

Planning for Interactive Read-Aloud: Text Sets Across the Year—Grade Six

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

HISTORICAL FICTION

- *The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian of Denmark* (Deedy)
- *The Bobbin Girl* (McCully)
- *The Wagon* (Johnston)
- *Coolies* (Yin)
- *The Bracelet* (Uchida)
- *The Blue and the Gray* (Bunting)
- *Mailing May* (Tunnell)
- *A Band of Angels* (Hopkinson)

FLIGHT

- *Talkin' About Bessie* (Grimes)
- *Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman* (Borden)
- *Up in the Air: The Story of Bessie Coleman* (Hart)
- *Amelia and Eleanor Go For a Ride* (Ryan)
- *Nobody Owns the Sky* (Lindbergh)
- *Flight* (Burleigh)
- *Sky Pioneer* (Szabo)

BIOGRAPHIES—DANCERS, ARTISTS, MUSICIANS

- *Charlie Parker Played Be-Bop* (Raschka)
- *Satchmo's Blues* (Schroeder)
- *If I Only Had a Horn: Young Louis Armstrong* (Orgill)
- *Mysterious Thelonious* (Raschka)

NOVEL

- *Whipping Boy* (Fleischman)

POETRY

- *Echoes for the Eye: Poems to Celebrate Patterns in Nature* (Esbensen)
- *Insectlopedia* (Florian)
- *Earth Songs* (Livingston)

OCTOBER

AUTOBIOGRAPHIES/MEMOIRS

- *Boy* (Dahl)
- *Dia's Story Cloth: The Hmong People's Journey of Freedom* (Cha)
- *The Circuit* (Jiminez)
- *Sceola: Memories of a Sharecropper's Daughter* (Govenar)
- *My Freedom Trip* (Park)
- *Tallchief* (Tallchief)

INFORMATIONAL

- *Out of Sight* (Simon)
- *The Young Astronomer* (Ford)
- *Mud Matters* (Dewey)
- *Stones, Bones and Pteroglyphs* (Goodman)
- *The Heart* (Simon)
- *Dirt and Grime* (Cobb)
- *Blood and Gore* (Cobb)

SPORTS

- *Lou Gehrig: The Luckiest Man* (Adler)
- *Legend of the Curse of the Bambino* (Shaughnessy)
- *Home of the Brave* (Say)
- *Luke Goes to Bat* (Isadora)
- *Diamond Life* (Smith)
- *Ballpark* (Curlee)
- *Mudball* (Tavares)

AUTHOR STUDY—E.L. KONIGSBURG

- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankwiler*
- *The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place*
- *The View from Saturday*
- *Silent to the Bone*
- *Jennifer, Hecate, Macbeth, William McKinley and Me, Elizabeth*
- *Up From Jericho Tel*
- *A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver*

NOVEL

- *A Year Down Yonder* (Peck)

POETRY

- *Sea Watch: A Book of Poetry* (Yolen)
- *Baseball, Snakes and Summer Squash* (Graves)
- *Animal Sense* (Ackerman)

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NOVEMBER

MEMOIRS/BIOGRAPHIES

- *The Whispering Cloth: A Refugee's Story* (Shea)
- *Under the Royal Palms* (Ada)
- *The Moon and I* (Byars)
- *Leagues Apart* (Ritter)
- *Dirt on Their Skirts* (Rappaport and Callon)

WORLD WAR II

- *Hiroshima No Pika* (Maruki)
- *Shin's Tricycle* (Kodama)
- *Number the Stars* (Lowry)
- *Boxes for Katie* (Fleming)
- *One Yellow Daffodil* (Adler)
- *The Lily Cupboard* (Oppenheim)
- *The Bracelet* (Uchida)
- *Let the Celebrations Begin* (Wild)

