



Middle School Reading List: Language Arts 1 (6th Grade)

Module 1

Short Stories

The Fun They Had by Isaac Asimov

All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten (Excerpt) - Robert Fulghum

My Best Enemy – Dakota Lane, from Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul

Novels

Advanced

Dancing in Cadillac Light - Kimberly Willis Holt

Module 2

Short Stories

The Little Girl Who Dared to Wish - Alan D. Shultz, from the *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul*

Zoo - Ed Hoch

The Ransom of Red Chief - O. Henry

The Wood Fairy – A Czech Tale (author unknown)

Module 2 (Cont'd)

Brer Rabbit Treats the Creatures to a Race - by Joel Chandler Harris

The Stonecutter – Japan

"The Peasant, the Snake, and King Solomon - Romania

Crow brings daylight - An Inuit story retold by Oban

Advanced

Thank You, Ma'am - Langston Hughes

Module 3

Myths/Mythology

Tecumseh's Story

Story of Arachne

Story of Jason and the Golden Fleece (video accompaniment)

Module 4

Non-fiction (articles)

Florida: Home to Diverse Population

Tourism in Florida



Module 4 (Cont'd)

News Article of Choice from Local Paper

When Darkness Creates Light: The 1999 Eclipse and Science *from Thursday's Classroom*

The Amazing Moon Buggy *from Thursday's Classroom*

Needs and Wants *from Bank Jr.*

Module 5

Novels

Traditional (Choose one from the list)

Rules by Cynthia Lord

Princess Academy by Shannon Hale

Crossing Jordan by Adrian Fogelin

Jaguar by Roland Smith

Chicken Boy by Frances O'Roark Dowell

Number the Stars by Lois Lowry

The Cay by Theodore Taylor

The Eyes of the Amaryllis by Natalie Babbitt

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis

Module 5 (cont'd)

Advanced (Choose one from the list)

Heat by Mike Lupica

Shakespeare's Secret by Ellen Broach

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life by Wendy Mass

Bloomability by Sharon Creech

The Twenty-One Balloons by William Pene du Bois

Peak by Roland Smith

Module 6

Poems

I'm Nobody Who Are You by Emily Dickinson

Various poems from Langston Hughes' Elementary (Mrs. Watson's) Class

Fog by Carl Sandburg

Primer Lesson by Carl Sandburg

No More Water by Kenn Nesbitt

Jimmy Jet and His TV Set by Shel Silverstein

Dream Deferred by Langston Hughes



Onomatopoeia by Eve Merriam

Thunder at Night by Edith L. M. King

Module 7

Drama

Down the Rabbit Hole (Chapter I of Alice in Wonderland) by Lewis Carroll

The Magic Brocade: A Tale of China told by Aaron Shepard

Module 8

No Readings