

The Write Foundation

Creating Sentences & Prepare to Write

Reading List Instructions

Ages 8 – 11

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. Do not read any abridged versions at this level.

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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Total Points	

Parent's Signature:

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6 Point Books

Aladdin and Other Favorite Arabian Nights Stories –
 Philip Smith, Editor

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain – Alice Dalgliesh

The Big Wave – Pearl S. Buck

The Courage of Sarah Noble – Alice Dalgliesh

George Washington Carver – Eva Moore

History – Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Lief the Lucky

Columbus

Pocahontas

George Washington

Benjamin Franklin

Abraham Lincoln

Buffalo Bill

The Hundred Dresses – Eleanor Estes

Li Lun, Lad of Courage – Carolyn Treffinger

Little Pear – Eleanor Frances Lattimore

The Little Riders – Margaretha Shemin

The Minstrel in the Tower – Gloria Skurzynski

Myths – Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Book of Trolls

Children of the Northlights

Book of Norse Myths

Rip Van Winkle – Washington Irving

Saint Isaac and the Indians – Milton Lomask

Sarah Witcher's Story – Elizabeth Yates

Shoes for Everyone – Barbara Mitchell

Stone Fox – John Reynolds Gardiner

Jesse Stuart Stories

A Penny's Worth of Character

The Beatinest Boy

Red Mule

The Rightful Owner

The Whipping Boy – Sid Fleischman

The White Stallion – Elizabeth Shub

10 Point Books

The Adventures of Pinocchio – Carlo Collodi

The Apprentice – Pilar Molina Llorente

Baby Island – Carol Ryrie Brink

A Beatrix Potter Treasury – Beatrix Potter

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever –
 Barbara Robinson

Boxcar Children – Gertrude Chandler Warner

The Cabin Faced West – Jean Fritz

Castle Diary – Richard Platt

Charlotte's Web – E.B. White

The Children Who Stayed Alone – Bonnie B. Worline

The Cricket in Times Square – George Selden

Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrims Progress –
 Oliver Hunkin

Grandma's Attic Series – Arleta Richardson

In Grandma's Attic

More Stories from Grandma's Attic

Other books in this series are fine.

The Great Gilly Hopkins – Katherine Paterson

Hank the Cowdog Series – John R. Erickson

The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog

Murder in the Middle Pasture

It's A Dog's Life

Other books in this series count.

Helen Keller's Teacher – Margaret Davidson

The Story of my Life – Helen Keller

Henry Huggins Series – Beverly Clearly

Henry Huggins

Henry and Ribsy

Ribsy

Other Henry Huggins books count.

Homer Price – Robert McCloskey

How to Eat Fried Worms – Thomas Rockwell

The Kite Fighters – Linda Sue Park

The Lion in the Gateway – Mary Renault

Mr. Popper's Penguins – Atwater

Madeleine Takes Command – Ethel C. Brill

Mountain Born – Elizabeth Yates

The Mouse and the Motorcycle – Beverly Clearly

Runaway Ralph (sequel)

Sarah Plain & Tall Series – Patricia MacLachlan

Sarah Plain & Tall

Skylark

Caleb's Story

More Perfect than the Moon

Grandfather's Dance

Socks – Beverly Clearly

The Sword in the Tree – Clyde Robert Bulla

Sugar Creek Gang Series – Paul Hutchens

The Swamp Robber

The Killer Bear

The Lost Campers

The Secret Hideout

Other books in this series count.

The Terrible Wave – Marden Dahlstedt

A Tree for Peter – Kate Seredy

The Twenty-One Balloons – Wm. Pene du Bois

Tuck Everlasting – Natalie Babbitt

The Year of Miss Agnes – Kirkpatrick Hill

14 Point Books

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

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

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.

Call it Courage – Armstrong Sperry
 Catherine Called Birdie – Karen Cushman

Clubhouse Mysteries – Sharon M. Draper
 Lost in the Tunnel of Time
 The Buried Bones
 The Space Mission Adventure
 Other books in this series count.

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.

Detectives in Togas – Henry Winterfeld
 The Mystery of the Roman Ransom (sequel)

The Door in the Wall – Marguerite De Angeli

Drew Farthering Mysteries – Julianna Deering
 Death by the Book
 Rules of Murder
 Dressed for Death
 Murder at the Mikado

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

Horses and Healing – Kim Meeder
 Hope Rising
 Bridge of Hope

Horse Stories – Marguerite Henry
 Justin Morgan Had a Horse
 King of the Wind
 Misty of Chincoteague
 White Stallion of Lipizza

Humbug Mountain – Sid Fleischman
 The Incredible Journey – Sheila Burnford
 Just David – Eleanor H. Porter
 Leonardo Da Vinci – Emily Hahn

A Long Way from Chicago Series – Richard Peck
 A Long Way from Chicago
 A Season of Gifts
 A Year Down Yonder

Old Yeller – Fred Gipson
 Otto of the Silver Hand – Howard Pyle

Penderwick Series – Jean Birdsall
 The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale
 The Penderwicks at Gardam Street
 Other books in this series count.

Peter Pan – James M. Barrie
 Pollyanna – Eleanor H. Porter

Pooh Books (Original not Disney) – A. A. Milne
 Winnie the Pooh
 The House at Pooh Corner

The Red Badge of Courage – Stephen Crane
 Red Sails to Capri – Melissa Weil
 Shades of Gray – Carolyn Reeder

Shiloh Quartet – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
 Shiloh

Shiloh Season
 Other books in this series count.

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

The Younguns Series – Thomas L. Tedrow
 The Younguns of Mansfield
 Frankie and the Secret
 The Circus Escape
 The Legend of the Missouri Mud Monster

16 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)
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 Benge (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 Ryrie 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

18 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