QUESTION AND ANSWER

- *Why Do Volcanoes Erupt?* (Maynard)
- *Why Do Sunflowers Face the Sun?* (Maynard)
- *Why Does Lightning Strike?* (Martin)
- *Why Are Pineapples Prickly?* (Maynard)
- *Why Are There Waves?* (Maynard)

**WRITERS' BIOGRAPHIES/
AUTOBIOGRAPHIES**

- *Knots on My Yo-Yo String: The Autobiography of a Kid* (Spinelli)
- *Katherine Paterson* (Cary)
- *Jean Craighead George* (Cary)
- *Homesick: My Own Story* (Fritz)
- *She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head* (Lasky)
- *Guts* (Paulsen)
- *Waiting to Waltz* (Rylant)

NOVEL

- *The Goats* (Cole)

POETRY

- *Relatively Speaking* (Fletcher)
- *Poems from Homeroom* (Appelt)
- *On the Wing* (Florian)

DECEMBER

AUTHOR STUDY—SOTO

- *A Summer Life*
- *Taking Sides*
- *Baseball in April and Other Stories*
- *The Cat's Meow*
- *Snapshots from the Wedding*
- *Too Many Tamales*
- *Chato Goes Cruisin'*
- *Buried Onions*

WAR

- *Sweet Dried Apples* (Breckler)
- *Nim and the War Effort* (Lee)
- *Peacebound Trains* (Balgassi)
- *The Children We Remember* (Abells)
- *Just Like New* (Manson)

BIOGRAPHY

- *The Real McCoy: The Life of an African American Inventor* (Towle)
- *Catching the Fire: Philip Simmons, Blacksmith* (Lyons)
- *Big Annie of Calumet* (Stanley)
- *Amelia to Zora* (Chin-Lee)
- *Portraits of African American Heroes* (Bolden)

NOVEL

- *Across Five Aprils* (Hunt)

POETRY

- *Grand Feathers* (Giovanni)
- *Heart to Heart* (Greenberg)
- *How to Cross a Pond* (Singer)

JANUARY

NATURAL WORLD

- *Safari* (Bateman)
- *Swift as the Wind: The Cheetah* (Esbensen)
- *Soaring With the Wind! The Bald Eagle* (Gibbons)
- *Storm on the Desert* (Lesser)
- *This Big Sky* (Mora)
- *Turtle Bay* (Pirota)
- *Earth Song* (Rogers)
- *Ride the Wind* (Simon)

SURVIVAL

- *Show Way* (Woodson)
- *Mandela* (Cooper)
- *The Long Road* (Garay)
- *Amistad- A Long Road to Freedom* (Myers)
- *Fire in Their Eyes* (Beil)

HISTORICAL FICTION

- *Encounter* (Yolen)
- *Cocoa Ice* (Applebaum)
- *Mailing May* (Tunnell)
- *Cheyenne Again* (Bunting)
- *The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal* (Harness)

NOVEL

- *The Green Book* (Walsh)

POETRY

- *Storm on the Desert* (Lesser)
- *Cactus Poems* (Asch)
- *Harlem* (Myers)

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FEBRUARY

FAMILIES

- *Yoshiko and the Foreigner* (Little)
- *A Pillow From My Mom* (Sgouros)
- *Whitewash* (Shange)
- *Mayeros: A Yucatec Maya Family* (Ancona)

WATER

- *A Raindrop's Journey* (Grabber)
- *Weather and Climate* (Taylor)
- *Rivers and Oceans* (Taylor)
- *Weather Watch* (Ford)
- *A Drop of Water* (Welch)
- *An Island Scrapbook* (Wright-Frierson)

AUTHOR STUDY—SHARON CREECH

- *Ruby Holler*
- *Walk Two Moons*
- *Fishing in the Air*
- *Pleasing the Ghost*
- *Absolutely Normal Chaos*
- *Sharon Creech (Library of Author Biographies)* (McGinty)
- *Heartbeat*
- *Walk Two Moons*
- *Chasing Redbird*
- *Love that Dog*
- *The Wanderer*
- *Replay*
- *Granny Torrelli Makes Soup*
- *A Fine, Fine School*

