

The Write Foundation Writing Curriculum Sentence to Paragraph Reading List

Recommended for Ages 10-14

It matters what you read.

1. The best readers are the best writers.
2. What you read is a major factor determining who you will become.
3. Quality literature encourages reading, because it is hard to put a good book down.
4. Reading is not just for fun. Reading plays a major role in brain development.

Book List Organization and Point System: To encourage students to read quality literature, for every book a student reads from the following book list, a predetermined number of assigned points can be earned and included in their semester grade. The point groups are determined by length and reading level.

- Books are mostly listed in alphabetical order by title.
- If several books are by one author or a series by various authors, then they are included in the alphabetical order by the author's name, series title, or a group title such as missionaries.
- Books are not listed in a required reading order.
- If using this system, students need to read a total of 48 points per semester. Extra points can be rolled over into the next semester.

Reading Guidelines:

- Books may be read to students, listened to on tape, or read independently. Books that have already been read to students or listened to on tape that a student reads independently now may count.
- **Avoid book reports.** Book reports take the joy out of reading. Instead, talk about each book together. When books are enjoyed, it is natural to want to talk about them. Take advantage of it.
- Students should ask permission/approval about receiving credit for books required for other classes (e.g. Worldviews of the Western World, Tapestry of Grace, Sonlight, or any Lamplighter books).

Easy-to-Read? Abridged? Translated? Need teacher guidance and approval.

- **Avoid "easy-to-read" versions** of any books, such as those by Great Illustrated Classics.
- **Abridged** means a book has been condensed or shortened. For a few extremely difficult books there are some abridged versions which may be preferable.
- A few of the classics were originally written in another language. Some **translations** are much better than others.

The Books Read form is a suggested record keeping tool for record keeping convenience of the student and parent/teacher. If using this system, books read should be recorded on the form provided, on another full piece of paper, or on the computer so the teacher has a record of books read by each student.

- 1.) The student's name
- 2.) The title of the book
- 3.) The number of points assigned to the book on the book list
- 4.) One parent's signature

Where to find these books?

1. Many of these books will likely be found at a public library.
2. An easy way to find out more about these books is through Amazon descriptions and reviews.
3. A number of these books are available on Kindle.
4. Used and online bookstores offer new and used copies of many books at reasonable prices.

The goal is to encourage the reading of quality books that all will enjoy. Investigating these books that range from modern to classical to unrenowned works of art will hopefully be an enjoyable adventure.

Books Read

Student Name: _____

Book Titles:	Number of Points
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Parent's Signature:

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4 Point Books

Aladdin and Other Favorite Arabian Nights Stories –
Philip Smith, Editor

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain – Alice Dalgliesh
The Big Wave – Pearl S. Buck

The Courage of Sarah Noble – Alice Dalgliesh
George Washington Carver – Eva Moore

History – Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Lief the Lucky
Columbus
Pocahontas
George Washington
Benjamin Franklin
Abraham Lincoln
Buffalo Bill

The Hundred Dresses – Eleanor Estes
Li Lun, Lad of Courage – Carolyn Treffinger
Little Pear – Eleanor Frances Lattimore
The Little Riders – Margaretha Shemin

The Minstrel in the Tower – Gloria Skurzynski

Myths – Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
Book of Trolls
Children of the Northlights
Book of Norse Myths

Rip Van Winkle – Washington Irving
Saint Isaac and the Indians – Milton Lomask
Sarah Witcher's Story – Elizabeth Yates
Shoes for Everyone – Barbara Mitchell
Stone Fox – John Reynolds Gardiner

Jesse Stuart Stories
A Penny's Worth of Character
The Beatinest Boy
Red Mule
The Rightful Owner

The Whipping Boy – Sid Fleischman
The White Stallion – Elizabeth Shub

8 Point Books

The Adventures of Pinocchio – Carlo Collodi

The Apprentice – Pilar Molina Llorente
Baby Island – Carol Rylie Brink

A Beatrix Potter Treasury – Beatrix Potter
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever –
Barbara Robinson

Boxcar Children – Gertrude Chandler Warner
The Cabin Faced West – Jean Fritz
Castle Diary – Richard Platt
Charlotte's Web – E.B. White

The Children Who Stayed Alone – Bonnie B. Worline
The Cricket in Times Square – George Selden
Dangerous Journey: The Story of Pilgrims Progress –
Oliver Hunkin

Grandma's Attic Series – Arleta Richardson
In Grandma's Attic
More Stories from Grandma's Attic
Other books in this series are fine.

