

GRADES 6-12 APPROVED ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS SUPPLEMENTAL BOOKS

The supplementary books listed below are approved for use in addition to the district adopted textbooks for middle and high school English Language Arts classes. Any book chosen for class use, including books studied in small groups or literature circles, must be approved by the Board of Trustees. Books identified for independent reading do not need Board approval.

Supplementary texts used for advanced credit courses reflect the curriculum of the credit-granting university and may not appear on this list, as they are subject to frequent change. Whenever possible, teachers are encouraged to work with universities to choose district approved books for advanced credit courses.

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CCSS Text Complexity Grade Bands and Associated Lexile Ranges

Grades 6--8	925-1185	Lexiles represent text complexity based on sentence structure and vocabulary level. Other components to consider when choosing books for literary study include background knowledge, developmental appropriateness, text structure, and how representative a text is of a particular literary period or genre.
Grades 9-10	1050-1335	
Grades 11-12	1185-1385	

Title	Author	Grade Level	Lexile	Notes
Titles listed are approved for use at or above the grade level listed. Please refer to the curriculum documents for unit alignment.				
Junior Great Books Grade 6	Supplemental Anthology	GT Program		GT Program
Junior Great Books Grade 7	Supplemental Anthology	GT Program		GT Program
Junior Great Books Grade 8	Supplemental Anthology	GT Program		GT Program
As You Like It	Shakespeare, William	GT Program		GT Program
Comedy of Errors	Shakespeare, William	GT Program		GT Program
Twelfth Night	Shakespeare, William	GT Program		GT Program
Sophie's World	Gaarder, Jostein	GT Program		GT Program
Black Star, Bright Dawn	O'Dell, Scott	6	670	Allies
Boy of the Painted Cave	Denzel, Justin	6	800	Childhood

Brown Girl Dreaming	Woodson, Jacqueline	6	990	Childhood
Cay, The	Taylor, Theodore	6	830	Allies, Childhood
Code Talker	Bruchac, Joseph	6	910	Allies
Day No Pigs Would Die, A	Peck, Robert Newton	Move to 6th from 7th	690	Childhood
Dragon's Milk	Fletcher, Susan	6	660	Allies
Dragonwings	Yep, Lawrence	6	870	Exploration
East	Pattou, Edith	6	900	Recommended for GT Program
Egypt Game, The	Snyder, Zelpha Keatly	6	1010	
Esparanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz	6	750	Childhood
Iceberg Hermit	Roth, Arthur	6	1060	
Jungle Book, The	Kipling, Ruyard	6	1020	Allies
Lightening Thief, The	Riordan, Rick	6	740	Imagination
Maniac Magee	Spinelli, Jerry	6	820	Childhood
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	O'Brien, Robert	6	790	Allies, Exploration, Imagination
Out of My Mind	Draper, Sharon	6	700	Childhood
Pankration -The Ultimate Game	Blacklock, Dylan	6	820	
Peak	Smith, Roland	6	760	Exploration
Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts	Cain, Susan	6	1020	Recommended for GT Program
Red Pony, The	Steinbeck, John	Move to 6th from 7th	810	Childhood
Restart	Korman, Gordon	6	730	Childhood
Savvy	Law, Ingrid	6	1070	Childhood
Secret Garden, The	Burnett, Francis Hodgson	6	970	Childhood, Imagination
Seedfolk	Fleischman, Paul	6	710	
Some Kind of Courage	Gemeinhart, Dan	6	760	Childhood
Touching Spirit Bear	Mikaealsen, Ben	6	730	Childhood
Tracker	Paulsen, Gary	6	1010	Allies
Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert Lewis	6	1100	Exploration
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi	6	740	Exploration, Childhood
Tuck Everlasting	Babbitt, Natalie	6	770	Imagination
War Horse	Morpuro, Michael	6	1090	Allies
Wrinkle in Time, A	L'Engle, Madeleine	6	740	Imagination
Across Five Aprils	Hunt, Irene	7	1100	
Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The	Twain, Mark	7	970	
Brian's Winter	Paulsen, Gary	7	1140	Facing Adversity, A Starry Night
Call of the Wild, The	London, Jack	7	1170	
City of Ember	DuPrau, Jeanne	7	680	Facing Adversity, A Starry Night, People and the Planet

