

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	
Boy of the Painted Cave	Denzel, Justin	6	800	
Brown Girl Dreaming	Woodson, Jacqueline	6	990	

Cay, The	Taylor, Theodore	6	830	
Code Talker	Bruchac, Joseph	6	910	
Dragon's Milk	Fletcher, Susan	6	660	
Dragonwings	Yep, Lawrence	6	870	
East	Pattou, Edith	6	900	Recommended for GT Program
Egypt Game, The	Snyder, Zelpha Keatly	6	1010	
Esparanza Rising	Ryan, Pam Munoz	6	750	
Iceberg Hermit	Roth, Arthur	6	1060	
Lightening Thief, The	Riordan, Rick	6	740	
Maniac Magee	Spinelli, Jerry	6	820	
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	O'Brien, Robert	6	790	
Out of My Mind	Draper, Sharon	6	700	
Pankration -The Ultimate Game	Blacklock, Dylan	6	820	
Peak	Smith, Roland	6	760	
Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverts	Cain, Susan	6	1020	Recommended for GT Program
Restart	Korman, Gordon	6	730	
Savvy	Law, Ingrid	6	1070	
Secret Garden, The	Burnett, Francis Hodgson	6	970	
Seedfolk	Fleischman, Paul	6	710	
Some Kind of Courage	Gemeinhart, Dan	6	760	
Touching Spirit Bear	Mikaealsen, Ben	6	730	
Tracker	Paulsen, Gary	6	1010	
Treasure Island	Stevenson, Robert Lewis	6	1100	
True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle	Avi	6	740	
Tuck Everlasting	Babbitt, Natalie	6	770	
War Horse*	Morpuro, Michael	6	1090	
Wrinkle in Time, A	L'Engle, Madeleine	6	740	
Across Five Aprils	Hunt, Irene	7	1100	
Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The	Twain, Mark	7	970	
Boy in the Striped Pajamas, The	Boyne, John	7	1080	
Brian's Winter	Paulsen, Gary	7	1140	
Call of the Wild, The	London, Jack	7	1170	
Children of Willesden Lane, The	Golabek, Mona	7	920	
City of Ember	DuPrau, Jeanne	7	680	
Day No Pigs Would Die, A	Peck, Robert Newton	7	690	
Deathwatch	White, Robb	7	990	

Diary of Anne Frank (drama, in grade 8 Anthology)	Goodrich & Hackett	7	NP	
Downriver	Hobb, Will	7	760	
Endless Steppe, The	Hautzig, Esther	7	940	
Farewell to Manzanar	Houston, Jeanne	7	1040	
Graveyard Book, The	Gaiman, Neil	7	820	
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	
My Brother Sam Is Dead	Collier, James and Chris	7	770	
No Promises in the Wind	Hunt, Irene	7	930	
North to Freedom/I am David	Holm, Anne	7	980	
Out of the Dust	Hesse, Karen	7	830	
Red Kayak	Priscilla Cummings	7	800	
Red Pony, The	Steinbeck, John	7	810	
River, The	Paulsen, Gary	7	960	
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Taylor, Mildred	7	920	
See You at Harry's	Knowles, Joanna	7	600	
Shane	Schaefer, Jack	7	870	
Sounder	Armstrong, William H.	7	900	
Stargirl	Spinelli, Jerry	7	590	
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	
Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electriity and Hope, The*	Kamkwamba, William and Bryan Mealer	8	960	
Flowers For Algernon	Keyes, Daniel	8	910	
Giver, The	Lowry, Lois	8	760	
House on Mango Street, The	Cisneros, Sandra	8	870	
I, Juan de Pareja	de Trevino, Eliz. Borton	8	1100	
Inside Out and Back Again	Lai, Thanna	8	800	
Last Book in the Universe, The	Philbrick, Rodman	8	740	
Life as We Knew It	Pfeffer, Susan Beth	8	770	

Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy	Schmidt, Gary	8	1000	
A Monster Calls	Ness, Patrick	8	730-L	
Nothing But the Truth	Avi	8	NP	
Outsiders, The	Hinton, S.E.	8	750	May be used at 7th grade for schools with myPerspectives texts
Refugee	Gratz, Alan	8		
Running Dream, The	VanDraanen, Wendelin	8	650	
Save Queen of Sheba	Moeri, Louise	8	1070	
Shabanu	Staples, Suzanne	8	970	
Strong Inside: The True Story of how Perry Wallace Broke College Basketball's Color Line	Maraniss, Andrew	8	1170	
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	
Two Old Women	Wallis, Velma	8	1030	
Undeafated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team	Sheinkin, Steve	8	980L	
Crazy Horse Electric Game	Crutcher, Chris	9-P, Units 1, 2, 3 or 4	870	
Ender's Game	Card, Orson Scott	9-P, Unit 3	710	
Five People You Meet in Heaven, The	Albom, Mitch	9-P, Unit 1, 2 or 4	780	
Good Earth, The	Buck, Pearl S.	9-P, Unit 2	1530	Recommended for Honors 9
Great Expectations	Dickens, Charles	9-P, Unit 3	1200	
Hiroshima	Hersey, John	9-P, Unit 3	1190	
Hobbit, The	Tolkien, J.R.R.	9-P, Unit 3	1000	
Hunger Games, The	Collins, Suzanne	9-P, Unit 3	810	
Little Prince, The	de Saint-Exupery, Antoine	9-P, Unit 2 or 3	710	Recommended for Honors 9
Lost Horizon	Hilton, James	9-P, Unit 3	1060	
Lottery Rose, The	Hunt, Irene	9-P, Unit 4	1070	
Much Ado About Nothing	Shakespeare, William	9, Unit 4	NP	
Odyssey, The	Homer	9-P, Unit 3	1050	
Pigman, The	Zindel, Paul	9-P, Unit 4	950	
Romeo and Juliet	Shakespeare, William	9-P, Unit 4	NP	
Taming of the Shrew, The	Shakespeare, William	9-P, Unit 4	NP	Recommended for Honors English 9
To Kill A Mockingbird	Lee, Harper	9-P, Unit 2	870	
1984	Orwell, George	10, Unit 3 12, Unit 3	1090	Use in Honors English 10 or at Grade 12

Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, The	Alexie, Sherman	10-P, Unit 2	600	Use with Literature Circles only; Parent Permission Required; Do not read aloud.
Alas, Babylon	Frank, Pat	10-P, Unit 3	870	
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	Carroll, Lewis	10-P, Unit 4	950	
Alive	Read, Piers Paul	10-P, Unit 1	1160	
Animal Farm	Orwell, George	10-P, Unit 3	1170	
Bless Me, Ultima	Anaya, Rudolfo	10-P, Unit 2	840	Option for Unit 2 Lit Circles
Dune	Herbert, Frank	10, Unit 4	800	
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet	Ford, Jamie	10-P, Unit 2	850	
Hound of Baskervilles, The	Doyle, Arthur Conan	10-P, Unit 4	1090	
Into Thin Air	Krakauer, Jon	10-P, Unit 1	1320	
Julius Caesar	Shakespeare, William	10-P, Unit 3	NP	
Life of Pi	Martell, Yann	10-P, Unit 2	830	
Long Way Gone, A	Beah, Ishmael	10-P, Unit 1	920	Recommended for Honors 10
Midsummer Night's Dream, A	Shakespeare, William	10-P, Unit 4	NP	
Much Ado About Nothing	Shakespeare, William	10-P, Unit 3 or 4	NP	
Never Cry Wolf	Mowat, Farley	10-P, Unit 1	1330	
Once and Future King, The	White, T.H.	10-P, Unit 4	1080	
Pearl, The	Steinbeck, John	10-P, Unit 2	1010	Option for Unit 2 Lit Circles
Princess Bride, The	Goldman, William	10-P, Unit 4	870	
Secret Life of Bees, The	Kidd, Sue Monk	10-P, Unit 2	840	Option for Unit 2 Lit Circles
Separate Peace, A	Knowles, John	10-P, Unit 2	1110	Option for Unit 2 Lit Circles
Scarlet Pimpernel, The	Orczy, Emmuska	10, Unit 1 or 3	1140	
Unbroken	Hillenbrand, Laura	10 P, Unit 1	NA	
Writing Magic: Creating Stories that Fly	Levine, Gail Carson	Creative Writing	780	
Walk Across America, A	Jenkins, Peter	10-P, Unit 2	1020	Option for Unit 2 Lit Circles
Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Twain, Mark	11-P, Unit 2	990	
As I Lay Dying	Faulkner, William	11-P, Unit 1	870	
Awakening, The	Chopin, Kate	11-P, Unit 2 or Unit 3	911	
Black Like Me	Griffen, John Howard	11-P, Unit 3	990	
Crucible, The	Miller, Arthur	11-P, Unit 2	NP	
Death of a Salesman, The	Miller, Arthur	11-P, Unit 4	NP	
Fahrenheit 451	Bradbury, Ray	11-P, Unit 4	890	
Farewell to Arms, A	Hemingway, Ernest	11-P, Unit 2	730	
From Where the Sun Now Stands	Henry, Will	11, Unit 3	950	
Glass Menagerie, The	Williams, Tennessee	11-P, Unit 1	NP	

