

The Write Foundation

Paragraph Writing Reading List Instructions

Recommend for Ages 12–16

It matters what you read.

1. The best readers are the best writers.
2. What you read is a major factor determining who you will become.
3. Quality literature encourages reading, because it is hard to put a good book down.
4. Reading is not just for fun. Reading plays a major role in brain development.

Book List Organization and Point System: To encourage students to read quality literature, for every book a student reads from the following book list, a predetermined number of assigned points can be earned and included in their semester grade. The point groups are determined by length and reading level.

- Books are mostly listed in alphabetical order by title.
- If several books are by one author or a series by various authors, then they are included in the alphabetical order by the author's name, series title, or a group title such as missionaries.
- Books are not listed in a required reading order.
- If using this system, students need to read a total of 48 points per semester. Extra points can be rolled over into the next semester.

Reading Guidelines:

- Books may be read to students, listened to on tape, or read independently. Books that have already been read to students or listened to on tape that a student reads independently now may count.
- **Avoid book reports.** Book reports take the joy out of reading. Instead, talk about each book together. When books are enjoyed, it is natural to want to talk about them. Take advantage of it.
- Students should ask permission/approval about receiving credit for books required for other classes (e.g. Worldviews of the Western World, Tapestry of Grace, Sonlight, or any Lamplighter books).

Easy-to-Read? Abridged? Translated? Need teacher guidance and approval.

- **Avoid "easy-to-read" versions** of any books, such as those by Great Illustrated Classics.
- **Abridged** means a book has been condensed or shortened. For a few extremely difficult books there are some abridged versions which may be preferable.
- A few of the classics were originally written in another language. Some **translations** are much better than others.

The Books Read form is a suggested record keeping tool for record keeping convenience of the student and parent/teacher. If using this system, books read should be recorded on the form provided, on another full piece of paper, or on the computer so the teacher has a record of books read by each student.

- 1.) The student's name
- 2.) The title of the book
- 3.) The number of points assigned to the book on the book list
- 4.) One parent's signature

Where to find these books?

1. Many of these books will likely be found at a public library.
2. An easy way to find out more about these books is through Amazon descriptions and reviews.
3. A number of these books are available on Kindle.
4. Used and online bookstores offer new and used copies of many books at reasonable prices.

The goal is to encourage the reading of quality books that all will enjoy. Investigating these books that range from modern to classical to unrenowned works of art will hopefully be an enjoyable adventure.

Books Read

Student Name: _____

Book Titles:	Number of Points
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Parent's Signature:

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Paragraph Writing Reading List
12 Point Books

