

The Write Foundation Sentence to Paragraph Reading List Recommend for Ages 10 –14

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.

Reading Guidelines:

- **Read** books to students. The more you read to them, the higher their level of reading and comprehension climbs. Read books out loud to them that they would not find easy to read on their own, but also read easier books out loud for sheer enjoyment.
- **Listen** to audio books. When you are going places in the car or just relaxing at home, listening to a good book captivates and entertains.
- **Encourage** students to select books to read independently that are on their easy-to-read level and that interest them.
- **Avoid book reports. Discuss** what is read. Instead of book reports, talk to them about what they are reading. As they enjoy books, they will want to talk about them.

Book List Organization and Point System: To encourage students to read quality literature. The point groups are determined by length.

- Books are mostly listed in alphabetical order by title.
- If several books are by one author or a series by various authors, then these are included in the alphabetical order by the author's last name or a series title.
- Books are not listed in a required reading order.
- Give extra credit. For every 20 points read, 1 point could be added to the final semester grade. The teacher decides if the books must be read independently to count for extra credit. Limit to 5 points extra credit per semester.

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.
- A few of the classics were originally written in another language. Some **translations** are much better than others.

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 or Thriftbooks 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.
5. Amazon and Thriftbooks each carry most of these books.

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.

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5 Point Books

Aladdin: And Other Favorite Arabian Nights Stories – Philip Smith
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
Legend of Sleepy Hollow – Washington Irving
The Little Riders – Margaretha Shemin

Li Lun, Lad of Courage – Carolyn Treffinger 96
Little Pear – Eleanor Frances Lattimore 96
The Minstrel in the Tower – Gloria Skurzynski
Paul Revere's Ride – Longfellow
Sarah Whitcher's Story – Elizabeth Yates
Shoes for Everyone – Barbara Mitchell
Stone Fox – John Reynolds Gardiner
Jesse <u>Stuart</u> Stories The Beatinest Boy Red Mule Old Ben A Penny's Worth of Character Other books by this author at this length count.
Tales of Robin Hood – Tony Allan
The Whipping Boy – Sid Fleischman
The White Stallion – Elizabeth Shub

10 Point Books

The Apprentice – Pilar Molina Llorente
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever – Barbara Robinson
The Cabin Faced West – Jean Fritz
Call it Courage – Armstrong Sperry
Castle Diary – Richard Platt
A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrims Progress – Oliver Hunkin
The Door in the Wall – Marguerite De Angeli
God's Adventurer: Hudson Taylor – Phyllis Thompson
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 The Almost Last Roundup Other books in this series are fine.
The Story of My Life – Helen Keller

Jungle Books (not Disney) – Rudyard Kipling
Mountain Born – Elizabeth Yates
Rip Van Winkle – Washington Irving
Sarah Plain & Tall Series – Patricia MacLachlan Sarah Plain & Tall Skylark Caleb's Story More Perfect than the Moon Grandfather's Dance
Patricia <u>St. John</u> Series Where the River Begins Three Go Searching
The Sword in the Tree – Clyde Robert Bulla
Sugar Creek Gang Series – Paul Hutchens The Swamp Robber The Killer Bear The Lost Campers Other books in this series are fine.
The Terrible Wave – Marden Dahlstedt
A Tree for Peter – Kate Seredy
The Year of Miss Agnes – Kirkpatrick Hill

