

Indiana Reading List



Level 3

Grades 6 – 8

Designed as a companion piece to Indiana's Academic Standards in English/Language Arts, the following selections of the Indiana Reading List illustrate the quality and complexity of the suggested reading materials for students in Grades 6 – 8. The Indiana Reading List is not required reading nor is it meant to be all-inclusive. Teachers and parents are encouraged to review the selections to ensure suitability for the individual student.

Fiction: Classic and Contemporary

The Acorn People – Jones, Ron
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Twain, Mark
Anne of Green Gables – Montgomery, Lucy Maud
The Cat Ate My Gymsuit – Danziger, Paula
The Cay – Taylor, Theodore
Child of the Owl – Yep, Laurence
A Christmas Carol – Dickens, Charles
Durango Street – Bonham, Frank
Eyes of Darkness – Highwater, Jamake
Firefly Summer – Bulpre, Pura
Flowers for Algernon – Keyes, Daniel
Friendly Persuasion – West, Jessamyn
The Friends – Guy, Rosa
Ganesh – Bosse, Malcolm
The Glory Field – Myers, Walter Dean
Holes – Sachar, Louis
Homecoming – Voigt, Cynthia
Island of the Blue Dolphins – O'Dell, Scott
The Islander – Rylant, Cynthia
The Journey Home – Uchida, Yoshiko

Lisa, Bright and Dark – Neufield, John
The Little Prince – De Saint-Exupery, Antoine
Little Women – Alcott, Louisa May
M.C. Higgins, the Great – Hamilton, Virginia
The Moves Make the Man – Brooks, Bruce
My Side of the Mountain – George, Jean Craighead
Park's Quest – Paterson, Katherine
The Pearl – Steinbeck, John
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Taylor, Mildred D.
Summer of My German Soldier – Greene, Bette
Summer of the Swans – Byars, Betsy
The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle – Avi
Words by Heart – Sebestyen, Ouida
Year of Impossible Goodbyes – Choi, Sook Nyui
The Yearling – Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan

Historical Fiction

Across Five Aprils – Hunt, Irene
After the Dancing Days – Rostkowski, Margaret
Bull Run – Fleischman, Paul

Catherine, Called Birdy – Cushman, Karen
Johnny Tremain – Forbes, Esther
Lyddie – Paterson, Katherine
The Night Journey – Lasky, Kathryn
Out of the Dust – Hesse, Karen
The Slave Dancer – Fox, Paula
The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963 – Curtis, Christopher Paul
The Witch of Blackbird Pond – Speare, Elizabeth George

Science Fiction/Fantasy

Abel's Island – Steig, William
The Book of Three – Alexander, Lloyd
The Hobbit – Tolkien, J.R.R.
I, Robot – Asimov, Isaac
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – Lewis, C.S.
Peter Pan – Barrie, James
Phantom Tollbooth – Juster, Norton
The Shepherd Moon – Hoover, H.M.
Swiftly Tilting Planet – L'Engle, Madeleine
The Time Machine – Wells, H.G.
Tuck Everlasting – Babbitt, Natalie
A Wizard of Earthsea – Le Guin, Ursula
Z for Zachariah – O'Brien, Robert C.



Mystery/Adventure

- The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* – Doyle, Arthur Conan
- And Then There Were None* – Christie, Agatha
- Call of the Wild* – London, Jack
- Hatchet* – Paulsen, Gary
- Motel of the Mysteries* – Macauley, David
- Stranded* – Mikaelson, Ben
- Treasure Island* – Stevenson, Robert Louis
- The Westing Game* – Raskin, Ellen

Folklore/Fairy Tales/Mythology

- Aesop's Fables* – Aesop
- American Tall Tales* – Osborne, Mary Pope
- The Crest and the Hide (and other African stories)* – Courlander, Harold
- D'Aulaire's Norse Gods and Giants* – D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar
- Favorite Folktales from Around the World* – Yolen, Jane
- Grimm Fairy Tales* – Grimm, Jacob and Wilhelm (original authors)
- Jason and the Argonauts* – Osborne, Mary Pope (ed.)
- The People Could Fly: American Black Folktales* – Hamilton, Virginia
- Three Strong Women* – Stamm, Claus and Kazue Mizumura

Poetry

- Selections from *Been to Yesterdays* – Hopkins, Lee Bennet
- Selections from *The Collected Poems of John Ciardi* – Ciardi, John
- Selections from *Custard and Company* – Nash, Ogden

- Selections from *The Dream Keeper and Other Poems* – Hughes, Langston
- Selections from *Ego Tripping and Other Poems for Young People* – Giovanni, Nikki
- Selections from *Four Ancestors: Stories, Songs, and Poems from Native North America* – Bruchac, Joseph
- "The Highwayman" – Noyes, Alfred
- Selections from *Inner Chimes* – Goldstein, Bobby
- "The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere" – Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth
- "Odes to Common Things" – Neruda, Pablo
- "Song of Myself" – Whitman, Walt
- Selections from *You Come Too* – Frost, Robert

Short Stories

- Selections from *Baseball in April and Other Stories* – Soto, Gary
- "The Bear" – Faulkner, William
- "Boys and Girls" – Munro, Alice
- "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" – Twain, Mark
- "Charles" – Jackson, Shirley
- "A Day's Wait" – Hemingway, Ernest
- Selections from *Eight Plus One* – Cormier, Robert
- "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" – Irving, Washington
- "A Mother in Mannville" – Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan
- "The Night the Bed Fell" – Thurber, James
- "Raymond's Run" – Bambara, Toni Cade
- "Riki Tiki Tavi" – Kipling, Rudyard