<p>All of a Kind Family Series – Sydney Taylor All of a Kind Family More All of a Kind Family All of a Kind Family Uptown All of a Kind Family Downtown Ella of All of a Kind Family</p>	<p>Horses and Healing – Kim Meeder Hope Rising Bridge of Hope</p>
<p>And the Word Came with Power – Joanne Shetler Benjamin West and his Cat Gimalkin – Marguerite Henry Born in the Year of Courage – Emily Crofford The Breadwinner – Deborah Ellis The Broken Blade – William Durbin Bud Not Buddy – Christopher Paul Curtis</p>	<p>Horse Stories – Marguerite Henry Justin Morgan Had a Horse King of the Wind Misty of Chincoteague White Stallion of Lipizza</p>
<p>Building on the Rock Series (Short Stories) – Joel R. Beeke & Diana Kleyn How God Stopped the Pirates How God Used A Thunderstorm Other books in this series count.</p>	<p>Humbug Mountain – Sid Fleischman The Incredible Journey – Sheila Burnford Just David – Eleanor H. Porter Leonardo Da Vinci – Emily Hahn</p>
<p>Call it Courage – Armstrong Sperry Catherine Called Birdie – Karen Cushman</p>	<p>A Long Way from Chicago Series – Richard Peck A Long Way from Chicago A Season of Gifts A Year Down Yonder</p>
<p>Clubhouse Mysteries – Sharon M. Draper Lost in the Tunnel of Time The Buried Bones The Space Mission Adventure Other books in this series count.</p>	<p>Old Yeller – Fred Gipson Otto of the Silver Hand – Howard Pyle</p>
<p>Dear America Series – Historical Fiction Various Authors Across the Wide-Open Prairie I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly Behind the Masks Any other books in this series count.</p>	<p>Penderwick Series – Jean Birdsall The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale The Penderwicks at Gardam Street Other books in this series count.</p>
<p>Detectives in Togas – Henry Winterfeld The Mystery of the Roman Ransom (sequel)</p>	<p>Peter Pan – James M. Barrie Pollyanna – Eleanor H. Porter</p>
<p>The Door in the Wall – Marguerite De Angeli</p>	<p>Pooh Books (Original not Disney) – A. A. Milne Winnie the Pooh The House at Pooh Corner</p>
<p>Drew Farthering Mysteries – Julianna Deering Death by the Book Rules of Murder Dressed for Death Murder at the Mikado</p>	<p>The Red Badge of Courage – Stephen Crane Red Sails to Capri – Melissa Weil Shades of Gray – Carolyn Reeder</p>
<p>Faith Like Potatoes – Angus Buchan A Gathering of Days – Joan W. Blos God's Adventurer: Hudson Taylor – Phyllis Thompson (missionary) The Heart Reader – Terri Blackstock Hind's Feet on High Places – Hannah Hurnard Holes – Louis Sachar Homesick – Jean Fritz</p>	<p>Shiloh Quartet – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor Shiloh Shiloh Season Other books in this series count.</p>
	<p>Snow Treasure – Marie McSwigan Stink Alley – Jamie Gilson Tales of Robin Hood – Tony Allan Toliver's Secret – Esther Wood Brady Up from Slavery – Booker T. Washington The Wright Brothers – Quentin Reynolds</p>
	<p>The Younguns Series – Thomas L. Tedrow The Younguns of Mansfield Frankie and the Secret The Circus Escape The Legend of the Missouri Mud Monster</p>

14 Point Books

Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Mark Twain
Amos Fortune Free Man – Elizabeth Yates

Anne of Green Gables Series – L. M. Montgomery
Anne of Green Gables
Anne of the Island
Anne of Avonlea
Other books in this series count.

An Autobiography of Buffalo Bill: The Life of Colonel
William F. Cody –

William F. Cody (Timeless Classic Books 178 pages)

Archimedes and the Door of Science –
Jeanne Bendick

Bound for Oregon – Jean Van Leeuwen

The Bronze Bow – Elizabeth G. Speare

Bud and Me – Alta Abernathy

By the Great Horn Spoon – Sid Fleischman

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl

Christian Heroes, Then and Now Series –
Janet and Goeff Bengé (missionary)
Gladys Altwood: The Adventure of a Lifetime
David Livingston: Africa's Trailblazer
Other books in this series count.

A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens

The Cross and the Switchblade – David Wilkerson

Father Brown – G.K. Chesterton
The Best of Father Brown
The Complete Father Brown
Father Brown: The Essential Tales

Follow My Leader – James B. Garfield

Freedom Train (Harriet Tubman) – Dorothy Sterling

The Good Master– Kate Seredy
The Singing Tree (sequel)

Gone Away Lake – Elizabeth Enright

Heidi – Johanna Spyri

Henry Reed Series – Keith Robertson
Henry Reed, Inc.
Henry Reed's Journey
Henry Reed's Babysitting Service

The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle

The House of Sixty Fathers – Meindert DeJong

In Search of Honor – Donna Lynn Hess

The Journeyman – Elizabeth Yates

Jungle Books (not Disney) – Rudyard Kipling
Just So Stories – Rudyard Kipling

Kildee House – Rutherford George Montgomery

Little House Series – Laura Ingalls Wilder
Little House in the Big Woods
Little House on the Prairie
Farmer Boy
On the Banks of Plum Creek
Other books in this series count.

Love Comes Softly Series – Janette Oke

Love Comes Softly
Love's Enduring Promise
Love's Long Journey
Love's Abiding Joy

Other books in this series count.

The Magna Charta – James Daugherty

Men of Faith Series – Various Authors
John Newton: The British Slave Trader
George Muller: Man of Faith and Miracles
Samuel Morris: The African Boy God Sent
Other books in this series count.

