

Selection List: Interpretive Reading

These reading selections include author's names the titles of their works or approved collections of their work. All interpretive reading selections must have a lexile of 855 or higher. In some cases, prose has been run through the lexile generator and judged based on word choice, length and other factors, giving it a score of 855+ if it is acceptable. Students are encouraged to submit new selections.

Reading selections listed have a Lexile score of **855** or higher

***Ineligible Selection: read in recent contest**

				Year read	Next Contest Eligible
Last Name	First Name	Book or Source	Lexile Number		
Acosta	Teresa Palomo Acosta	My Mother Pierced Quilts	1500L		
Achebe	Chinua	Things Fall Apart	890L		
Adams	Douglas	The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy	930L		
Adams	Richard	Watership Down	880L		
Agee	James	A Death in the Family	940L		
Alcott	Louisa May	Little Women	910L		
Allende	Isabel	House of the Spirits	1280L		
Alvarez	Julia	In the Time of Butterflies	910 L		
Anderson	Sherwood	Winesburg, Ohio	1050L		
Angelou	Maya	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	1330L		
Angelou	Maya	And Still I rise	900L		
Angelou	Maya	Our Grandmothers	1100L	2019	2021-22
Ashe	Arthur	Days of Grace	1160L		
Asimov	Isaac	The Last Question	1150L		
Austen	Jane	Emma	990L		
Austen	Jane	Pride and Prejudice	1100 L		
Austen	Jane	Northanger Abbey	1120L		
Austen	Jane	Persuasion	1120L		
Austen	Jane	Sense & Sensibility	1180L		
Baker	Russell	Growing Up	1030L		
Baldwin	James	Go Tell It on the Mountain	970L		
Balzac	Honore de	Pere Goriot	1180L		
Bierce	Ambrose	Ambrose Bierce's Civil War	1160L		
Bierce	Ambrose	An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge	1010L		
Bierce	Ambrose	John Mortonson's Funeral	1100L		
Bishop	Elizabeth	The Fish Poem	1300L		
Bradbury	Ray	Fahrenheit 451	890L		
Bronte	Charlotte	Jane Eyre	890L		
Bronte	Emily	Wuthering Heights	880L		

Brooks	Gwendolyn	The Bean Eaters	900L		
Brown	Dee	Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee	1060L		
Browning	Robert	Meeting at Night	1100L		
Bryson	Bill	A Walk in the Woods	1210L		
Buck	Pearl	The Good Earth	1530L		
Buck	Pearl	Sons	1660L		
Burnett	Frances Hodgson	The Secret Garden	970L		
Camus	Albert	The Plague	1070L		
Camus	Albert	The Stranger	880L		
Carroll	Lewis	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland	880L		
Cather	Willa	My Antonia	1010 L		
Cather	Willa	Death Comes for the Archbishop	1150L		
Cather	Willa	O Pioneers!	930L		
Chopin	Kate	Desiree's Baby	940L		
Chopin	Kate	The Story of an Hour	970L		
Chopin	Kate	The Awakening	940L		
Cisneros	Sandra	The House on Mango Street	870L		
Clarke	Arthur C.	2001: A Space Odyssey	1060 L		
Clark	Walter	The Ox-Bow Incident	890L		
Coleridge	Samuel	The Rime of the Ancient Mariner	1280L		
Collins	Wilkie	The Woman in White	1100L		
Collins	Wilkie	Mad Monkton and Other Stories	1110L		
Conrad	Joseph	The Lagoon	1000L		
Conrad	Joseph	The Secret Sharer	1350L		
Conrad	Joseph	Heart of Darkness	1320 L		
Conrad	Joseph	Lord Jim	1120L		
Cooper	James Fenimore	The Last of the Mohicans	1210L		
Crane	Stephen	The Red Badge of Courage	890L		
Criddle	Jan D.	To Destroy You Is No Loss: The Odyssey of a...	1040L		
Crow Dog	Mary	Lakota Woman	970L		
Curie	Eve	Madame Curie	1060L		
de Cervantes	Miguel	Don Quixote	1410 L		
Defoe	Daniel	Robinson Crusoe	1220 L		
Defoe	Daniel	Moll Flanders	1390 L		
Dickens	Charles	Oliver Twist	1230 L		
Dickens	Charles	Hard Times	1060 L; 1080L		
Dickens	Charles	David Copperfield	1070L		

