

Core Literature Books for 6th -8th Grade

The titles below may be used for classroom instruction for the FIRST time at the grade level designated in the list. This means that before the designated grade level, the book will not be taught, read aloud, placed on a teacher-generated recommended reading list, seen on a video, or used in a small group, large group, or literature circle setting. If a student chooses a CORE literature for independent reading during Reader's Workshop, the teacher may conference with the student on that book. You do not need to purge CORE titles from lower grade's current classroom libraries.

Sixth Grade

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| <i>Black Pearl</i> | 980 |
| <i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> | 810 |
| <i>Call It Courage</i> | 830 |
| <i>The Cay</i> | 860 |
| <i>Dragonwings</i> | 870 |
| <i>Egypt Game</i> | 1010 |
| <i>Golden Goblet</i> | 930 |
| <i>Maroo of the Winter Caves</i> | 840 |
| <i>Stranger Came Ashore</i> | 1060 |

Seventh Grade

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| <i>Anna of Byzantium</i> | 910 |
| <i>Beowulf</i> | 790-1760 (depends on version) |
| <i>Ghosts of Tokkaido Inn</i> | 740 |
| <i>King of Shadows</i> | 1010 |
| <i>The King's Shadow</i> | 940 |
| <i>Legend of Tarik</i> | 920 |
| <i>The Outsiders</i> | 750 |
| <i>Proud Taste for Scarlet & Miniver</i> | 770 |
| <i>Samurai's Tale</i> | 960 |
| <i>Shadow Spinner</i> | 710 |
| <i>Shakespeare Stealer</i> | 840 |

Eighth Grade

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>Across Five Aprils</i> | 1100 |
| <i>Deathwatch</i> | 990 |
| <i>The Giver</i> | 760 |
| <i>Johnny Tremain</i> | 840 |
| <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> | 640 |
| <i>Nothing But the Truth</i> | (No Lexile due to book's format) |
| <i>The Pearl</i> | 980 |
| <i>Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry</i> | 920 |
| <i>Shades of Gray</i> | 800 |
| <i>Slave Dancer</i> | 970 |
| <i>To Be a Slave</i> | 1080 |
| <i>Tom Sawyer</i> | 950 |