The Great Gilly Hopkins – Katherine Paterson

Hank the Cowdog Series – John R. Erickson
The Original Adventures of Hank the Cowdog
Murder in the Middle Pasture
It's A Dog's Life
Other books in this series count.

Helen Keller's Teacher – Margaret Davidson
The Story of my Life – Helen Keller

Henry Huggins Series – Beverly Clearly
Henry Huggins
Henry and Ribs
Ribs
Other Henry Huggins books count.

Homer Price – Robert McCloskey
How to Eat Fried Worms – Thomas Rockwell
The Kite Fighters – Linda Sue Park
The Lion in the Gateway – Mary Renault
The Little Duke – Charlotte Mary Yonge
Little Lord Fauntleroy – Frances H. Burnett
Mr. Popper's Penguins – Atwater
Madeleine Takes Command – Ethel C. Brill
Mountain Born – Elizabeth Yates

The Mouse and the Motorcycle – Beverly Clearly
Runaway Ralph (sequel)

Sarah Plain & Tall Series – Patricia MacLachlan
Sarah Plain & Tall
Skylark
Caleb's Story
More Perfect than the Moon
Grandfather's Dance

Socks – Beverly Clearly
The Sword in the Tree – Clyde Robert Bulla

Sugar Creek Gang Series – Paul Hutchens
The Swamp Robber
The Killer Bear
The Lost Campers
The Secret Hideout
Other books in this series count.

The Terrible Wave – Marden Dahlstedt
A Tree for Peter – Kate Seredy
The Twenty-One Balloons – Wm. Pene du Bois
Tuck Everlasting – Natalie Babbitt
The Year of Miss Agnes – Kirkpatrick Hill

12 Point Books

All of a Kind Family Series – Sydney Taylor
 All of a Kind Family
 More All of a Kind Family
 All of a Kind Family Uptown
 All of a Kind Family Downtown
 Ella of All of a Kind Family

And the Word Came with Power –
 Joanne Shetler

Benjamin West and his Cat Gimalkin –
 Marguerite Henry

Born in the Year of Courage – Emily Crofford

The Breadwinner – Deborah Ellis

The Broken Blade – William Durbin

Bud Not Buddy – Christopher Paul Curtis

Building on the Rock Series (Short Stories) –

Joel R. Beeke & Diana Kleyn

How God Stopped the Pirates

How God Used A Thunderstorm

Other books in this series count.

Call it Courage – Armstrong Sperry

Catherine Called Birdie – Karen Cushman

Clubhouse Mysteries – Sharon M. Draper

Lost in the Tunnel of Time

The Buried Bones

The Space Mission Adventure

Other books in this series count.

Dear America Series – Historical Fiction

Various Authors

Across the Wide-Open Prairie

I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly

Behind the Masks

Any other books in this series count.

Detectives in Togas – Henry Winterfeld

The Mystery of the Roman Ransom (sequel)

The Door in the Wall – Marguerite De Angeli

Drew Farthering Mysteries – Julianna Deering

Death by the Book

Rules of Murder

Dressed for Death

Murder at the Mikado

Faith Like Potatoes – Angus Buchan

A Gathering of Days – Joan W. Blos

God's Adventurer: Hudson Taylor –

Phyllis Thompson (missionary)

The Heart Reader – Terri Blackstock

Hind's Feet on High Places – Hannah Hurnard

Holes – Louis Sachar

Homesick – Jean Fritz

Horses and Healing – Kim Meeder

Hope Rising

Bridge of Hope

Horse Stories – Marguerite Henry

Justin Morgan Had a Horse

King of the Wind

Misty of Chincoteague

White Stallion of Lipizza

Humbug Mountain – Sid Fleischman

The Incredible Journey – Sheila Burnford

Just David – Eleanor H. Porter

Leonardo Da Vinci – Emily Hahn

A Long Way from Chicago Series – Richard Peck

A Long Way from Chicago

A Season of Gifts

A Year Down Yonder

Old Yeller – Fred Gipson

Otto of the Silver Hand – Howard Pyle

Penderwick Series – Jean Birdsall

The Penderwicks: A Summer Tale

The Penderwicks at Gardam Street

Other books in this series count.