Deathwatch	White, Robb	7	990	Facing Adversity
Downriver	Hobb, Will	7	760	A Starry Home, Facing Adversity
Endless Steppe, The	Hautzig, Esther	7	940	
Farewell to Manzanar	Houston, Jeanne	7	1040	A Starry Home, Facing Adversity
Giver, The	Lowry, Lois	move to 7th from 8th	760	Generations
Graveyard Book, The	Gaiman, Neil	7	820	People and the Planet
House of the Scorpion	Farmer, Nancy	7	660	Recommended for GT Program
Letters from Rifka	Hesse, Karen	7	660	
Long Walk to Water, A	Park, Linda Sue	7	720	Generations, People and the Plant
Monster Calls, A	Ness, Patrick	move to 7th from 8th	730	Facing Adversity
My Brother Sam Is Dead	Collier, James and Chris	7	770	People and the Planet
No Promises in the Wind	Hunt, Irene	7	930	
North to Freedom/I am David	Holm, Anne	7	980	Facing Adversity
Out of the Dust	Hesse, Karen	7	830	Facing Adversity, People and the Planet
Outsiders, The	Hinton, S.E.	move to 7th from 8th	750	Generations, Facing Adversity
Red Kayak	Priscilla Cummings	7	800	Generations, Facing Adversity
River, The	Paulsen, Gary	7	960	
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor, Mildred	7	920	Generations, Facing Adversity, A Starry Home
See You at Harry's	Knowles, Joanna	7	600	
Shane	Schaefer, Jack	7	870	
Souder	Armstrong, William H.	7	900	
Stargirl	Spinelli, Jerry	7	590	Generations, A Starry Home
Storm to Soon: A Remarkable True Survival Story in 80 Foot Seas	Tougas, Michael	7	1090L	Recommended for GT Program
Trapped: How the world Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert	Aronson, Mark	7	1070	Recommended for GT Program
And Then There Were None	Christie, Agatha	8	570	
April Morning	Fast, Howard	8	1050	
Bomb: The Race to Build--and Steal--the World's Most Dangerous Weapon*	Sheinkin Steve	8	920	Impact of Intelligence
Boy in the Striped Pajamas, The	Boyne, John	Move to 8th from 7th	1080	Impact of Information
Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope, The*	Kamkwamba, William and Bryan Mealer	8	960	Impact of Invention
Children of Willesden Lane, The	Golabek, Mona	Move to 8th from 7th	920	Impact of Information
Diary of Anne Frank (drama, in grade 8 Anthology)	Goodrich & Hackett	Move to 8th from 7th	NP	Impact of Information
House on Mango Street, The	Cisneros, Sandra	8	870	Power of Narrative

I, Juan de Pareja	de Trevino, Eliz. Borton	8	1100	
Inside Out and Back Again	Lai, Thanna	8	800	Power of Narrative, Impact of Information
Last Book in the Universe, The	Philbrick, Rodman	8	740	
Life as We Knew It	Pfeffer, Susan Beth	8	770	Impact of Intelligence, Impact of Invention
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy	Schmidt, Gary	8	1000	Power of Narrative
Nothing But the Truth	Avi	8	NP	Impact of Information
Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts	Cain, Susan	8th (Crosslisted with 6th GT)	1020	Impact of Intelligence
Refugee	Gratz, Alan	8		
Running Dream, The	VanDraanen, Wendelin	8	650	The Power of Narrative
Save Queen of Sheba	Moeri, Louise	8	1070	
Shabanu	Staples, Suzanne	8	970	The Power of Narrative
Strong Inside: The True Story of how Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball's Color Line	Maraniss, Andrew	8	1170	Power of Narrative, Impact of Information, Impact of Argument
Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie, The	Bradley, Alan	8	960	Recommended for Honors English 8
Summer of My German Soldier	Greene, Bette	8	800	Impact of Information
Two Old Women	Wallis, Velma	8	1030	Power of Narrative
Undeafated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team	Sheinkin, Steve	8	980L	Power of Narrative
Crazy Horse Electric Game	Crutcher, Chris	9	870	Unit 2
Ender's Game	Card, Orson Scott	9	710	Unit 4
Five People You Meet in Heaven, The	Albom, Mitch	9	780	Unit 2
Good Earth, The	Buck, Pearl S.	9	1530	Unit 2, Unit 3-Recommended for Honors 9
Great Expectations	Dickens, Charles	9	1200	Unit 2-Recommended for Honors
Hiroshima	Hersey, John	9	1190	Unit 3
Hobbit, The	Tolkien, J.R.R.	9	1000	Unit 2, Unit 4
Hunger Games, The	Collins, Suzanne	9	810	Unit 4
I am Malala	Yousafzai, Malala	9	1000	Unit 2, Unit 3
Little Prince, The	de Saint-Exupery, Antoine	9	710	Unit 2-Recommended for Honors
Lost Horizon	Hilton, James	9	1060	
Lottery Rose, The	Hunt, Irene	9	1070	
Much Ado About Nothing	Shakespeare, William	9	NP	Unit 5-Recommended for Honors
Odyssey, The	Homer	9	1050	Unit 4
Pigman, The	Zindel, Paul	9	950	
Romeo and Juliet	Shakespeare, William	9	NP	Unit 5
Taming of the Shrew, The	Shakespeare, William	9	NP	Unit 5-Recommended for Honors