- Selections from *Somehow Tenderness Survives: Stories of Southern Africa* – Rochman, Hazel (ed.)
- "The Storyteller" – Saki
- "The Tell-Tale Heart" – Poe, Edgar Allan
- "Thank You Ma'am" – Hughes, Langston
- "Zlatch the Goat" – Singer, Isaac Bashevis

Drama

- Brian's Song* – Blinn, William
- Inherit the Wind* – Lawrence, Jerome and Robert Lee
- A Midsummer Night's Dream* – Shakespeare, William
- The Miracle Worker* – Gibson, William
- The Mousetrap and Other Plays* – Christie, Agatha
- Our Town* – Wilder, Thornton

Nonfiction: Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics

- Across America on an Emigrant Train* – Murphy, Jim
- The American Revolutionaries* – Meltzer, Milton
- Bound for America: Forced Migration of Africans* – Haskins, James
- The Brooklyn Bridge: They Said It Couldn't be Built* – St. George, Judith
- Cathedral: The Story of its Construction* – Macaulay, David
- Digger: The Tragic Fate of the California Indians* – Stanley, Jerry
- Farewell to Manzanar* – Houston, Jeanne Watkazuki



Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions by Women – Thimmesch, Catherine

The Great Fire – Murphy, Jim

Hiroshima – Hersey, John

History of Women in Science for Young People – Epstein, Vivian

How the Future Began: Communications – Wilson, Anthony

The I Hate Mathematics! Book – Burns, Marilyn

Kennedy Assassinated! The World Mourns – Hampton, William

Living Up the Street – Soto, Gary

A Night to Remember – Lord, Walter

No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War – Lobel, Anita

Orphan Train Rider – Warren, Andrea

Rosie the Riveter: Women Working on the Homefront in World War II – Colman, Penny

Safari Beneath the Sea: The Wonder of the Pacific Northwest – Swanson, Diane

Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World – Armstrong, Jennifer

Space Station Science: Life in Free Fall – Dyson, Marianne

The Way Things Work – Macaulay, David

When Justice Failed: The Fred Korematsu Story – Chin, Steven A.

Wildlife Rescue: The Work of Dr. Kathleen Ramsay – Dewey, Jennifer Owings

Biography/Autobiography

King of the World: Muhammed Ali and the Rise of an American Hero – Remnick, David

The Life and Death of Crazy Horse – Freedman, Russell

Shadow Catcher: Life & Work of Edward S. Curtis – Lawlor, Laurie

Amelia Earhart: Courage in the Sky – Kerby, Mona

The Story of Thomas Alva Edison – Cousins, Margaret

Zlata's Diary: A Child's Life in Sarajevo – Filipovic, Zlata

The Diary of a Young Girl – Frank, Anne

Benjamin Franklin: The New American – Meltzer, Milton

Homesick: My Own Story – Fritz, Jean

The Children of Willesden Lane: Beyond the Kindertransport – Golabek, Mona and Lee Cohen

My Life with the Chimpanzees – Goodall, Jane

All Creatures Great and Small – Herriot, James

Thomas Jefferson: The Revolutionary Aristocrat – Meltzer, Milton

On the Court with Michael Jordan – Christopher, Matt

Lives of the Writers – Krull, Kathleen

The Great Little Madison – Fritz, Jean

Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery – Freedman, Russell

Bully for You, Teddy Roosevelt – Fritz, Jean

Sojourner Truth: Ain't I a Woman? – McKissack, Patricia

Leonardo da Vinci: Artist, Inventor, and Scientist of the Renaissance – Romei, Francesca

Ryan White: My Own Story – White, Ryan

Magazines/Newspapers

Consumer Reports

Cricket

Faces: The Magazine About People

Muse

National Geographic

Newsweek

Science World

Scope

Time

USA Today

Reference Tools (in printed and electronic format)

Atlas/Almanac, such as:

Printed: *New View Almanac; World Almanac and Book of Facts*

CD-ROM: *Microsoft Encarta Deluxe 2005*

Online: The Worldfact Book (www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook)

Dictionary, such as:

Printed: *American Heritage Student Dictionary; Merriam-Webster's Intermediate Dictionary*

Online: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary (www.m-w.com)

Encyclopedia, such as:

Printed: *Compton's Encyclopedia and Fact-Index; World Book Encyclopedia*

CD-ROM: *Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia Deluxe 2005; 2005 World Book CD-ROM Multimedia Encyclopedia*

Online: Encarta (www.encyclopedia.msn.com); Fact Monster (www.factmonster.com)

Other Resources, such as:

Printed: *Authors of Books for Young People; Encyclopedia of American History; World Explorers and Discoverers; Larousse Dictionary of Scientists; Living World, Lands and Peoples; Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature; World Book Encyclopedia of People and Places; World Leaders: People Who Shaped the World*



CD-ROM: *Junior Discovering Authors*

Online: Homework Center
(www.multnomah.lib.or.us/lib/homework); Word Central
(www.wordcentral.com)

Thesaurus, such as:

Printed: *The American Heritage Student Thesaurus; Facts on File Student's Thesaurus*

Online: Merriam-Webster Online Thesaurus (www.m-w.com)

Informational, Technical, and Practical Documents:

Agendas

Applications: sports, club membership, contest

Class Schedules

Letters: personal, business

Manuals: computer, electronic equipment, appliance

Recipes

Travel Schedules and Itineraries

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Questions?

The Indiana Reading List is a suggested reading resource for students and teachers. Check with your local school to see if there is a required reading list. For additional information or questions, call the office of Program Development at 1.800.527.4930 or visit the Web site for the standards at: www.doe.state.in.us/standards.

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