



# VERITAS ACADEMY

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## At-Home Reading List Policy

Veritas Academy desires to instill in our students a love of reading. The at-home reading lists provided in Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> help facilitate this desire. These lists also provide a way for parents to be engaged in their child's education. Lists include books as "read-alouds" (parents reading to their children) and "readers" (books read by the students 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>).

We also desire to keep these lists simple and the books as accessible as possible. Veritas provides a limited number of each book for each grade, for borrowing. While it is the responsibility of parents to obtain the books, please borrow from Veritas when possible or obtain from local bookstores, public libraries, or internet sites. If you would like to borrow books from Veritas, please check with the teacher for availability.

Books on tape/CD are permitted as read-alouds. Families with multiple children are permitted to read aloud a book to all of their children provided the book is from the list of the student in the highest grade or if the family is continuing a book series (Chronicles of Narnia or Little House books). Please note this on the younger children's list when you are substituting a book from a higher reading list.

Books studied in Literature and History classes will be provided by Veritas. These book lists may be found in the class syllabi. You do not need to obtain these books.

Each grade level has different specifications for the number of "readers" and "read-alouds" encouraged and/or required to be read. Please see the grade specific lists for those details. The check list provided at the end of each list is for you, the parent, to sign and keep track of the books your child has read and you have read aloud. Please keep this list in your child's homework folder and initial as books are completed for the teacher to check each throughout the year.

Happy Reading!





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## 2016-2017 School Year Fifth Grade Reading List

### **Obtaining Books**

Veritas has a few copies of each book available for borrowing. Please check with your child's teacher for availability. It is the responsibility of the parent to obtain the books. Here are some sources for obtaining books:

- 1) Used book stores or internet sites (e.g. Amazon.com)
- 2) Local Library
- 3) Borrow from Veritas (as available)

Fifth grade students will be required to read **14 books, 4 of which must be read-alouds** by the parent, and **10 as readers (4 general good literature and 6 historical literature** student independently). Select read-alouds from books marked with an asterisk (\*). Please read the books that follow the quarter in which the History unit is studied.

**Parents, please initial books read and read-aloud on the check list provided.**

### **General Good Literature: Students select 4 readers (May be read at any time)**

- \* **Black Beauty** by Anna Sewell
- \* **The Jungle Book** by Rudyard Kipling
- Swiss Family Robinson** by Johann Wyss
- These Happy Golden Years** by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Little Town on the Prairie** by Laura Ingalls Wilder
- The Light Princess** by George MacDonald
- The Incredible Journey** by Sheila Burnford
- The Best Christmas Pageant Ever** by Barbara Robinson
- \* **The Westing Game** by Ellen Raskin
- A Wrinkle in Time** by Madeleine L'Engle
- Island of the Blue Dolphins** by Scott O'Dell
- \* **Prince Caspian** by C.S. Lewis
- \* **Voyage of the Dawn Treader** by C.S. Lewis
- Classic Poetry** by Michael Rosen

(over)

## **Historical Literature: Students select 6 readers**

### **Creation/ Mesopotamia (Read 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr)**

**Gilgamesh the Hero** by Geraldine McCaughrean  
**Hittite Warrior** by Joanne Williamson

### **Ancient Egypt (Read 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr)**

**Mara: Daughter of the Nile** by Eloise Jarvis McGraw  
**God King** by Joanne Williamson – SL # GA12  
**Tirzah** by Lucille Travis  
**The Egypt Game** by Zilpha Keatley Snyder  
**The Cat of Bubastes** by G.A. Henry

### **Ancient Greece (Read 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtrs)**

\* **The Trojan War** by Olivia Coolidge – SL # GA04  
**D’Aulaire’s Book of Greek Myths** by Ingri and Edgar D’Aulaire- SL # GR09R  
**Theras and His Town** by Caroline Snedeker- SL # GR20  
**Archimedes and the Door of Science** by Jeanne Bendick- SL # GR13  
**Herodotus and the Road to History** by Jeanne Bendick  
**The Castle in the Attic** by E. Winthrop  
**The Wanderings of Odysseus** by Rosemary Sutcliff (*read after **Black Ships Before Troy** has been studied in Literature class*)  
\***A Wonder-Book** by Nathaniel Hawthorne

### **Ancient Rome through Fall of Rome (Read 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Qtrs)**

**Cleopatra** by Diane Stanley Alonso  
\* **The Bronze Bow** by Elizabeth Speare – SL # GR02  
\* **Mission to Cathay** by Madeleine Polland- SL # FR20  
**Detectives in Togas** by Henry Winterfeld- SL # BA14  
**A Roman Ransom** by Rosemary Rowe  
**Peril and Peace Volume I** by Mindy and Brandon Withrow  
**Mystery of the Roman Ransom** by Henry Winterfield  
**Caesar’s Gallic Wars** by Olivia Coolidge  
\***Ides of April** by Mary Ray

\* Denotes read-aloud, select 4

## Fifth Grade Reading Checklist

*Parents, please initial as your child has completed the readers and you have completed the read-alouds with your child. Keep this sheet in your child's homework folder for the teacher to check throughout the school year.*

**Read Alouds- 4 read aloud by parents (\* denotes read-aloud options)**

**Readers- 10 read by student (4 general good literature, 6 historical literature)**

Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials
<b>General Good Literature- may be read at any time, students select 4 readers</b>			
*Black Beauty	Anna Sewell		
*The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling		
Swiss Family Robinson	Johann Wyss		
These Happy Golden Years	Laura Ingalls Wilder		
Little Town on the Prairie	Laura Ingalls Wilder		
The Light Princess	George MacDonald		
The Incredible Journey	Sheila Burnford		
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever	Barbara Robinson		
*The Westing Game	Ellen Raskin		
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle		
Island of the Blue Dolphins	Scott O'Dell		
*Prince Caspian	C.S. Lewis		
*Voyage of the Dawn Treader	C.S. Lewis		
Classic Poetry	Michael Rosen		
<b>Historical Literature- students select 6 readers</b>			
<b>Creation/ Mesopotamia (Read 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr)</b>			
Gilgamesh the Hero	Geraldine McCaughrean		
Hittite Warrior	Janne Williamson		
<b>Ancient Egypt (Read 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr)</b>			
Mara: Daughter of the Nile	Eloise Jarvis McGraw		
God King	Joanne Williamson		
Tirzah	Lucille Travis		
The Egypt Game	Zilpha Keatley Snyder		
The Cat of Bubastes	G.A. Henry		
<b>Ancient Greece (Read 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtrs)</b>			
*The Trojan War	Olivia Coolidge		
D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths	Ingri & Edgar D'Aulaire		
Theras and His Town	Caroline Snedeker		
Archimedes and the Door of Science	Jeanne Bendick		
Herodotus and the Road to History	Jeanne Bendick		
The Castle in the Attic	E. Winthrop		
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The Wanderings of Odysseus (read after Black Ships Before Troy is studied in class)	Rosemary Sutcliff		
*A Wonder Book	Nathaniel Hawthorn		
<b>Ancient Rome through Fall of Rome (Read 4th Qtr)</b>			
Cleopatra	Diane Stanley Alonso		
*The Bronze Bow	Elizabeth Speare		
*Mission to Cathay	Madeleine Polland		
Detectives in Togas	Henry Winterfield		
A Roman Ransom	Rosemary Rowe		
Peril and Peace Vol I	Mindy and Brandon Withrow		
Mystery of the Roman Ransom	Henry Winterfield		
Caesar's Gallic Wars	Olivia Coolidge		
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