Peter Pan – James M. Barrie

Pollyanna – Eleanor H. Porter

Pooh Books (Original not Disney) – A. A. Milne

Winnie the Pooh

The House at Pooh Corner

The Red Badge of Courage – Stephen Crane

Red Sails to Capri – Melissa Weil

Shades of Gray – Carolyn Reeder

Shiloh Quartet – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Shiloh

Shiloh Season

Other books in this series count.

Snow Treasure – Marie McSwigan

Stink Alley – Jamie Gilson

Tales of Robin Hood – Tony Allan

Toliver's Secret – Esther Wood Brady

Up from Slavery – Booker T. Washington

The Wright Brothers – Quentin Reynolds

The Younguns Series – Thomas L. Tedrow

The Younguns of Mansfield

Frankie and the Secret

The Circus Escape

The Legend of the Missouri Mud Monster

14 Point Books

Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Mark Twain
Amos Fortune Free Man – Elizabeth Yates

Anne of Green Gables Series – L. M. Montgomery
Anne of Green Gables
Anne of the Island
Anne of Avonlea
Other books in this series count.

An Autobiography of Buffalo Bill: The Life of Colonel
William F. Cody –
William F. Cody (Timeless Classic Books)
Archimedes and the Door of Science –
Jeanne Bendick
Bound for Oregon – Jean Van Leeuwen
The Bronze Bow – Elizabeth G. Speare
Bud and Me – Alta Abernathy
By the Great Horn Spoon – Sid Fleischman
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – Roald Dahl

Christian Heroes, Then and Now Series –
Janet and Goeff Bengé (missionary)
Gladys Altwood: The Adventure of a Lifetime
David Livingston: Africa's Trailblazer
Other books in this series count.

A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
The Cross and the Switchblade – David Wilkerson

Father Brown – G.K. Chesterton
The Best of Father Brown
The Complete Father Brown
Father Brown: The Essential Tales

Follow My Leader – James B. Garfield
Freedom Train (Harriet Tubman) – Dorothy Sterling

The Good Master– Kate Seredy
The Singing Tree (sequel)

Gone Away Lake – Elizabeth Enright
Heidi – Johanna Spyri

Henry Reed Series – Keith Robertson
Henry Reed, Inc.
Henry Reed's Journey
Henry Reed's Babysitting Service

The Hound of the Baskervilles – Arthur Conan Doyle
The House of Sixty Fathers – Meindert DeJong
In Search of Honor – Donna Lynn Hess
The Journeyman – Elizabeth Yates

Jungle Books (not Disney) – Rudyard Kipling
Just So Stories – Rudyard Kipling

Kildee House – Rutherford George Montgomery

Little House Series – Laura Ingalls Wilder
Little House in the Big Woods
Little House on the Prairie
Farmer Boy
On the Banks of Plum Creek
Other books in this series count.

Love Comes Softly Series – Janette Oke
Love Comes Softly
Love's Enduring Promise
Love's Long Journey
Love's Abiding Joy
Other books in this series count.

The Magna Charta – James Daugherty

Men of Faith Series – Various Authors
John Newton: The British Slave Trader
George Muller: Man of Faith and Miracles
Samuel Morris: The African Boy God Sent
Other books in this series count.

Miracles on Maple Hill – Virginia Sorenson
Mother Carey's Chickens – Kate Douglas Wiggin
Number the Stars – Lois Lowry
The Pink Motel – Carol Ryrrie Brink
Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm – Kate Wiggin

Science – John Hudson Tiner
Exploring Planet Earth
Exploring the History of Medicine
Exploring the World of Biology
Exploring the World of Chemistry

Science Fiction – Jules Verne
Around the World in Eighty Days
Master of the World
20,000 Leagues Under the Sea
A Journey to the Center of the Earth
The Mysterious Island

Sign of the Beaver – Elizabeth G. Speare

Star of Light – Patricia St. John
The Tanglewood's Secret
The Secret at Pheasant Cottage
Rainbow Garden
Treasures of the Snow
Where the River Begins
Three Go Searching

Theras and His Town – Caroline Dale Snedeker
The Trumpeter of Krakow – Eric P. Kelley
Warrior of the Son – Samuel Schiller

16 Point Books

American History– Peter Marshall
 The Light and the Glory for Young Readers
 From Sea to Shining Sea for Young Readers
 Sounding Forth the Trumpet for Young Readers

