspirational books.

A classic expresses the qualities of life, truth, and beauty using effective language with universal appeal which has stood the test of time.

The Newbery award winners, given out since 1922, are chosen by a committee of librarians as the best books published during the previous year.

The contemporary inspirational books were chosen because of their amazing message and life-changing impact.

Titles may be added and subtracted from year to year as no best list is ever finished!

Of course all the great books are not on this list, but the goal was to include some of the best books of significant authors and to cover historical events and themes of which students should be aware.

*Levels 1-6 correspond with grades 7-12.

*The Read-aloud books are ones that everyone should have either read or heard.

*Level 0 contains books that were hopefully read in the elementary years. Level 7 contains titles that would be suggested reading for students planning on going on to college.



Literary Legacy Challenge

Levels 0-2

February 2012

Level 1

Avi	Crispin, the Cross of Lead
Burnett, Frances	The Secret Garden
Burnford, Sheila	The Incredible Journey
Collodi, Carlo	Pinochio
DiCamillo, Kate	The Tale of Despereaux
Hale, Shannon	Princess Academy
Lane, Rose Wilder	The Young Pioneers
Larson, Kirby	Hattie Big Sky
Latham, Jean Lee	Carry on Mr. Bowditch
Lawhead, Stephen	In the Hall of the Dragon King
McGraw, Eloise Jarvis	The Golden Goblet
Montgomery, L.M.	Anne of Green Gables
Moody, Ralph	*Little Britches Series
O'Hara, Mary	My Friend Flicka
Porter, Eleanor	Pollyanna
Sewell, Anna	Black Beauty
Speare, Elizabeth	The Witch of Blackbird Pond
Ullman, James	Banner in the Sky
White, John	Tower of Geburah
Wojciechowska, Maria	Shadow of a Bull

*Choose any one from the series
Read as part of the curriculum:
Keith, Harold

Rifles for Watie

Level 2

Burnett, Frances	The Lost Prince
Dodge, Mary	Hans Brinker or the Silver Skates
DuBois, William	Twenty-one Balloons
Forbes, Esther	Johnny Tremain
Hunt, Irene	Across Five Aprils
Lewis, Elizabeth	Young Fu of the Upper Yangtze
McDonald, George	The Princess and Curdie
McGraw, Eloise Jarvis	Moccasin Trail
Meigs, Cornelia	Swift Rivers
Mowat, Farley	Lost in the Barrens
North, Sterling	Rascal
O'Dell, Scott	The King's Fifth
Park, Linda	A Single Shard
Porter, Gene Stratton	Freckles
Preus, Margi	The Heart of a Samurai
Raskin, Ellen	The Westing Game
Rawlings, Marjorie	The Yearling
Schmidt, Gary	Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy
Speare, Elizabeth	The Bronze Bow
Spyri, Johanna	Heidi
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Hobbit
Twain, Mark	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Read as part of the curriculum:
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Level 0

Avi	Perloo the Bold
Cleary, Beverly	Henry Huggins
DiCamillo, Kate	Because of Winn-Dixie
Farley, Walter	The Black Stallion
George, Jean	My Side of the Mountain
Gipson, Fred	Old Yeller
Henry, Margurite	King of the Wind
Konigsburg, E.L.	From the Mixed up Files...
Krumgold, Joseph	Onion John
Lawson, Robert	Rabbit Hill
Lewis, C.S.	*Narnia Series
Lowrey, Lois	Number the Stars
MacLachlan, Patricia	Sarah Plain and Tall
McSwigan, Marie	Snow Treasure
Morey, Walt	Gentle Ben
Naylor, Phyllis	Shiloh
Peck, Richard	A Year Down Yonder
Rawls, Wilson	Where the Red Fern Grows
Sorensen, Virginia	Miracles on Maple Hill
Speare, Elizabeth	Sign of the Beaver
Taylor, Mildred	Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry
Wilder, Laura Ingalls	*Little House Series
Yates, Elizabeth	Amos Fortune Free Man

*Choose any one from the series

Level 3

Alcott, Louisa May	Little Women
Bell, Robert	In Peril on the Sea
Brother Andrew	God's Smuggler
Brouwer, Sigmund	Wings of Dawn
Carson, Ben	Gifted Hands
Cule, W.E.	Sir Knight of the Splendid Way
Dickson, Athol	River Rising
Forester, E.M.	Mr. Midshipman Hornblower
Kelly, Eric	The Trumpeter of Krakow
Kherdian, David	The Road from Home
L'Amour, Louis	Last of the Breed
London, Jack	Call of the Wild
Marovitch, Pete	Heir to a Dream
McCleary, Clebe	Living Proof
Orwell, George	Animal Farm
Peretti, Frank	This Present Darkness
Sheley, Donald	Beggar at the Banquet
Steinbeck, John	The Pearl
Stevenson, R.L.	Treasure Island
Tolkien, J.R.R.	The Fellowship of the Ring
Whitlow, Robert	The Sacrifice
Wilson, Debbie	Tiger in the Shadows