Miracles on Maple Hill – Virginia Sorenson

Mother Carey's Chickens – Kate Douglas Wiggin

Number the Stars – Lois Lowry

The Pink Motel – Carol Rylie Brink

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm – Kate Wiggin

Science – John Hudson Tiner
Exploring Planet Earth
Exploring the History of Medicine
Exploring the World of Biology
Exploring the World of Chemistry

Science Fiction – Jules Verne
Around the World in Eighty Days
Master of the World
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
A Journey to the Center of the Earth
The Mysterious Island

Sign of the Beaver – Elizabeth G. Speare

Star of Light – Patricia St. John
The Tanglewood's Secret
The Secret at Pheasant Cottage
Rainbow Garden
Treasures of the Snow
Where the River Begins
Three Go Searching

Theras and His Town – Caroline Dale Snedeker

The Trumpeter of Krakow – Eric P. Kelley

Warrior of the Son – Samuel Schiller

16 Point Books

American History– Peter Marshall
 The Light and the Glory for Young Readers
 From Sea to Shining Sea for Young Readers
 Sounding Forth the Trumpet for Young Readers

Air Raid, Pearl Harbor – Theodore Taylor
 Black Horses for the King – Anne McCaffrey

Blackthorn Winter – Douglas Wilson
 Susan Creek (sequel)

The Borrowers – Mary Norton
 Caddie Woodlawn – Carol Ryrie Brink
 Calico Bush – Rachel Field
 The Cay – Theodore Taylor
 The Chestery Oak – Kate Seredy

Chronicles of Narnia Series – C. S. Lewis
 The Magicians Nephew
 The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe
 The Silver Chair
 The Horse and His Boy
 Prince Caspian
 The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

Daughter of the Legend – Jessie Stuart

Daughters of the Faith Series – Wendy Lawton
 The Tinker’s Daughter: Mary Bunyan
 The Captive Princess: Pocahontas
 Ransom’s Mark: Pioneer Olive Oatman
 Courage to Run: Harriet Tubman
 Other books in this series count.

Favorite Dog Stories – James Herriot
 God King: A Story in the Days of King Hezekiah –
 Joanne Williamson

The Great and Terrible Quest – Margaret Lovett

Greek Mythology – Rosemary Sutcliff
 Black Ships Before Troy: Iliad
 The Wanderings of Odysseus: Odyssey

The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt Day – Scott O’Dell
 Hittite Warrior – Joanne Williamson
 I Am David – Anne Holm
 Indian Captive – Lois Lenski

Kingdom’s Dawn Series – Chuck Black
 Kingdom’s Dawn
 Kingdom’s Hope
 Kingdom’s Edge
 Kingdom’s Call

Other books in this series count.

The Last Sin Eater – Francine Rivers
 A Little Princess – Frances Hodgson Burnett

Missionaries (more elsewhere)
 Bruscho – Bruce Olsen
 The Cross and the Switchblade – David Wilkerson

My Side of the Mountain – Jean C. George

Orphan Train Adventures – Joan Lowery Nixon
 A Family Apart
 Caught in the Act
 In the Face of Danger
 A Place to Belong
 A Dangerous Promise
 Keeping Secrets
 Circle of Love

The Phantom Toll Booth – Norton Juster

Rani Adventure Series – Ron Snell
 It’s a Jungle Out There!
 Life is a Jungle
 Jungle Calls

Rascal – Sterling North

Rachel’s Tears: The Spiritual Journey –
 Beth Ninmo, Darrell Scott

Same Kind of Different as Me – Ron Hall
 Sarah Bishop – Scott O’Dell

Shadows on the Sea – Joan Hiatt Harlow
 Shepherd of the Hills – Harold Bell Wright

The Silver Pencil – Alice Dagliesh

They Loved to Laugh – Kathryn Worth

The Thread That Runs So True – Jesse Stuart

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

Where the Red Fern Grows – Wilson Rawls

Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Graham

18 Point Books

Across Five Aprils – Irene Hunt
 Adam of the Road – Elizabeth Janet Gray
 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain
 Book of Greek Myths –
 Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
 Big Red – Jim Kjelgaard
 Calico Captive – Elizabeth G. Speare
 Carry on Mr. Bowditch – Jean Lee Latham