Air Raid, Pearl Harbor – Theodore Taylor
 Black Horses for the King – Anne McCaffrey

Blackthorn Winter – Douglas Wilson
 Susan Creek (sequel)

The Borrowers – Mary Norton
 Caddie Woodlawn – Carol Ryrie Brink
 Calico Bush – Rachel Field
 The Cay – Theodore Taylor
 The Chestery Oak – Kate Seredy

Chronicles of Narnia Series – C. S. Lewis
 The Magicians Nephew
 The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe
 The Silver Chair
 The Horse and His Boy
 Prince Caspian
 The Voyage of the Dawn Treader

Daughter of the Legend – Jessie Stuart

Daughters of the Faith Series – Wendy Lawton
 The Tinker's Daughter: Mary Bunyan
 The Captive Princess: Pocahontas
 Ransom's Mark: Pioneer Olive Oatman
 Courage to Run: Harriet Tubman
 Other books in this series count.

Favorite Dog Stories – James Herriot
 God King: A Story in the Days of King Hezekiah –
 Joanne Williamson

The Great and Terrible Quest – Margaret Lovett

Greek Mythology – Rosemary Sutcliff
 Black Ships Before Troy: Iliad
 The Wanderings of Odysseus: Odyssey

The Hawk That Dare Not Hunt Day – Scott O'Dell
 Hittite Warrior – Joanne Williamson
 I Am David – Anne Holm
 Indian Captive – Lois Lenski

Kingdom's Dawn Series – Chuck Black
 Kingdom's Dawn
 Kingdom's Hope
 Kingdom's Edge
 Kingdom's Call

Other books in this series count.

The Last Sin Eater – Francine Rivers
 A Little Princess – Frances Hodgson Burnett

Missionaries (more elsewhere)
 Bruscho – Bruce Olsen
 The Cross and the Switchblade – David Wilkerson

My Side of the Mountain – Jean C. George

Orphan Train Adventures – Joan Lowery Nixon
 A Family Apart
 Caught in the Act
 In the Face of Danger
 A Place to Belong
 A Dangerous Promise
 Keeping Secrets
 Circle of Love

The Phantom Toll Booth – Norton Juster

Rani Adventure Series – Ron Snell
 It's a Jungle Out There!
 Life is a Jungle
 Jungle Calls

Rascal – Sterling North

Rachel's Tears: The Spiritual Journey –
 Beth Ninmo, Darrell Scott

Same Kind of Different as Me – Ron Hall

Sarah Bishop – Scott O'Dell

Shadows on the Sea – Joan Hiatt Harlow

Shepherd of the Hills – Harold Bell Wright

The Silver Pencil – Alice Dagliesh

They Loved to Laugh – Kathryn Worth

The Thread That Runs So True – Jesse Stuart

Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

Where the Red Fern Grows – Wilson Rawls

Wind in the Willows – Kenneth Graham

18 Point Books

Across Five Aprils – Irene Hunt
 Adam of the Road – Elizabeth Janet Gray
 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain
 Book of Greek Myths –
 Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
 Big Red – Jim Kjelgaard
 Calico Captive – Elizabeth G. Speare
 Carry on Mr. Bowditch – Jean Lee Latham

Crown and Covenant – Douglas Bond
 Duncan's War
 King's Arrow
 Rebel's Keep

Dutch Tales – Meindert Dejong
 Dirk's Dog Bello
 Far out the Long Canal
 The Wheel on the School

The Escape – A. Vander Jagt

Fairy Tales: Original Versions
 Andersen's Fairy Tales – H. C. Andersen
 Hans Andersen's Fairy Tales Second Series

The Galway Chronicles – Brock and Bodie
 Thoene
 Only the River Runs Free
 Of Men and Of Angels
 Ashes of Remembrance
 All Rivers to the Sea

God's Smuggler – Brother Andrew
 The Golden Goblet – Eloise Jarvis McGraw
 If I Perish – Esther Ahn Kim
 Lad: A Dog – Albert Payson Terhune
 Lassie, Come Home – Eric Knight
 A Lantern in Her Hand – Beth Streeter Aldrich

Little Britches Series – Ralph Moody
 Little Britches: Father and I Were Ranchers
 Man of the Family
 The Home Ranch
 Mary Emma and Company
 The Fields of Home
 Other books in this series count.

Lord Peter Wimsey Mysteries – Dorothy Sayer
 Clouds of Witnesses
 Strong Poison
 Unnatural Death
 Other Sayer mysteries about this length count.