Dickens	Charles	A Christmas Carol	920 L		
Dickens	Charles	Our Mutual Friend	1090L		
Dickens	Charles	Pickwick Papers	1160L		
Dickens	Charles	Bleak House	1180L		
Dickens	Charles	Great Expectations	1150L		
Dickens	Charles	Old Curiosity Shop	1320L		
Dickinson	Emily	She Sweeps With Many-Colored Brooms	1000L		
Doctorow	E. L.	Ragtime	930 L		
Donne	John	Selected Poetry of John Donne	1280L		
Dorris	Michael	A Yellow Raft in Blue Water	920L		
Dostoyevsky	Fyodor	The Brothers Karamazov	1150L		
Dostoyevsky	Fyodor	Crime and Punishment	990L		
Doyle	Sir Arthur Conan	Adventures of Sherlock Holmes	1020L		
Dreiser	Theodore	An American Tragedy	1170L		
Dreiser	Theodore	Sister Carrie	980L		
du Maurier	Daphne	Rebecca	880L		
Dumas	Alexandre	The Three Musketeers	990L		
Eliot	George	The Mill on the Floss	1240L		
Eliot	George	Adam Bede	1260L		
Eliot	George	Silas Marner	1330L		
Eliot	T. S.	The Waste Land	1350L		
Ellison	Ralph	Invisible Man	870L		
Emerson	Ralph Waldo	The Portable Emerson: New Edition	1140L		
Erdrich	Louise	Tracks	950L		
Esquivel	Laura	Like Water for Chocolate	1030L		
Faulkner	William	A Rose for Emily	1270L		
Faulkner	William	As I Lay Dying	870L		
Finney	Jack	Contents of a Dead Man's Pocket	980L		
Fitzgerald	F. Scott	The Great Gatsby	1010L		
Flaubert	Gustave	Madame Bovary	1030L		
Ford	Ford Madox	The Good Soldier	1040L		
Forster	E.M.	A Passage to India	950L		
Frank	Anne	The Diary of a Young Girl	1020L		
Franklin	Benjamin	The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin	1370L		
Frazier	Charles	Cold Mountain	1140L		
Fuentes	Carlos	The Death of Artemio Cruz	1020L		
Gaiman	Neil	Stardust	970L		

Garcia	Cristina	Dreaming in Cuban	940L		
Gardner	Isabella	Summer Remembered	1400L		
Gilman (Stetson)	Charlotte Perkins	The Yellow Wall-paper	920L	2020	2022-23
Ginsberg	Allen	Howl and Other Poems	1400L		
Giovanni	Nikki	My House	900L		
Gogol	Nikolai	Diary of a Madman	1060L		
Golden	Arthur	Memoirs of a Geisha	1000L		
Grahame	Kenneth	The Wind in the Willows	1140L		
Grass	Gunter	The Tin Drum	1220L		
Green	John	An Abundance of Katherines	890L		
Green	John	Will Grayson, Will Grayson	930L		
Guterson	David	Snow Falling on the Cedars	1080L		
Haley	Alex	Roots	1330L		
Hardy	Thomas	The Return of the Native	1040L		
Hardy	Thomas	The Mayor of Casterbridge	1090L		
Hardy	Thomas	Far from the Madding Crowd	1110L		
Hardy	Thomas	Jude the Obscure	1110L		
Hardy	Thomas	The Woodlanders	1130L		
Hardy	Thomas	Tess of the d'Urbervilles	1110L		
Hardy	Thomas	The Complete Poetical Works of Thomas Hardy	1040L		
Harte	Bret	The Outcasts of Poker Flat	1170L		
Hawthorne	Nathaniel	The Scarlet Letter	1420L		
Hawthorne	Nathaniel	Dr. Heidegger's Experiment	1080L		
Heller	Joseph	Catch 22	1140L		
Henry	O	The Gift of the Magi	950L		
Hershey	John	Hiroshima	1190L		
Hesse	Hermann	Siddhartha	1010L		
Hughes	Langston	The Big Sea	1090L		
Hughes	Langston	Let America Be America Again	1130L		
Hughes	Langston	Open Letter to the South	1090L		
Hughes	Ted	The Lake	1200L		
Hugo	Victor	The Hunchback of Notre Dame	1080L		
Hugo	Victor	Les Miserables	1010L		
Hurst	James	The Scarlet Ibis	1060L		
Hurston	Zora Neale	Their Eyes Were Watching God	1080L		
Huxley	Aldous	Brave New World	890L		
Irving	John	A Prayer for Owen Meaney	990L		

