


Classics



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Fiction: Grades 5-8

YF BRONTE

JANE EYRE

The story of a strong woman who rebelled against the narrow social and religious conventions of her day.

YF BRONTE

WUTHERING HEIGHTS

A strange tale of almost supernatural love and jealousy set against the Yorkshire moors.

YF COOPER

THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS

Hawkeye, a famous scout, is joined by Chingachkook and his son, Uncas, the last of the Mohican tribe, in leading a group of travelers from Albany to Fort William Henry in the 1890s.

YF CRANE

THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE

One of the great novels of the Civil War tells the story of a young Union soldier who goes into battle for the first time.

YF DICKENS

DAVID COPPERFIELD

An autobiographical novel that reflects life in early nineteenth-century England.

YF DICKENS

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

The orphan, Pip, and the convict Magwitch, the beautiful Estella, and her guardian, the embittered and vengeful Miss Havisham, the ambitious lawyer, Mr. Jaggers—all have a part to play in this mystery.

YF DUMAS

THE THREE MUSKETEERS

Story of three musketeers and their friend, D'Artagnan, and their adventures in early 17th-century France.

YF HENRY

THE GIFT OF THE MAGI AND OTHER STORIES

A collection of short stories reflecting various aspects of American life.

FANTASY JF DAHL

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Each of five children lucky enough to discover an entry ticket into Mr. Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory takes advantage of the situation in his own way.

Gr. 3-6

FANTASY JF EAGER

KNIGHT'S CASTLE

Four cousins, Roger, Ann, Eliza, and Jack, have an extraordinary summer when, after an old toy soldier comes to life, they find themselves transported back to the days of Robin Hood and Ivanhoe.

Gr. 4-6

FANTASY JF GRAHAME

THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS

The adventures of Mole, Water Rat, Badger, and Toad, who live in an idyllic world.

Gr. 4-6

FANTASY JF IRVING

RIP VAN WINKLE

Story of a man who went to sleep one night and woke up twenty years later.

Gr. 4-7

FANTASY JF JUSTER

THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH

Through the Phantom Tollbooth lies a strange land and a series of even stranger adventures for Milo, the boy "who didn't know what to do with himself."

Gr. 4-9

FANTASY JF LEWIS

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

When Digory and Polly are tricked by Digory's peculiar Uncle Andrew into becoming part of an experiment, they set off on the adventure of a lifetime.

Gr. 3-6

FANTASY JF NORTON

THE BORROWERS AFLOAT

The Borrowers, a family of miniature people, journey down a drain, live briefly in a teakettle, and are swept away in a flood before finding a new home.

Gr. 4-10

FANTASY JF SWIFT

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS

An account of four wonder-countries from which the author satirizes contemporary manners and morals, and art and politics from four different points of view.

Gr. 4-10

HISTORICAL JF SEWELL Gr. 4-7
BLACK BEAUTY
This dramatic and heartwarming tale is told by the magnificent black horse himself, from his idyllic days on a country squire's estate to his harsh fate as a London cab horse.

HISTORICAL JF SPYRI Gr. 3-7
HEIDI
A Swiss orphan is heartbroken when she must leave her beloved grandfather and their happy home in the mountains to go to school and to care for an invalid girl in the city.

HISTORICAL JF STEVENSON Gr. 3-7
TREASURE ISLAND
A story of piracy and concealed treasures with such sinister characters as Long John Silver, Pew, and Black Dog.

HISTORICAL JF TWAIN Gr. 4-8
A CONNECTICUT YANKEE IN KING ARTHUR'S COURT
A nineteenth-century mechanic suffers a blow to the head and wakes up in King Arthur's Britain.

HISTORICAL JF WYSS Gr. 4-8
THE SWISS FAMILY ROBINSON
A Swiss family—mother, father and four sons—are shipwrecked on a desert island. With courage, they manage to survive their adventures.

Fantasy

FANTASY JF BUNYAN Gr. 3-5
PILGRIM'S PROGRESS
Describes the troubled journey of Christian and his companions through this life to a triumphal entrance into the Celestial City.

FANTASY JF BAUM Gr. 3-6
THE WIZARD OF OZ
After a cyclone transports her to the land of Oz, Dorothy must seek out the great wizard in order to return to Kansas.

FANTASY JF CARROLL Gr. 3-6
ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND
Alice falls down a rabbit hole and discovers a strange world inhabited by unusual creatures.

YF LONDON
WHITE FANG
The northern wilderness adventures of a dog, who is part wolf. It follows how he makes his peace with man.