NOVEL

- *Walk Two Moons* (Creech)

POETRY

- *Poems Have Roots* (Moore)
- *Sea Watch: A Book of Poetry* (Yolen)
- *Maples in the Mist* (Ho)

MARCH

DIARIES/JOURNALS/LETTERS

- *Looking for Seabirds: Journal From an Alaskan Voyage* (Webb)
- *To Be a Slave* (Lester)
- *Dear Willie Rudd* (Gray)
- *Nettie's Trip South* (Turner)
- *Dear Juno* (Pak)

UNDERSTANDING CULTURES

- *Dia's Story Cloth: The Hmong People's Journey of Freedom* (Cha)
- *Cherokee Summer* (Hoyt-Goldsmith)
- *Appalachia: The Voices of Sleeping Birds* (Rylant)
- *Sahara* (Reynolds)
- *Mongolia* (Reynolds)
- *Day of the Dead: A Mexican American Celebration* (Hoyt-Goldsmith)
- *Anasazi* (Fisher)
- *Talking Walls* (O'Brien)

AUTHOR STUDY—MILDRED TAYLOR

- *The Gold Cadillac*
- *The Land*
- *Let the Circle Be Unbroken*
- *Mississippi Bridge*
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*
- *The Well: David's Story*
- *The Friendship*
- *Mildred Taylor* (Mangal)
- *The Road to Memphis*

NOVEL

- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* (Taylor)

POETRY

- *Connecting the Dots: Poems of My Journey* (Harrison)
- *More Spice Than Sugar* (Morrison)
- *Lives: Poems About Famous Americans* (Hopkins)

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APRIL

NATURE

- *To the Top of the World: Adventures With Arctic Wolves* (Brandenburg)
- *A River Ran Wild* (Cherry)
- *Come Back, Salmon* (Cone)
- *Raptor Rescue: An Eagle Flies Free* (Johnson)
- *Tiger Trail* (Winters)

HISTORICAL FICTION

- *Mark Twain and Huckleberry Finn* (Ross)
- *When Washington Crossed the Delaware* (Cheney)
- *The Bracelet* (Uchida)
- *The Wall* (Bunting)
- *So Far From the Sea* (Bunting)

PEOPLE WHO PERSEVERED

- *Champions: Stories of Ten Remarkable Athletes* (Littlefield)
- *Wilma Unlimited* (Krull)
- *Ghost Train* (Yee)
- *I've Seen the Promised Land* (Myers)
- *The Whispering Cloth: A Refugee's Story* (Shea)

NOVEL

- *Jip: His Story* (Paterson)

POETRY

- *Love to Langston* (Medina)
- *Hand in Hand* (Hopkins)
- *Gift From the Sea* (Lindbergh)

MAY/JUNE

ASTRONOMY

- *Stars* (Simon)
- *Galaxies* (Simon)
- *Our Solar System* (Simon)
- *The Sun* (Simon)
- *Comets, Meteors and Asteroids* (Simon)
- *The Sun* (Simon)

INFORMATION

- *Gorillas* (Simon)
- *Ice Cream* (Older)
- *One Room School* (Pringle)
- *A North American Rainforest Scrapbook* (Wright-Frierson)
- *Muscles* (Simon)
- *Lost Treasure of the Inca* (Lourie)
- *In Good Hands* (Swinburne)

AUTHOR STUDY—JERRY SPINELLI

- *Stargirl*
- *Wringer*
- *Report to the Principal's Office!*
- *Loser*
- *Who Put That Hair in My Toothbrush?*
- *Space Station Seventh Grade*
- *Up the Flagpole*
- *Crash*
- *The Bathwater Gang*
- *Milkweed*

NOVEL

- *Wringer* (Spinelli)

POETRY

- *Song of the North* (Asch)
- *Songs Are Thoughts* (Phillip)
- *This Same Sky* (Nye)