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Common Core Recommended Reading Lists

The following links take you to places that showed a commitment to building on the initial reading lists provided by the Common Core State Standards document itself. We include this short list to help you explore other sources for rich texts for your students:

Common Core Curriculum Maps
   http://commoncore.org/maps
Cooperative Children’s Book Center
   http://www.education.wisc.edu/ccbc/books/commoncore.asp
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Official Common Core State Standards 3–5 Text Exemplars

Grades 2–3 Text Exemplars

Stories
Gannett, Ruth Stiles. My Father’s Dragon
Averill, Esther. The Fire Cat
Steig, William. Amos & Boris
Shulevitz, Uri. The Treasure
Cameron, Ann. The Stories Julian Tells
MacLachlan, Patricia. Sarah, Plain and Tall
Rylant, Cynthia. Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures
Stevens, Janet. Tops and Bottoms
LaMarche, Jim. The Raft
Rylant, Cynthia. Poppleton in Winter
Rylant, Cynthia. The Lighthouse Family: The Storm
Osborne, Mary Pope. The One-Eyed Giant (Book One of Tales From the Odyssey)
Silverman, Erica. Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa

Poetry
Dickinson, Emily. “Autumn”
Rossetti, Christina. “Who Has Seen the Wind?”
Millay, Edna St. Vincent. “Afternoon on a Hill”
Frost, Robert. “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening”
Field, Rachel. “Something Told the Wild Geese”
Hughes, Langston. “Grandpa’s Stories”
Jarrell, Randall. “A Bat Is Born”
Giovanni, Nikki. “Knoxville, Tennessee”
Merriam, Eve. “Weather”
Soto, Gary. “Eating While Reading”

Read-Aloud Stories
Kipling, Rudyard. “How the Camel Got His Hump”
Thurber, James. The Thirteen Clocks
White, E. B. Charlotte’s Web
Selden, George. The Cricket in Times Square
Babbitt, Natalie. The Search for Delicious
Curtis, Christopher Paul. Bud, Not Buddy
Say, Allen. The Sign Painter

Read-Aloud Poetry
Lear, Edward. “The Jumblies”
Johnson, Georgia Douglas. “Your World”
Eliot, T. S. “The Song of the Jellicles”
Fleischman, Paul. “Fireflies”

Informational Texts
Aliki. A Medieval Feast
Gibbons, Gail. From Seed to Plant
Milton, Joyce. Bats: Creatures of the Night
Beeler, Selby. Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions Around the World
Leonard, Heather. Art Around the World
Ruffin, Frances E. Martin Luther King and the March on Washington
St. George, Judith. So You Want to Be President?
Einspruch, Andrew. Crittercam
Kudlinski, Kathleen V. Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs!
Davies, Nicola. *Bat Loves the Night*
Floca, Brian. *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11*
Thomson, Sarah L. *Where Do Polar Bears Live?*

**Read-Aloud Informational Texts**

Freedman, Russell. *Lincoln: A Photobiography*
Coles, Robert. *The Story of Ruby Bridges*
Wick, Walter. *A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder*
Smith, David J. *If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World’s People*
Aliki. *Ah, Music!*
D’Aluisio, Faith. *What the World Eats*
Deedy, Carmen Agra. *14 Cows for America*

**Grades 4–5 Text Exemplars**

**Stories**

Carroll, Lewis. *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*
Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden*
Farley, Walter. *The Black Stallion*
Saint-Exupéry, Antoine de. *The Little Prince*
Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*
Singer, Isaac Bashevis. “Zlateh the Goat”
Hamilton, Virginia. *M. C. Higgins, the Great*
Erdrich, Louise. *The Birchbark House*
Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy*
Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*

**Poetry**


Thayer, Ernest Lawrence. “Casey at the Bat”
Dickinson, Emily. “A Bird Came Down the Walk”
Sandburg, Carl. “Fog”
Frost, Robert. “Dust of Snow”
Dahl, Roald. “Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf”
Nichols, Grace. “They Were My People”
Mora, Pat. “Words Free as Confetti”

**Informational Texts**

Berger, Melvin. *Discovering Mars: The Amazing Story of the Red Planet*
Carlisle, Madelyn Wood. *Let’s Investigate Marvelously Meaningful Maps*
Lauber, Patricia. *Hurricanes: Earth’s Mightiest Storms*
Ofskin, Steve. *The Kid’s Guide to Money: Earning It, Saving It, Spending It, Growing It, Sharing It*
Wulffson, Don. *Toys! Amazing Stories Behind Some Great Inventions*
Schleichter, Elizabeth. “Good Pet, Bad Pet”
Kavash, E. Barrie. “Ancient Mound Builders”
Koscieniak, Bruce. *About Time: A First Look at Time and Clocks*
Banting, Erinn. *England the Land*
Hakim, Joy. *A History of US*
Ruurs, Margriet. *My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books Are Brought to Children Around the World*
Simon, Seymour. *Horses*
Montgomery, Sy. *Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea*
Simon, Seymour. *Volcanoes*
Nelson, Kadir. *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*
Cutler, Nellie Gonzalez. “Kenya’s Long Dry Season”
Hall, Leslie. “Seeing Eye to Eye”
Ronan, Colin A. “Telescopes”
Buckmaster, Henrietta. “Underground Railroad”

Source: Appendix B of the official Common Core State Standards