To Kill A Mockingbird	Lee, Harper	9	870	Unit 3
1984	Orwell, George	10, 12	1090	English 10 Unit 4 Recommended for Honors; English 12, Unit 3
Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, The	Alexie, Sherman	10	600	Unit 3 Use with Literature Circles only; Parent Permission Required; Do not read aloud.
Alas, Babylon	Frank, Pat	10	870	Unit 4
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Carroll, Lewis	10	950	Unit 5
Alive	Read, Piers Paul	10	1160	Unit 2
Animal Farm	Orwell, George	10	1170	Unit 4
Bless Me, Ultima	Anaya, Rudolfo	10	840	Unit 3
Dune	Herbert, Frank	10	800	Unit 5
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet	Ford, Jamie	10	850	Unit 3
Hound of Baskervilles, The	Doyle, Arthur Conan	10	1090	Unit 5
Into Thin Air	Krakauer, Jon	10	1320	Unit 2
Julius Caesar	Shakespeare, William	10	NP	Unit 4
Life of Pi	Martell, Yann	10	830	Unit 2, Unit 3
Long Way Gone, A	Beah, Ishmael	10	920	Unit 2-Recommended for Honors 10
Martian, The (Classroom Edition only)	Weir, Andy	10	680	Units 2, 3, 5
Midsummer Night's Dream, A	Shakespeare, William	10	NP	Unit 5
Much Ado About Nothing	Shakespeare, William	10	NP	Unit 5
Never Cry Wolf	Mowat, Farley	10	1330	Unit 4
Once and Future King, The	White, T.H.	10	1080	Unit 5
Pearl, The	Steinbeck, John	10	1010	Unit 2
Persepolis	Satrapi, Marjane	10	NP	Unit 3
Princess Bride, The	Goldman, William	10	870	Unit 5
Secret Life of Bees, The	Kidd, Sue Monk	10	840	Unit 3
Separate Peace, A	Knowles, John	10	1110	Unit 2
Scarlet Pimpernel, The	Orczy, Emmuska	10	1140	Unit 5
Things Fall Apart	Achebe, Chinua	10 or 12	890	Unit 3 Recommended for Honors
Unbroken	Hillenbrand, Laura	10	NA	Unit 2
Walk Across America, A	Jenkins, Peter	10	1020	Unit 5
Writing Magic: Creating Stories that Fly	Levine, Gail Carson	Creative Writing	780	
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Twain, Mark	11	990	Unit 2
As I Lay Dying	Faulkner, William	11	870	Recommended for Honors and AP
Awakening, The	Chopin, Kate	11	911	Unit 3
Black Like Me	Griffen, John Howard	11	990	Unit 3

Cold Sassy Tree	Burns, Olive Ann	11	930	Unit 3
Crucible, The	Miller, Arthur	11	NP	Unit 1
Death of a Salesman, The	Miller, Arthur	11	NP	Unit 5
Fahrenheit 451	Bradbury, Ray	11	890	Unit 5
Farewell to Arms, A	Hemingway, Ernest	11	730	Unit 1
From Where the Sun Now Stands	Henry, Will	11	950	
Glass Menagerie, The	Williams, Tennessee	11	NP	Unit 2
Grapes of Wrath	Steinbeck, John	11	680	Unit 2
Great Gatsby, The	Fitzgerald, F. Scott	11	1070	Unit 2
I Heard the Owl Call My Name	Craven, Margaret	11	1080	
In Our Time	Hemingway, Ernest	11	NP	Unit 2
Jungle, The	Sinclair, Upton	11	1170	Unit 3
Moby Dick	Melville, Herman	11	1200	Recommended for Honors and AP
My Antonia	Cather, Willa	11	1010	Unit 2
Of Mice and Men	Steinbeck, John	11	630	Unit 2
Old Man and the Sea, The	Hemingway, Ernest	11	940	Unit 5
Our Town	Wilder, Thornton	11	NP	Unit 2
Raisin in the Sun	Hansberry, Lorraine	11	NP	Unit 4
Red Badge of Courage, The	Crane, Stephen	11	900	
Road, The	McCarthy, Cormac	11	670	Unit 5
Scarlet Letter, The	Hawthorne, Nathaniel	11	1420	Unit 1
Spoon River Anthology	Masters, Edgar Lee	11	NP	Unit 1
Things They Carried, The	O'Brien, Tim	11	880	Recommended for AP, Honors, IB
Tuesdays with Morrie	Albom, Mitch	11	830	
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance	Pirsig, Robert M.	11	1040	Unit 5
1984	Orwell, George	10, 12	1090	English 10 Unit 4 Recommended for Honors; English 12, Unit 3
All Quiet on the Western Front	Remarque, Erich Maria	12	830	Unit 1
Antigone	Sophocles	12	1090	Unit 3 (Is included in In sophomore text)-Recommended for AP English 12
Aeneid, The	Virgil	12	NP	Unit 2; Recommended for AP
Beowulf	Beowulf	12	NP	Unit 2
Black Boy	Wright, Richard	12	950	Unit 4
Book of Sorrows	Wangerin Jr., Walter	12	NA	Recommended for AP
Childhood's End	Clarke, Arthur C.	12	990	Unit 4
Crime and Punishment	Dostoevsky, Fyodor	12	850	Unit 3, Recommended for AP
Cry, the Beloved Country	Paton, Alan	12	860	Unit 2