YF MARSH
THE NIGHT TOURIST
Fourteen-year-old classics prodigy, Jack Perdu, has a near-fatal accident. Afterwards, he meets Euri, a young ghost who introduces him to New York's Underworld, where those who died in New York reside until they are ready to move on. Jack vows to find his dead mother there.

YF MELVILLE
MOBY DICK
Moby Dick was a great white whale pursued relentlessly by a demented Captain Ahab, who lost a leg during a previous encounter with the giant whale.

YF SHELLEY
FRANKENSTEIN
A monster assembled by a scientist from parts of dead bodies develops a mind of his own as he learns to loathe himself and hate his creator.

YF STEVENSON
KIDNAPPED
An adventure set in Scotland that tells about David Balfour and the political turmoil of the 1700s.

YF TOLKIEN
THE HOBBIT
Bilbo Baggins is drawn from his cozy hobbit hole in the Shire to wondrous adventures involving elves, dwarves, goblins, and dragons.

YF VERNE
AROUND THE WORLD IN EIGHTY DAYS
The hero, Englishman Phileas Fogg, undertakes a hasty world tour as a result of a bet made at his London Club.

YF WELLS
THE WAR OF THE WORLDS
The inhabitants of Mars, a loathsome though highly organized race, invade England.

Historical Fiction

- HISTORICAL JF ALCOTT Gr. 4-8
LITTLE MEN
Continues the story of Little Women. Takes place at Plumfield, a school for young boys founded by Jo and Professor Bhaer.
- HISTORICAL JF BIRNETT Gr. 4-8
A LITTLE PRINCESS
Sara Crewe, a pupil at Miss Minchin's London school, is left in poverty after her father's death, but is later rescued by a mysterious benefactor.
- HISTORICAL JF BURNETT Gr. 4-8
THE SECRET GARDEN
A ten-year-old orphan comes to live in a lonely house on the Yorkshire moors. There, she discovers an invalid cousin and the mysteries of a locked garden.
- HISTORICAL JF CLEMENS Gr. 4-8
THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN
A story Huckleberry Finn and an escaping slave, Jim, about their trip down the Mississippi River.
- HISTORICAL JF CLEMENS Gr. 4-8
ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER
The pranks and adventures of a mischievous boy and his friends.
- HISTORICAL YF DEFOE Gr. 4-9
ROBINSON CRUSOE
The story of Robinson Crusoe, who is shipwrecked on a deserted island and survives.
- HISTORICAL JF DICKENS Gr. 4-9
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
A Christmas story of 19th-century England in which Scrooge, a miser, finds the true Christmas spirit through a series of dreams.

- HISTORICAL JF DOYLE Gr. 4-8
THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES
Why does a burglar keep smashing statues of Napoleon? Where is the blue carbuncle? And who is the mysterious Irene Adler? Sherlock Holmes and his trusted friend, Dr. Watson, as they unravel the truth behind these cases and many more.
- HISTORICAL JF GIPSON Gr. 4-8
OLD YELLER
It is the story of a 14-year-old boy named Travis and a stray dog. Travis's hate for the old dog turns to love when the dog rescues his brother from an angry bear. After this, Travis and the dog which he names Old Yeller are inseparable.
- HISTORICAL JF GREEN Gr. 4-8
THE ADVENTURES OF ROBIN HOOD
Recounts the legend of Robin Hood, who plundered the King's purse and poached his deer and whose generosity endeared him to the poor.
- HISTORICAL JF HARRISON Gr. 4-8
DON QUIXOTE
An abridged version of the adventures of an eccentric country gentleman and his faithful companion who set out as knight and squire of old to right wrongs and punish evil.
- HISTORICAL JF HAWTHORNE Gr. 4-8
NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE
Adaptations of three tales by Nathaniel Hawthorne, plus an introduction to the author and discussion questions.
- HISTORICAL JF HUGO Gr. 4-8
THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME
In medieval Paris, Quasimodo, the hunchbacked bellringer of Notre Dame Cathedral, struggles to save the gypsy dancer Esmeralda from unjustly executed.
- HISTORICAL JF LONDON Gr. 4-8
THE CALL OF THE WILD
The story of Buck, a dog abducted from his home, and thrust into the merciless world of the Arctic north.
- HISTORICAL JF MELVILLE Gr. 4-8
MOBY DICK
Ill-fated voyage of a whaling ship led by the fanatical Captain Ahab in search of the white whale that had crippled him.