Irving	Washington	The Legend of Sleepy Hollow	1380L	2020	2022-23
Irving	Washington	Rip Van Winkle	1280L		
Ishiguro	Kazuo	The Remains of the Day	1210L		
James	Henry	The Portrait of a Lady	1020L		
James	Henry	Washington Square	1030L		
James	Henry	The Turn of the Screw	1140L		
James	Henry	Aspern Papers and Other...	1160L		
Jen	Gish	Pueblo Indian Folk Stories	1060L		
Johnson	James Weldon	Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man	1100L		
Joyce	James	A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man	1120L		
Joyce	James	Daisy Miller	850L		
Kafka	Franz	The Trial	1150L		
Keats	John	Selected Poetry	1270L		
Keller	Helen	The Story of My Life	1150L		
Kennedy	John F.	Profiles in Courage	1410L		
Kent	Kathleen	The Heretic's Daughter	870L		
Kincaid	Jamaica	Annie John	1130L		
Kincaid	Jamaica	The Autobiography of My Mother	1160L		
Kingston	Maxine Hong	Woman Warrior	880L		
Knowles	John	A Separate Peace	1030L		
Kogawa	Joy	Obasan	990L		
Lahiri	Jhumpa	Interpreter of Maladies	1050L		
Lahiri	Jhumpa	The Namesake	1140L		
Lawrence	D.H.	The Ship of Death	1200L		
Lawrence	D.H.	Sons and Lovers	1200L		
Lawrence	D.H.	The Snake	1300L		
Lee	Chang-Rae	A Gesture Life	1210L		
Lee	Harper	To Kill A Mockingbird	870L	2019	2021-22
Lewis	C.S.	Chronicles of Narnia	870L		
Lewis	Sinclair	Babbitt; Arrowsmith	1160L		
Lewis	Sinclair	Main Street	1010L		
Lockhart	E.	The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks (2008)	890L		
London	Jack	The Call of the Wild	1120L		
Longfellow	Henry Wadsworth	The Courtship of Miles Standish	1200L		
Maclean	Norman	A River Runs Through It	1160L	2020	2022-2023
MacLeish	Archibald	Eleven	1000L		
Malamud	Bernard	The Fixer	960L		