15 Point Books

Archimedes and the Door of Science – Jeanne Bendick	Just So Stories – Rudyard Kipling
Baby Island – Carol Ryrie Brink	Kingdom's Dawn Series – Chuck Black Kingdom's Dawn Kingdom's Hope Other books in this series count.
Benjamin West and his Cat Gimalkin – Marguerite Henry	The Kite Fighters – Linda Sue Park
Born in the Year of Courage – Emily Crofford	The Lion in the Gateway – Mary Renault
Bound for Oregon – Jean Van Leeuwen	A Long Way from Chicago Series – Richard Peck A Long Way from Chicago A Season of Gifts Other books in this series count.
Boxcar Children – Gertrude Chandler Warner Earlier books in this series count.	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.
Bud and Me – Alta Abernathy	Mr. Popper's Penguins – Atwater
The Cay – Theodore Taylor	Number the Stars – Lois Lowry
Come on Seabiscuit – Ralph Moody	Gene Stratton <u>Porter</u> Freckles Laddie
Daughters of the Faith Series – Wendy Lawton The Tinker's Daughter: Mary Bunyan The Captive Princess: Pocahontas Courage to Run: Harriet Tubman Other books in this series count.	The Red Badge of Courage – Stephen Crane
Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire Book of Norse Myths	Saint Isaac and the Indians – Milton Lomack
A Gathering of Days – Joan W. Blos	<u>The Scarlet Pimpernel</u> – 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.
Grandma's Attic Series – Arleta Richardson In Grandma's Attic More Stories from Grandma's Attic Treasures from Grandma Other books in this series are fine.	Shades of Gray – Carolyn Reeder
Greek Mythology – Rosemary Sutcliff Black Ships Before Troy: Iliad The Wanderings of Odysseus: Odyssey	Sign of the Beaver – Elizabeth G. Speare
The Heart Reader of Franklin High – Terri Blackstock	Socks – Beverly Clearly
Helen Keller's Teacher – Margaret Davidson	Patricia <u>St. John</u> Series The Tanglewood's Secret The Secret at Pheasant Cottage Rainbow Garden
Henry Huggins Series – Beverly Clearly Henry Huggins Henry and Ribsy Ribsy Other Henry Huggins books count.	Robert Louis <u>Stevenson</u> The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
How to Eat Fried Worms – Thomas Rockwell	Tuck Everlasting – Natalie Babbitt
Humbug Mountain – Sid Fleischman	Jules <u>Verne</u> Master of the World Journey to the Center of the Earth
In Search of Honor – Donna Lynn Hess	
The Journeyman – Elizabeth Yates	

20 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	Island of the Blue Dolphins – Scott O'Dell
Amos Fortune Free Man – Elizabeth Yates	Jip: His Story – Katherine Paterson
Andersen's Fairy Tales – H. C. Andersen	Julie of the Wolves – Jean Craighead George
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.	Just David – Eleanor H. Porter
The Borrowers – Mary Norton	Kildee House – Rutherford George Montgomery
The Broken Blade – William Durbin	Leonardo Da Vinci – Emily Hahn
Building on the Rock Series – Joel R. Beeke & Diana Kleyn How God Stopped the Pirates Other books in this series count.	The Magna Charta – James Daugherty
Catherine Called Birdie – Karen Cushman	My Side of the Mountain – Jean C. George Other books in this series count.
Chariots of Fire – W. J. Weatherby	Old Yeller – Fred Gipson
Christian Heroes, Then and Now Series – Janet and Goeff Bengé Gladys Altwood: The Adventure of a Lifetime Other books in this series count.	Orphan Train Adventures – Joan Lowery Nixon A Family Apart Caught in the Act Other books in this series count.
Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire Book of Greek Myths Book of Norwegian Folk Tales	Otto of the Silver Hand – Howard Pyle
The Escape – A. Vander Jagt	Pilgrim's Progress – John Bunyan
Far out the Long Canal – Meindert Dejong	The Pink Motel – Carol Ryrie Brink
Follow My Leader – James B. Garfield	Pollyanna – Eleanor H. Porter
Freedom Train (Harriet Tubman) – Dorothy Sterling	Pooh Books (Original not Disney) – A. A. Milne Winnie the Pooh The House at Pooh Corner
God King: A Story in the Days of King Hezekiah – Joanne Williamson	Rascal – Sterling North
The Good Master – Kate Seredy	Rani Adventure Series – Ron Snell It's a Jungle Out There! Life is a Jungle Jungle Calls
The Great and Terrible Quest – Margaret Lovett	The Secret Garden – Frances H. Burnett
The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt Day – Scott O'Dell	Snow Treasure – Marie McSwigan
Homesick – Jean Fritz	Patricia <u>St. John</u> Series Star of Light Treasures of the Snow
James <u>Herriot</u> Animal Stories Cat Stories	Stink Alley – Jamie Gilson
Horse Stories – Marguerite Henry Misty of Chincoteague King of the Wind Other books in this series count.	The Younguns Series – Thomas L. Tedrow The Younguns of Mansfield Frankie and the Secret The Circus Escape The Legend of the Missouri Mud Monster
	Up from Slavery – Booker T. Washington
	Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Graham