Crown and Covenant – Douglas Bond
 Duncan's War
 King's Arrow
 Rebel's Keep

Dutch Tales – Meindert Dejong
 Dirk's Dog Bello
 Far out the Long Canal
 The Wheel on the School

The Escape – A. Vander Jagt

Fairy Tales: Original Versions
 Andersen's Fairy Tales – H. C. Andersen
 Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales Second Series
 Grimm's Fairy Tales (Diversions Classics)
 (Warning – Grimm's is dark.)

The Galway Chronicles – Brock and Bodie
 Thoene
 Only the River Runs Free
 Of Men and Of Angels
 Ashes of Remembrance
 All Rivers to the Sea

God's Smuggler – Brother Andrew
 The Golden Goblet – Eloise Jarvis McGraw
 If I Perish – Esther Ahn Kim
 Lad: A Dog – Albert Payson Terhune
 Lassie, Come Home – Eric Knight
 A Lantern in Her Hand – Beth Streeter Aldrich

Little Britches Series – Ralph Moody
 Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers
 Man of the Family
 The Home Ranch
 Mary Emma and Company
 The Fields of Home
 Other books in this series count.

Lord Peter Wimsey Mysteries – Dorothy Sayer
 Clouds of Witnesses
 Strong Poison
 Unnatural Death
 Other Sayer mysteries about this length count.

Mark of the Lion Series – Francine Rivers
 A Voice in the Wind
 An Echo in the Darkness
 As Sure as the Dawn

Mara, Daughter of the Nile – Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Missionaries (others elsewhere) – *True story of missionary outreach to Auca Indians of Ecuador.*
 End of the Spear – Steve Saint
 Jungle Pilot (Nate Saint) – Russell T. Hitt
 Shadow Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot - Zondervan
 Through the Gates of Splendor – Elizabeth Elliot

Pilgrim's Progress Today – Lael Arrington
 The Prince and the Pauper – Mark Twain

Redwall Series – Brian Jacques
 Redwall
 Mossflower
 Mattimeo
 Other books in this series count.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – M. D. Taylor
 Let the Circle Be Unbroken (sequel)

The Roman Britain Trilogy – Rosemary Sutcliff
 Eagle of the Ninth
 The Silver Branch
 The Lantern Bearers

The Secret Garden – Frances H. Burnett
 The Shining Company – Rosemary Sutcliff
 Snow in the River – Carol Ryrie Brink
 Stowaway – Karen Hesse
 Summer of the Monkeys – Wilson Rawls
 Swift Rivers – Cornelia Meigs

Will Rogers: A Biography – Ben Yagoda
 Never Met A Man I Didn't Like: The Life and Writings of Will Rogers – Will Rogers and Joseph Carter

20 Point Books

Alas, Babylon – Pat Frank
 Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery – Eric Metaxas
 Anna and the King of Siam – Margaret Landon

Jane Austen
 Pride and Prejudice
 Emma

Born Again – Charles Colson
 Buffalo Coat – Carol Ryrie Brink

Agatha Christie
 Murder on the Orient Express
 And Then There Were None
 The Murder of Roger Ackroyd
 Other books in Hercule Poirot mysteries count.

Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court – Mark Twain

The Cost of Discipleship – Dietrich Bonhoeffer
 The Diary of Anne Frank – Anne Frank
 Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage – Alfred Lansing
 The Favorite Uncle Remus – Joel Chandler Harris

The Gift of Music: Great Composers and Their Influence – Jane Stuart Smith & Betty Carlson

Hard Times – Charles Dickens
 The Hiding Place – Corrie Ten Boom
 The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
 How to Win Friends and Influence People – Dale Carnegie
 In the Presence of My Enemies – G. Burnham
 Johnny Tremain – Esther Forbes
 Kidnapped – Robert Louis Stevenson
 Keeper of the Bees – Gene Stratton Porter
 Kon-Tiki – Thor Heyerdahl

