

## **Massachusetts English Language Arts Curriculum Framework Suggested Authors Reading List – June 2001**

### *Appendix A: Suggested Authors, Illustrators, and Works Reflecting Our Common Literary and Cultural Heritage*

#### **Grades 5–8:**

In addition to the PreK–4 Selections:

##### ***Traditional literature:***

Grimm’s fairy tales

French fairy tales

Tales by Hans Christian Andersen and Rudyard Kipling

Aesop’s fables

Greek, Roman, or Norse myths

Myths and legends of indigenous peoples of North America

American folktales, myths, and legends

Asian and African folktales and legends

Stories about King Arthur, Robin Hood, Beowulf and Grendel, St. George and the Dragon

##### ***The Bible as literature:***

Old Testament: Genesis, Ten Commandments, Psalms and Proverbs

New Testament: Sermon on the Mount, Parables

##### ***American authors or illustrators:***

Louisa May Alcott

Lloyd Alexander

Natalie Babbitt

L. Frank Baum

Nathaniel Benchley

Carol Ryrie Brink

Elizabeth Coatsworth

Esther Forbes

Paula Fox

Jean George

Virginia Hamilton

Bret Harte

Washington Irving

Jack London

L. M. Montgomery (Canadian)

Sterling North

Scott O’Dell

Edgar Allan Poe

Howard Pyle

Ellen Raskin

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Elizabeth Speare

Booth Tarkington

James Thurber

Mark Twain

E. B. White

Laura Ingalls Wilder

N. C. Wyeth

##### ***British and European authors or illustrators:***

James Barrie

Lucy Boston

Frances Burnett

Lewis Carroll  
Carlo Collodi  
Daniel Defoe  
Charles Dickens  
Arthur Conan Doyle  
Leon Garfield  
Kenneth Grahame  
C. S. Lewis  
George MacDonald  
Edith Nesbit  
Mary Norton  
Philippa Pearce  
Arthur Rackham  
Anna Sewell  
William Shakespeare  
Johanna Spyri  
Robert Louis Stevenson  
Jonathan Swift  
J. R. R. Tolkien  
T. H. White

***Poets:***

Stephen Vincent and Rosemarie Carr Benét  
Lewis Carroll  
John Ciardi  
Rachel Field  
Robert Frost  
Langston Hughes  
Edward Lear  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
David McCord  
Ogden Nash

## Appendix B: Suggested Authors and Illustrators of Contemporary American Literature and World Literature

### ***Grades 5–8:***

Isaac Asimov (*science fiction*)  
Avi (*multi-genre*)  
James Berry (*fiction*)  
Nancy Bond (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Ray Bradbury (*science fiction*)  
Bruce Brooks (*fiction*)  
Joseph Bruchac (*fiction: historical*)  
Alice Childress (*fiction: realistic*)  
Vera and Bill Cleaver (*fiction*)  
James and Christopher Collier (*fiction: historical*)  
Caroline Coman (*fiction: realistic*)  
Susan Cooper (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Robert Cormier (*fiction*)  
Bruce Coville (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Sharon Creech (*fiction: realistic*)  
Chris Crutcher (*fiction*)  
Christopher Paul Curtis (*fiction: historical*)  
Karen Cushman (*fiction: historical*)

Michael Dorris (*fiction*)  
Paul Fleischman (*poetry, fiction*)  
Russell Freedman (*biography*)  
Jack Gantos (*fiction: humorous*)  
Sheila Gordon (*fiction: Africa*)  
Bette Greene (*fiction*)  
Rosa Guy (*fiction: realistic*)  
Mary Downing Hahn (*fiction*)  
Joyce Hansen (*fiction*)  
James Herriot (*informational: animals*)  
Karen Hesse (*fiction: historical, fanciful*)  
S. E. Hinton (*fiction: realistic*)  
Felice Holman (*fiction: historical, realistic*)  
Irene Hunt (*fiction: historical, realistic*)  
Paul Janeczko (*poetry*)  
Angela Johnson (*fiction*)  
Diana Wynne Jones (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Norton Juster (*fiction: fantasy*)  
M. E. Kerr (*fiction: realistic*)  
E. L. Konigsburg (*fiction: realistic*)  
Kathryn Lasky (*multi-genre*)  
Madeleine L'Engle (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Ursula LeGuin (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Robert Lipsyte (*fiction: realistic*)  
Lois Lowry (*fiction*)  
Anne McCaffrey (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Robin McKinley (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Patricia McKissack (*informational: history*)  
Margaret Mahy (*fiction: realistic*)  
Albert Marrin (*biography*)  
Milton Meltzer (*informational: history, biography*)  
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Jim Murphy (*informational: history*)  
Phyllis Reynolds Naylor (*fiction: realistic*)  
Naomi Nye (*poetry: fiction*)  
Richard Peck (*fiction: historical, realistic*)  
Daniel Pinkwater (*fiction: humorous*)  
Philip Pullman (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Ellen Raskin (*fiction: mystery*)  
J. K. Rowling (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Cynthia Rylant (*short stories; poetry*)  
Louis Sachar (*fiction: humorous, realistic*)  
Isaac Bashevis Singer (*fiction: historical*)  
Gary Soto (*fiction*)  
Mildred Taylor (*historical fiction*)  
Theodore Taylor (*fiction: historical*)  
Yoshiko Uchida (*fiction: historical; nonfiction*)  
Cynthia Voigt (*fiction: realistic, fantasy*)  
Yoko Kawashima Watkins (*fiction: historical*)  
Janet Wong (*poetry*)  
Laurence Yep (*fiction*)  
Jane Yolen (*fiction: fantasy*)  
Paul Zindel (*fiction: realistic*)