Mann	Thomas	The Magic Mountain	1350L		
Mann	Thomas	Death in Venice	1410L		
Mansfield	Katherine	Selected Stories	860L		
March	William	The Bad Seed (1954 novel)	1100L		
Marquez	Gabriel Garcia	One Hundred Years of Solitude	1410L		
Marquez	Gabriel Garcia	Love in the Time of Cholera	1440L		
Marx	Karl	The Communist Manifesto	1360L		
Masefield	John	Sea Fever	900L		
Mathabane	Mark	Kaffir Boy	970L		
Maupassant	Guy de	A Piece of String	940L		
Maupassant	Guy de	Best Short Stories	1080L		
McCarthy	Cormac	All the Pretty Horses	940L		
McCullers	Carson	The Member of the Wedding	900L		
McPherson	James	Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era	1320L		
Melville	Herman	Moby Dick	1230L		
Melville	Herman	Billy Budd	1450L		
Melville	Herman	Redburn	1450L		
Melville	Herman	Bartleby the Scrivener	1040L		
Melville	Herman	The Lightning Rod Man	900L		
Michie	James	Dooley is a Traitor	900L		
Millay	Edna St. Vincent	Autumn Chant	900L		
Mitchell	Margaret	Gone With the Wind	1030L		
Momaday	N Scott	House Made of Dawn	970L		
Montgomery	L. M.	Anne of Green Gables	990L		
Morrison	Toni	Song of Solomon	870L		
Morrison	Toni	Sula	1050L		
Morrison	Toni	The Bluest Eye	920L		
Morrison	Toni	Beloved	870L		
O'Brien	Tim	The Things They Carried	880L	2020	2022-23
O'Connor	Flannery	The Complete Stories	890L		
O'Connor	Flannery	Wise Blood	920L		
Okada	John	No-No Boy	900L		
Olsen	Tillie	I Stand Here Ironing	900L		
Ondaatje	Michael	The English Patient	910L		
Orwell	George	1984	1090L		
Orwell	George	Animal Farm	1370L		
Parks	Gordon	The Learning Tree	860L		

Pasternak	Boris	Doctor Zhivago	1010L		
Paton	Alan	Cry the Beloved Country	860L		
Pelzer	David	A Child Called It	850L		
Plato		The Republic	1120L		
Poe	Edgar Allan	The Fall of the House of Usher	1420L		
Poe	Edgar Allan	The Masque of the Red Death	1180L		
Poe	Edgar Allan	Eighteen Best Stories of Edgar Allan Poe	1160L		
Poe	Edgar Allan	Selected Tales	1300L		
Poe	Edgar Allan	Tales of Edgar Allan Poe (the Tell – Tale Heart)	1240L	2019	2021-22
Poe	Edgar Allan	The Raven	1220L		
Potok	Chaim	The Chosen	970L		
Poetry		Immortalized in Celluloid (1998)	1000L		
Pullman	Philip	The Amber Spyglass	950L		
Rowling	J. K.	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban	1020L		
Rowling	J. K.	Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince	1030 L		
Rowling	J. K.	Tales of Beedle the Bard	1290L		
Rowling	J. K.	Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	880L		
Rowling	J. K.	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire	880L		
Rowling	J. K.	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets	940L		
Rowling	J. K.	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix	950L		
Rowling	J. K.	Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows	980L	2020	2022-23
Rukeyser	Muriel	Boy with His Hair Cut Short	950L		
Rushdie	Salman	Haroun and the Sea of Stories	940L		
Rushdie	Salman	Midnight's Children	1120L		
Saki		The Best of Saki	1170L		
Salinger	J. D.	Franny and Zooey	990L		
Sandburg	Carl	Jazz Fantasia	950L		
Sandburg	Carl	Chicago	855+		
Scott	Sir Walter	Ivanhoe	1410L		
Shelley	Mary	Frankenstein	1170L		
Shields	Carol	The Stone Diaries	1160L		
Shute	Nevil	A Town Like Alice	870L		
Silko	Leslie Marmon	Ceremony	890L		
Sinclair	Upton	The Jungle	1170L		
Smiley	Jane	Gee Whiz	980L		
Smiley	Jane	Pie in the Sky	960L		
Smiley	Jane	True Blue	950L		