Catherine Marshall
 Julie
 A Man Called Peter: The Story of Peter Marshall

The Phantom of the Opera – Gaston Leroux

Gene Stratton Porter
 Girl of the Limberlost (Sequel to Freckles)
 The Harvester
 Laddie

The Ramsay Scallop – Frances Temple
 Rifles for Watie – Harold Keith
 Robinson Crusoe – Daniel DeFoe
 Robin Hood – Roger Green
 Run Baby Run: Story of NY Gang Leader – Nicky Cruz

St. Simons Trilogy – Eugenia Price
 Historical Fiction
 Lighthouse
 New Moon Rising
 Beloved Invader

Dorothy L. Sayers
 (Lord Peter Wimsey Mysteries 200-400 pgs.)
 Clouds of Witnesses
 The Five Red Herrings
 Murder Must Advertise
 Strong Poison
 Other Sayers books this length can count.

The Scarlet Pimpernel – Baroness Orczy
 The Scarlet Pimpernel
 The Elusive Pimpernel
 The League of the Scarlet Pimpernel
 Sir Percy Leads the Band
 Other books in this series count.

Sea of Glory – Ken Wales & David Poling

The Shiloh Legacy – Bodie Thoene
 In My Father's House
 A Thousand Shall Fall
 Say to This Mountain

Jessie Stuart Stories
 Hie to the Hunter
 The Thread That Runs So True

The Story of King Arthur and His Knights – Howard Pyle

The Story of the Trapp Family Singers – Maria Augusta Trapp (Sound of Music)
 Swiss Family Robinson – Johann D. Wyss
 Tales from Shakespeare – Charles Lamb
 To Kill a Mocking Bird – Harper Lee

A Walk Across America – Peter Jenkins
 The Walk West (sequel)

24 Point Books

Buffalo Bill's Life Story: An Autobiography –
William F. Cody (365 pages version)
Christy – Catherine Marshall

Charles Dickens
Great Expectations
Oliver Twist
A Tale of Two Cities

Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte

James Herriot (some language)
All Creatures Great and Small
All Things Bright and Beautiful
All Things Wise and Wonderful
The Lord God Made Them All
Every Living Thing

Pilgrim's Progress – John Bunyan

Dorothy L. Sayers
(Lord Peter Wimsey Mysteries 400-600 pgs.)
Busman's Honeymoon
Gaudy Night
Have His Carcase
The Nine Tailors
Other books this length can count.

Irving Stone
The President's Lady: Rachel and Andrew
Jackson
Love is Eternal: Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln

The Lord of the Rings – J.R.R. Tolkien
The Fellowship of the Ring
The Two Towers
The Return of the King

The Zion Chronicles – Brock & Bodie Thoene
The Gates of Zion
A Daughter of Zion
The Return to Zion
The Key to Zion
A Light in Zion

The Zion Covenant – Brock & Bodie Thoene
Vienna Prelude
Prague Counterpoint
Munich Signature
Jerusalem Interlude
Danzig Passage
Other books in this series count.

The Zion Legacy – Brock & Bodie Thoene
Jerusalem Vigil
Thunder from Jerusalem
Jerusalem's Heart
The Jerusalem Scroll
Stones of Jerusalem
Jerusalem's Hope
Other books in this series count.

34 Point Books

Ben Hur – Lew Wallace
Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy –
Eric Metaxas

Civil War Trilogy– Jeff M. Shaara
The Killer Angels
Gods and Generals
The Last Full Measure

Alexandre Dumas
The Count of Monte Cristo (Lowell Bair translator)
The Three Musketeers
Twenty Years Later
Ten Years Later
The Man in the Iron Mask

Greek Mythology
(Translated by Robert Fagles)
The Aeneid – Virgil
The Iliad – Homer
The Odyssey – Homer

A Lineage of Grace: Five Stories of Unlikely
Women Who Changed Eternity – Francine Rivers

Lorna Doone – R. D. Blackwell
North and South – Elizabeth Gaskell
The Robe – Lloyd C. Douglas

Irving Stone
Men to Match My Mountains
Those Who Love: John and Abigail Adams