



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-6th 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 1st-6th).

We also desire to keep these lists simple and the books as accessible as possible. Veritas has a limited number of each book for each grade available for check-out. Books may also be obtained 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" required to be read. Please see the grade specific lists for those details.

Happy Reading!





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2025-2026 School Year Fifth Grade Reading List

Veritas has a few copies of each book available for lending to students. Please check with your child's teacher for availability. Many of the books are also available at the public library or available to purchase at local and online bookstores.

Fifth grade students will be required to read **14 books, 4 of which must be read-alouds** by the parent, and **10 as readers** read independently by the student (4 general good literature and 6 historical literature). 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 (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
- The Kingdom Strikes Back** by John Holzmann and Dr. Ralph Winter

Historical Literature: Students select 6 readers

Creation/ Mesopotamia (Read 1st Qtr)

Gilgamesh the Hero by Geraldine McCaughrean

Hittite Warrior by Joanne Williamson

Ancient Egypt (Read 1st 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

The Golden Goblet by Eloise Jarvis McGraw

Ancient Greece (Read 2nd and 3rd Qtrs)

* **The Trojan War** by Olivia Coolidge

D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire

Theras and His Town by Caroline Snedeker

Archimedes and the Door of Science by Jeanne Bendick

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

The Children's Homer by Padraic Colum and Willy Pogany

Ancient Rome through Fall of Rome (Read 3rd and 4th Qtrs)

Cleopatra by Diane Stanley Alonso

* **Mission to Cathay** by Madeleine Polland

Detectives in Togas by Henry Winterfeld

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

Title	Author	Date	Parent Initials	Teacher Initials
General Good Literature- may be read at any time, students select 4 readers				
*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			
The Kingdom Strikes Back	John Holzmann and Dr. Ralph Winter			
Historical Literature- students select 6 readers				
Creation/ Mesopotamia (Read 1st Qtr)				
Gilgamesh the Hero	Geraldine McCaughrean			
Hittite Warrior	Janne Williamson			
Ancient Egypt (Read 1st Qtr)				
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			
The Golden Goblet	Eloise Jarvis McGraw			
Ancient Greece (Read 2nd & 3rd Qtrs)				
*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			
The Wanderings of Odysseus (read after Black Ships Before Troy is studied in class)	Rosemary Sutcliff			
*A Wonder Book	Nathaniel Hawthorn			
The Children's Homer	Padraic Colum and Willy Pogany			
Ancient Rome through Fall of Rome (Read 4th Qtr)				
Cleopatra	Diane Stanley Alonso			
*Mission to Cathay	Madeleine Polland			
Detectives in Togas	Henry Winterfield			
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