Read as part of the curriculum:

Homer	The Odyssey
Shakespeare, William	Romeo and Juliet*
Verne, Jules	Around the World in 80 Days
*In Adventures in Reading by Harcourt	

Level 4

Alcock, Deborah	The Spanish Brothers
Alcorn, Randy	Safely Home
Blackmore, R.D.	Lorna Doone
Bunn, T. Davis	The Great Divide
Chase, Owen	The Wreck of the Whaleship Essex
Comrie, Margaret S.	Heroes of Castle Bretten
Dana, Richard	Two Years Before the Mast
Doyle, Sir Arthur	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes
Dumas, Alexander	The Count of Monte Cristo
Erickson, Joni	Joni
Gray, Zane	Riders of the Purple Sage
Hilton, James	Lost Horizon
Lee, Harper	To Kill a Mockingbird
Morris, Harold	Twice Pardonned
Pyle, Howard	Men of Iron
Risner, Robbie	The Passing of the Night
Rivers, Francine	A Voice in the Wind
Shelton, Charles	In His Steps
Walton, Mrs. O.F.	The Lost Clue
Wyss, Johann	Swiss Family Robinson

Read as part of the curriculum:

Bunyan, John	Pilgrim's Progress
Elliot, George	Silas Marner
Shakespeare, William	Julius Caesar
*In Adventures in Appreciation by Harcourt	

Level 5

Bronte, Charlotte	Jane Eyre
Bunn, T. Davis	Winner Take All
Cooper, James Fenimore	The Last of the Mohicans
Downs, Tim	Plaguemaker
Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan	The Hound of the Baskervilles
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	The Scarlet Letter
Hunt, Dave	God of the Untouchables
Hunt, Angela	Uncharted
Lewis, C.S.	Perelandra
Michell, Margaret	Gone with the Wind
Olson, Bruce	Bruchko
Orczy, B.	The Scarlet Pimpernel
Southworth, E.D.E.N.	Ishmael
Stevenson, Robert Louis	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	Uncle Tom's Cabin
Stretton, Hesba	Cobwebs and Cables
Verne, Jules	20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Washington, Booker T.	Up from Slavery
Wright, Harold Bell	That Printer of Udell's

Read as part of the curriculum:

Burroughs, Edgar Rice	Tarzan of the Apes
Shakespeare, William	Hamlet
Twain, Mark	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Level 6

Austin, Jane	Pride and Prejudice
Bunn, T. Davis	To the Ends of the Earth
Defoe, Daniel	Robinson Crusoe
Evans, Augusta Jane	St. Elmo
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	The House of the Seven Gables
Henty, G.A.	In Freedom's Cause
Huggins, James Byron	Rora
Hugo, Victor	Les Miserables
Kingsley, Florence M.	Prisoners of the Sea
Lawhead, Stephen	Byzantium
Perry, John	Unshakable Faith
Scott, Sir Walter	Ivanhoe
Shelley, Mary	Frankenstein
Shelton, Charles	Seven Days Left
Wallace, Lew	Ben Hur

Read as part of the curriculum:

Alcorn, Randy	The Ishbane Conspiracy
Dickens, Charles	A Tale of Two Cities**
Feldhahn, Shaunti	The Lights of Tenth Street
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Shakespeare, William	Macbeth*

*In *Adventures in English Literature* by Harcourt

**Abridged version by Esther Knaupp

Level 7

Bronte, Emily	Wuthering Heights
Colson, Charles	How Now Shall We Live
Dickens, Charles	David Copperfield
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor	Crime and Punishment
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor	The Brothers Karamazov
Franklin, Benjamin	Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin
Hardy, Thomas	The Return of the Native
Homer	The Iliad
Hugo, Victor	The Hunchback of Notre-Dame
Melville, Herman	Moby Dick
Swift, Jonathan	Gulliver's Travels
Tolstoy, Leo	Anna Karenina

Read-aloud

Aesop	Aesop's Fables
Grahame, Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows
Grimm Brothers	Grimms' Fairy Tales
Kipling, Rudyard	Just so Stories
Lobel, Arnold	The Adventures of Frog and Toad
Marshall, James	George and Martha
Milne, A.A.	Winnie-the-Pooh
Minarik, Else Holmeland	The Adventures of Little Bear
Potter, Beatrix	Peter Rabbit
Pyle, Howard	The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood
Pyle, Howard	King Arthur & His Knights of the Round Table
Stevenson, Robert Louis	A Child's Garden of Verses
	The Arabian Nights
	Mother Goose Nursery Rhymes

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Levels 3-6

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