Grapes of Wrath	Steinbeck, John	11-P, Unit 1 or Unit 4	680	
Great Gatsby, The	Fitzgerald, F.Scott	11-P, Unit 1	1070	
I Heard the Owl Call My Name	Craven, Margaret	11-P, Unit 3	1080	
In Our Time	Hemingway, Ernest	11-P, Unit 1	NP	
Jungle, The	Sinclair, Upton	11-P, Unit 3	1170	
Moby Dick	Melville, Herman	11-P, Unit 3	1200	
My Antonia	Cather, Willa	11-P, Unit 3	1010	
Of Mice and Men	Steinbeck, John	11-P, Unit 1	630	
Old Man and the Sea, The	Hemingway, Ernest	11-P, Unit 4	940	
Our Town	Wilder, Thornton	11-P, Unit 1 or Unit 2	NP	
Raisin in the Sun	Hansberry, Lorraine	11-P, Unit 3	NP	
Red Badge of Courage, The	Crane, Stephen	11-P, Unit 3	900	
Road, The	McCarthy, Cormac	11 or 12-P	670	Recommended for AP
Scarlet Letter, The	Hawthorne, Nathaniel	11-P, Unit 2	1420	
Spoon River Anthology	Masters, Edgar Lee	11-P, Unit 2	NP	
Tuesdays with Morrie	Albom, Mitch	11-P, Unit 4	830	
Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance	Pirsig, Robert M.	11, Unit 4	1040	
All Quiet on the Western Front	Remarque, Erich Maria	12-P, Unit 1	830	
Antigone	Sophocles	12-P, Unit 3	1090	In sophomore text-Recommended for AP English 12
Aeneid, The	Virgil	12, Unit 2	NP	Recommended for AP
Beowulf	Beowulf	12-P, Unit 2	NP	
Black Boy	Wright, Richard	12, Unit 4	950	
Book of Sorrows	Wangerin Jr., Walter	12, Unit 2 or Unit 3	NA	Recommended for AP
Childhood's End	Clarke, Arthur C.	12, Unit 4	990	
Crime and Punishment	Dostoevsky, Fyodor	12-P, All Units	850	Recommended for AP
Cry, the Beloved Country	Paton, Alan	12-P, Unit 2 or Unit 3	860	
Divine Comedy, The (Inferno)	Alighieri, Dante	12, Unit 3	NP	Recommended for AP
Doll's House, A	Ibsen, Henrik	12-P, Unit 3	NP	
Frankenstein	Shelley, Mary	12-P, Unit 2	1170	
Hamlet	Shakespeare, William	12-P, Unit 2	NP	
Heart of Darkness	Conrad, Joseph	12-P, Unit 2	1050	
Iliad, The	Homer	12-P, Unit 2	1330	
Indian Creek Chronicles	Fromm, Pete	12-P, Unit 3	NA	
Johnny Got His Gun	Trumbo, Dalton	12-P, Unit 1	970	
Joy Luck Club, The	Tan, Amy	12, Unit 1	930	Recommended for AP
King Lear	Shakespeare, William	12, Unit 2 or Unit 3	NP	

Lord of the Flies	Golding, William	12-P, Unit 2	770	
Macbeth	Shakespeare, William	12-P, Unit 2 or Unit 3	NP	
Man's Search for Meaning	Frankl, Viktor	12-P, Unit 4	NP	Recommended AP
Mayor of Casterbridge, The	Hardy, Thomas	12-P, Unit 1 or 3	NP	Recommended AP
Metamorphosis	Kafka, Franz	12, Unit 1	1320	Recommended AP
Mountain Man	Fisher, Vardis	12, Unit 3	NA	
Mythology	Hamilton, Edith	12- Unit 2	1040	Recommended for Myths and Legends or 12th Grade
Night	Wiesel, Elie	12-P, Unit 4	590	
Oedipus the King	Sophocles	12-P, Unit 3	1090	
One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	Solzhenitsyn, Alexander	12-P, Unit 1 or Unit 3	900	
Othello	Shakespeare, William	12-P, Unit 2	NP	
Pride and Prejudice	Austen, Jane	12-P, Unit 3	1190	
Return of the Native	Hardy, Thomas	12, Unit 3	1040	Recommended for AP
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead	Stoppard, Tom	12-P, Unit 2	NP	Recommended AP/10th grade RHS
Siddhartha	Hesse, Herman	12-P, Unit 2 or Unit 4	1010	Recommended AP/10th grade RHS
Stranger, The	Camus, Albert	12-P, Unit 2	880	
Tree Grows in Brooklyn, A	Smith, Betty	English 12	810	
Tempest, The	Shakespeare, William	12-P, Unit 2	NP	
Things Fall Apart	Achebe, Chinua	12-P, Unit 2, 3 or 4	890	
Wuthering Heights	Bronte, Emily	12-P, Unit 4	880	Recommended for AP

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