Snyder	Gary	Above Pate Valley	1000L		
Spark	Muriel	The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie	1120L		
Steinbeck	John	The Pearl	1010L		
Steinbeck	John	Cannery Row	930L		
Steinbeck	John	Travels with Charley	1010L		
Stephenson	Carl	Leiningen Versus the Ants	1200L		
Stetson (Gilman)	Charlotte Perkins	The Yellow Wall-paper	920L		
Stevenson	Robert Louis	Selected Tales	1060L		
Stevenson	Robert Louis	Treasure Island	870L		
Stevenson	Robert Louis	Kidnapped	880L		
Stoker	Bram	Dracula	960L		
Stowe	Harriet Beecher	Uncle Tom's Cabin	1050L		
Swenson	May	Ornamental Sketch with Birds	855+		
Swift	Jonathan	A Modest Proposal	1520L		
Swift	Jonathan	Gulliver's Travels	1210L		
Tan	Amy	The Joy Luck Club	930L		
Tennyson	Alfred Lord	The Kraken	855+		
Tennyson	Alfred Lord	Rizpah	855+		
Thackery	William	Vanity Fair	1270L		
Thomas	Dylan	A Child's Christmas in Wales	1000L		
Thoreau	Henry David	Civil Disobedience	1200L		
Thoreau	Henry David	Walden	1420L		
Thurber	James	My World and Welcome To It	1090L		
Thurber	James Grover	The Dog that Bit People	1300L		
Tocqueville	Alexis de	Democracy in America	1310L		
Tolkien	J.R.R.	The Hobbit	1000L		
Tolkien	J.R.R.	Fellowship of the Ring	860L		
Tolkien	J.R.R.	Return of the King	920L		
Tolstoy	Leo	Anna Karenina	1080L		
Tolstoy	Leo	The Death of Ivan Ilyich	1080L		
Tolstoy	Leo	War and Peace	1240L		
Tolstoy	Leo	How Much Does a Dead Man Need	950L		
Toomer	Jean	Reapers	900L		
Trollope	Anthony	The Warden	1180L		
Trollope	Anthony	The Way We Live Now	1080L		
Turgenev	Ivan	Fathers and Sons	980L		
Twain	Mark	A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	1080L		

Twain	Mark	Eve's Diary	860L	2019	2021-22
Twain	Mark	The Prince and the Pauper	1170L		
Twain	Mark	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	950L		
Twain	Mark	The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	990L		
Twain	Mark	Innocents Abroad	950L		
Twain	Mark	A Dog's Tale	1150L		
Twain	Mark	Edward Mills and George Benton: A Tale	1000L		
Twain	Mark	Luck	1000L		
Twain	Mark	The \$30,000 Bequest	950L		
Tyler	Anne	With All Flags Flying	950L		
Updike	John	Rabbit is Rich	1180L		
Voltaire		Candide	1110L		
Voltaire		Letters Concerning the English Nation	1280L		
Vonnegut Jr.	Kurt	Breakfast of Champions	930L		
Walker	Alice	In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens	1160L		
Warren	Robert Penn	All the King's Men	1130L		
Wells	H. G.	The Time Machine	1070L		
Welty	Eudora	The Golden Apples	1020L		
Welty	Eudora	Collected Stories	980L		
Wharton	Edith	A Venetian Night's Entertainment	1250L		
Wharton	Edith	Mrs. Manstey's View	900L		
Wharton	Edith	The Bolted Door	950L		
Wharton	Edith	The Dilettante	1100L		
Wharton	Edith	The House of the Dead Hand	1200L		
Wharton	Edith	The Other Two	900L		
Wharton	Edith	The Reckoning	1200L		
Wharton	Edith	The Age of Innocence	1170L		
Wharton	Edith	Ethan Frome	1200L		
Wharton	Edith	The Verdict	1100L		
Wharton	Edith	The House of Mirth	1230L		
White	T.H.	The Once and Future King	1080L		
Whitman	Walt	Cavalry Crossing a Ford	855+		
Wilbur	Richard	Running	855+		
Wilde	Oscar	The Model Millionaire	950L		
Wilde	Oscar	The Portrait of Mr. W. H.	900L		
Wilde	Oscar	The Sphinx Without a Secret	950L		
Wilde	Oscar	Thw Nightingale and the Rose	900L		