25 Point Books

Across Five Aprils – Irene Hunt
The Adventures of Pinocchio – Carlo Collodi
Air Raid, Pearl Harbor – Theodore Taylor
Black Horses for the King – Anne McCaffrey
The Bronze Bow – Elizabeth G. Speare
Bruscho – Bruce Olsen
By the Great Horn Spoon – Sid Fleischman
Carry on Mr. Bowditch – Jean Lee Latham
Calico Bush – Rachel Field
The Chestery Oak – Kate Seredy
Chronicles of Narnia Series – C. S. Lewis The Magicians Nephew The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe Other books in this series count.
Crown and Covenant – Douglas Bond Duncan's War King's Arrow Rebel's Keep
Dear America Series – Historical Fiction Various Authors Across the Wide-Open Prairie I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly Other books in this series count.
<u>Frontiersmen</u> (Heroes of History) – Janet Benge Daniel Boone Davy Crockett Other books in this series count.
The Golden Goblet – Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Roger Lancelyn <u>Green</u> Myths The Tale of Troy Myths of the Norsemen Tales of Ancient Egypt
Heidi – Johanna Spyri
Henry Reed Series – Keith Robertson Henry Reed, Inc. Henry Reed's Journey Henry Reed's Babysitting Service
James <u>Herriot</u> If Only They Could Talk Vet in a Spin
Hope Rising: Stories from the Ranch of Rescued Dreams – Kim Meeder
The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle

Holes – Louis Sachar
Hittite Warrior – Joanne Williamson
I Am David – Anne Holm
Kidnapped – Robert Louis Stevenson
Kon-Tiki – Thor Heyerdahl
Lassie, Come Home – Eric Knight
A Lantern in Her Hand – Beth Streeter Aldrich
A Little Princess – Frances Hodgson Burnett
Marco Polo: his travels and adventures – George Makepeace Towle
Miracles on Maple Hill – Virginia Sorenson
Mother Carey's Chickens – Kate Douglas Wiggin
Peter Pan – James M. Barrie
The Phantom of the Opera – Gaston Leroux
Girl of the Limberlost – Gene Stratton <u>Porter</u>
The Prince and the Pauper – Mark Twain
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm – Kate Wiggin
<u>The Roman Britain Trilogy</u> – Rosemary Sutcliff Eagle of the Ninth The Silver Branch The Lantern Bearers
The Singing Tree – Kate Seredy
Same Kind of Different as Me – Ron Hall
Sarah Bishop – Scott O'Dell
Shadows on the Sea – Joan Hiatt Harlow
Jesse <u>Stuart</u> Stories Daughter of the Legend
The Silver Pencil – Alice Dagliesh
Tales from Shakespeare – Charles Lamb
They Loved to Laugh – Kathryn Worth
Theras and His Town – Caroline Dale Snedeker
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
The Trumpeter of Krakow – Eric P. Kelley
Jules <u>Verne</u> 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
Warrior of the Son – Samuel Schiller

30 Point Books

Adam of the Road – Elizabeth Janet Gray
Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Mark Twain
Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery – Eric Metaxas
Jane <u>Austen</u> Persuasion
Big Red – Jim Kjelgaard Other books in this series count.
Caddie Woodlawn – Carol Ryrie Brink
Calico Captive – Elizabeth G. Speare
Crown and Covenant – Douglas Bond Duncan's War King's Arrow Rebel's Keep
Detectives in Togas – Henry Winterfeld The Mystery of the Roman Ransom (sequel)
The Diary of a Young Girl – Anne Frank
Dutch Tales – Meindert Dejong Dirk's Dog Bello The Wheel on the School
Elsie Dinsmore Series – Martha Finley Elsie Dinsmore Elsie's Holiday at Roselands Elsie's Girlhood Other books in this series count.
<u>The Galway Chronicles</u> – 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
Gone Away Lake – Elizabeth Enright
The Hiding Place – Corrie Ten Boom
The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
If I Perish – Esther Ahn Kim
Lad: A Dog – Albert Payson Terhune

