

Free Choice Book List

These texts were specifically chosen to support Middle School grade-level instruction based on the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects. The range of selected texts includes books narrated in first-person point of view (RL.6.6), stories and dramas that lend themselves to a study of plot (RL.6.3), and texts from many different genres (RL.6.9) including literary nonfiction (RL.6.1).

FICTION

Beowulf by Michael Foreman, *Caddie Woodlawn* by Richard Mantel, *Marco of the Winter Caves* by Ann Turnbull, *The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, *The 290* by Scott O'Dell, *Catherine, Called Birdy* by Karen Cushman, *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park, *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck, *Great Expectations (Enriched Classic)* by Charles Dickens, *The Red Badge of Courage (Enriched Classic)* by Stephen Crane

Sci Fi/Fantasy

The Freedom Maze by Delia Sherman, *The Girl Who Could Fly* by Victoria Forester, *The Green Boy* by Susan Cooper, *The Green Book* by Lloyd Bloom, *H.I.V.E.* by Mark Walden, *The Inquisitor's Apprentice* by Chris Moriarty, *The Angel Experiment* by James Patterson, *Downsiders* by Neil Shusterman

BIO/AUTO BIO

Jane Goodall: Animal Scientist by Katherin Krone, *John Lewis in the the Lead* by James Haskins; Kathleen Benson, *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller, *Beyond the Myth: The Story of Joan of Arc* by Polly S. Brooks, *The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery* by Steve Sheinkin, *Out of Darkness: The Story of Louis Braille* by Russell Freedman, *Becoming Billie Holiday* by Carole Weatherford, *Escape! The Story of the Great Houdini* by Sid Fleishman, *Shipwrecked! The True Adventures of a Japanese Boy* by Rhoda Blumberg

HISTORICAL

The Edge of the Ninth by Rosemary Sutcliff, *I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii, 79 A.D.* by Lauren Tarshis, *Fallout* by Todd Strasser, *Morning Girl* by Michael Dorris, *Call Me by My Name* by John Ed Bradley, *Lunchbox Dream* by Tony Abbott, *All the Broken Pieces* by Ann E. Burg, *Dark Water Rising* by Marian Hale

MYSTERY/ADVENTURE

Bamboo People by Mitali Perkins, *Big Game* by Dan Smith, *Downriver* by Will Hobbs, *The Black Pearl* by Scott O'Dell, *The Voyage of the Frog* by Gary Paulson, *Abel's Island* by William Steig, *Blizzard of Glass: The Halifax Explosion of 1917* by Sally M Walker, *Buried Alive! How 33 Miners Survived 69 Days Deep Under the Chilean Desert* by Elaine Scott, *The Finest Hours: The True Story of the Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue* by Casey Sherman