Mara, Daughter of the Nile – Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Mark of the Lion Series – Francine Rivers
 A Voice in the Wind
 An Echo in the Darkness
 As Sure as the Dawn
Missionaries (others elsewhere) – *True story of missionary outreach to Auca Indians of Ecuador.*
 End of the Spear – Steve Saint
 Jungle Pilot (Nate Saint) – Russell T. Hitt
 Shadow Almighty: The Life and Testament of Jim Elliot - Zondervan
 Through the Gates of Splendor – Elizabeth Elliot

Pilgrim's Progress Today – Lael Arrington
 The Prince and the Pauper – Mark Twain

Redwall Series – Brian Jacques
 Redwall
 Mossflower
 Mattimeo
 Other books in this series count.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – M. D. Taylor
 Let the Circle Be Unbroken (sequel)

The Roman Britain Trilogy – Rosemary Sutcliff
 Eagle of the Ninth
 The Silver Branch
 The Lantern Bearers

The Secret Garden – Frances H. Burnett
 The Shining Company – Rosemary Sutcliff
 Snow in the River – Carol Ryrie Brink
 Stowaway – Karen Hesse
 Summer of the Monkeys – Wilson Rawls
 Swift Rivers – Cornelia Meigs

Will Rogers: A Biography – Ben Yagoda
 Never Met A Man I Didn't Like: The Life and Writings of Will Rogers – Will Rogers and Joseph Carter

20 Point Books

Alas, Babylon – Pat Frank

Amazing Grace: William Wilberforce and the Heroic Campaign to End Slavery – Eric Metaxas

Anna and the King of Siam – Margaret Landon

Jane Austen
Pride and Prejudice
Emma

Born Again – Charles Colson
Buffalo Coat – Carol Ryrie Brink

Agatha Christie
Murder on the Orient Express
And Then There Were None
The Murder of Roger Ackroyd
Other books in Hercule Poirot mysteries count.

Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court – Mark Twain

The Cost of Discipleship – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Diary of Anne Frank – Anne Frank

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage – Alfred Lansing

The Favorite Uncle Remus – Joel Chandler Harris

The Gift of Music: Great Composers and Their Influence – Jane Stuart Smith & Betty Carlson

Hard Times – Charles Dickens

The Hiding Place – Corrie Ten Boom

The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien

How to Win Friends and Influence People – Dale Carnegie

In the Presence of My Enemies – G. Burnham

Johnny Tremain – Esther Forbes

Kidnapped – Robert Louis Stevenson

Keeper of the Bees – Gene Stratton Porter

Kon-Tiki – Thor Heyerdahl

Catherine Marshall
Julie
A Man Called Peter: The Story of Peter Marshall

The Phantom of the Opera – Gaston Leroux

Gene Stratton Porter
Girl of the Limberlost (Sequel to Freckles)
The Harvester
Laddie

The Ramsay Scallop – Frances Temple

Rifles for Watie – Harold Keith

Robinson Crusoe – Daniel DeFoe

Robin Hood – Roger Green

Run Baby Run: Story of NY Gang Leader – Nicky Cruz

St. Simons Trilogy – Eugenia Price
(Historical Fiction)
Lighthouse
New Moon Rising
Beloved Invader

Dorothy L. Sayers
(Lord Peter Wimsey Mysteries 200-400 pgs.)
Clouds of Witnesses
The Five Red Herrings
Murder Must Advertise
Strong Poison
Other Sayers books this length can count.

The Scarlet Pimpernel – Baroness Orczy
The Scarlet Pimpernel
The Elusive Pimpernel
The League of the Scarlet Pimpernel
Sir Percy Leads the Band
Other books in this series count.

Sea of Glory – Ken Wales & David Poling

The Shiloh Legacy – Bodie Thoene
In My Father's House
A Thousand Shall Fall
Say to This Mountain

Jessie Stuart Stories
Hie to the Hunter
The Thread That Runs So True

The Story of King Arthur and His Knights – Howard Pyle

The Story of the Trapp Family Singers – Maria Augusta Trapp (Sound of Music)

Swiss Family Robinson – Johann D. Wyss

Tales from Shakespeare – Charles Lamb

To Kill a Mocking Bird – Harper Lee

A Walk Across America – Peter Jenkins
The Walk West (sequel)