Little House Series – Laura Ingalls Wilder Little House in the Big Woods Little House on the Prairie Farmer Boy Other books in this series count.
Little Britches Series – Ralph Moody Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers Man of the Family The Home Ranch Other books in this series count.
Mara, Daughter of the Nile – Eloise Jarvis McGraw
Catherine <u>Marshall</u> A Man Called Peter: The Story of Peter Marshall
Through the Gates of Splendor – Elizabeth Elliot
The Phantom Toll Booth – Norton Juster
The Ramsay Scallop – Frances Temple
Robinson Crusoe – Daniel DeFoe
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – M. D. Taylor
The Shining Company – Rosemary Sutcliff
Snow in the River – Carol Ryrie Brink
The Story of the Trapp Family Singers – Maria Augusta Trapp (Sound of Music)
Stowaway – Karen Hesse
Jessie <u>Stuart</u> The Thread That Runs So True Hie to the Hunter Daughter of the Legend
Summer of the Monkeys – Wilson Rawls
Swift Rivers – Cornelia Meigs
Jules <u>Verne</u> Around the World in Eighty Days
A Walk Across America – Peter Jenkins
Where the Red Fern Grows – Wilson Rawls

35 Point Books

Alas, Babylon – Pat Frank
Anna and the King of Siam – Margaret Landon
Jane <u>Austen</u> Emma Sense and Sensibility Northanger Abbey
Born Again – Charles Colson
The Bounty Trilogy – James Norman Hall Mutiny on the Bounty Men Against the Sea Pitcairn's Island
Agatha <u>Christie</u> Murder on the Orient Express
Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court – Mark Twain
The Cost of Discipleship – Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Drew Farthering Mysteries – Julianna Deering Death by the Book Rules of Murder Dressed for Death Murder at the Mikado
End of the Spear – Steve Saint
Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage – Alfred Lansing
The Gift of Music: Great Composers and Their Influence – Jane Stuart Smith & Betty Carlson
Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales Second Series
Hard Times – Charles Dickens
How to Win Friends and Influence People – Dale Carnegie
Indian Captive – Lois Lenski
In the Presence of My Enemies – G. Burnham

Johnny Tremain – Esther Forbes
The Last Sin Eater – Francine Rivers
Gilbert <u>Morris</u> – House of Winslow Series: The Honorable Imposter Bk.1 Liberty Bell Series Sound the Trumpet Bk.1 Lone Star Legacy Deep in the Heart Bk. Other books in these and other series count.
Gene Stratton <u>Porter</u> Keeper of the Bees
Rifles for Watie – Harold Keith
Run Baby Run – Nicky Cruz
St. Simons Trilogy – Eugenia Price (Georgia Historical Fiction) Lighthouse New Moon Rising Beloved Invader
Sea of Glory – Ken Wales & David Poling
Irving <u>Stone</u> The President's Lady: Rachel and Andrew Jackson Love is Eternal: Mary Todd and Abraham Lincoln
Swiss Family Robinson – Johann D. Wyss
To Kill a Mocking Bird – Harper Lee
<u>The Zion Legacy</u> – 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.

40 Point Books

Ben Hur – Lew Wallace
Charles <u>Dickens</u> A Tale of Two Cities
Alexandre <u>Dumas</u> The Count of Monte Cristo
Roger Lancelyn <u>Green</u> King Author and His Knights of the Round Table
James <u>Herriot</u> All Creatures Great and Small All Things Bright and Beautiful All Things Wise and Wonderful The Lord God Made Them All Every Living Thing 352
Julie – Catherine Marshall
North and South – Elizabeth Gaskell
Frank E. <u>Peretti</u> This Present Darkness Piercing the Darkness Prophet
Dorothy L. <u>Sayers</u> (Lord Peter Wimsey Mysteries 400-600 pgs.) Busman's Honeymoon The Five Red Herrings Other books this length can count.
The Scarlett Thread – Francine Rivers

<u>The Shiloh Legacy</u> – Bodie Thoene In My Father's House A Thousand Shall Fall Say to This Mountain
Robert <u>Whitlow</u> Mountain Top Jimmy Chosen People Other books by this author count.
<u>The Zion Chronicles</u> – Brock & Bodie Thoene The Gates of Zion A Daughter of Zion The Return to Zion The Key to Zion A Light in Zion
<u>The Zion Covenant</u> – Brock & Bodie Thoene Vienna Prelude Prague Counterpoint Munich Signature Jerusalem Interlude Danzig Passage Other books in this series count.