Divine Comedy, The (Inferno)	Alighieri, Dante	12	NP	Unit 3- Recommended for AP, CC, IB
Doll's House, A	Ibsen, Henrik	12	NP	Unit 3
Frankenstein	Shelley, Mary	12	1170	Unit 2
Gilgamesh	Translated by Maureen Gallery Kovacs (this translation only)	12	NP	AP, CC
Hamlet	Shakespeare, William	12	NP	Unit 2
Heart of Darkness	Conrad, Joseph	12	1050	Unit 2
Iliad, The	Homer	12	1330	Unit 2
Indian Creek Chronicles	Fromm, Pete	12	NA	Unit 1
Johnny Got His Gun	Trumbo, Dalton	12	970	Unit 1
Joy Luck Club, The	Tan, Amy	12	930	Recommended for AP
King Lear	Shakespeare, William	12	NP	Unit 2, Unit 3
Lord of the Flies	Golding, William	12	770	Unit 2
Macbeth	Shakespeare, William	12	NP	Unit 3
Man's Search for Meaning	Frankl, Viktor	12	NP	Unit 4, Recommended AP
Mayor of Casterbridge, The	Hardy, Thomas	12	NP	Recommended AP
Metamorphosis	Kafka, Franz	12	1320	Unit 1-Recommended AP
Mountain Man	Fisher, Vardis	12	NA	
Mythology	Hamilton, Edith	Myths and Legends, 12	1040	Recommended for Myths and Legends Unit 2
Night	Wiesel, Elie	12	590	Unit 4
Night Trilogy, The	Wiesel, Elie	12	520-740	Unit 4
Oedipus the King	Sophocles	12	1090	Unit 3
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	Solzhenitsyn, Alexander	12	900	Unit 4
Othello	Shakespeare, William	12	NP	Unit 2
Pride and Prejudice	Austen, Jane	12	1190	Unit 4
Return of the Native	Hardy, Thomas	12	1040	Recommended for AP
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead	Stoppard, Tom	12	NP	Unit 2; Recommended AP, 10th grade RHS
Siddhartha	Hesse, Herman	12	1010	Unit 2; Recommended AP, Used at 10th grade RHS
Six Characters in Search of An Author	Pirendello, Luigi	12	NP	Recommended for AP, CC and IB
Stranger, The	Camus, Albert	12	880	Unit 2
To The Lighthouse	Woolfe Virginia	12	1030	Recommended for AP, CC and IB
Tree Grows in Brooklyn, A	Smith, Betty	12	810	Unit 4
Tempest, The	Shakespeare, William	12	NP	Unit 2
Things Fall Apart	Achebe, Chinua	10 or 12	890	Unit 2
Wuthering Heights	Bronte, Emily	12	880	Recommended for AP

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Renaissance High School Approved Supplemental List in Addition to Titles Listed Above

Title	Author	Grade Level	Lexile #	Notes
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress	Dai Sijie	Honors 9 or 10 (determine in-building)	not available	RHS Only
Good Earth, The	Buck, Pearl S.	Honors English 10 at RHS	1530L	Honors English 10--Used in Grade 9 at other schools
Persepolis	Satrapi, Marjane	Honors-10-P	NP	(10 th Honors)--RHS only
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead	Stoppard, Tom	Honors English 10 at RHS	NP	Honors English 10--Used in Grade 12 at other schools
Siddartha	Hesse, Herman	Honors English 10 at RHS	1010L	Honors English 10--Used in Grade 12 at other schools
Fahrenheit 451	Bradbury, Ray	Honors English 10 at RHS	890	Honors English 10--Used in Grade 11 at other schools
The Road	Cormac McCarthy	IB English	670L	Approved for use in AP English 11 or 12 at other schools
We	Zamyatin, Yevgeniy	IB English HL	930L	RHS Only