

Grade 5

Novels:

Don Quixote (Miguel de Cervantes)- Core Classics edition novel

Little Women (Louisa May Alcott)

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (Frederick Douglass)- Core Classics edition novel

The Secret Garden (Frances Hodgson Burnett edition)

Tales of Sherlock Holmes, including “The Red-Headed League” (Arthur Conan Doyle)- Core Classics edition novel

A Midsummer Night’s Dream (William Shakespeare)

Where the Red Fern Grows

Island of the Blue Dolphins

Read Alouds/Short Stories:

Myths and Legends

A Tale of the Oki Islands (a legend from Japan, also known as “The Samurai’s Daughter”)

Morning Star and Scarface: the Sun Dance (a Plains Native American legend, also known as “The Legend of Scarface”)

Native American trickster stories (for example, tales of Coyote, Raven, or Grandmother Spider)

Speeches:

Abraham Lincoln: The Gettysburg Address

Chief Joseph (Highh’moot Tooyalakekt): “I will fight no more forever”

Poetry:

The Arrow And The Song (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

Barbara Frietchie (John Greenleaf Whittier)

Battle Hymn of the Republic (Julia Ward Howe)

A bird came down the walk (Emily Dickinson)

Casey at the Bat (Ernest Lawrence Thayer)

The Eagle (Alfred Lord Tennyson)

I Hear America Singing (Walt Whitman)

I like to see it lap the miles (Emily Dickinson)

I, too, sing America (Langston Hughes)

Jabberwocky (Lewis Carroll)

Narcissa (Gwendolyn Brooks)

O Captain! My Captain! (Walt Whitman)

A Poison Tree (William Blake)

The Road Not Taken (Robert Frost)

The Snowstorm (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Some Opposites (Richard Wilbur)

The Tiger (William Blake)

A Wise Old Owl (Edward Hersey Richards)