

Middle School Reading List: Language Arts 3 (8th grade)

Module 1

Poems

- Too Busy by Bruce Lansky
- Blueprints by Sara Holbrook
- I Never Said I Wasn't Difficult by Sara Holbrook
- Various "Bio-Poem" examples

Novels

Honors

- To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
- Across Five Aprils by Irene Hunt - alternate
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain - alternate

Module 2

Poems

- Why Augusta Matters by Lisa D. Mickey
- Daddy Tell Me Why There's Hate by Robert and Janet Mihock
- My Best Enemy – Chicken Soup for the Soul
- The Oyster – author unknown
- Casey at the Bat by Earnest L. Thayer
- Peace Train by Cat Stevens

Non-fiction - essays

- When Silence is Betrayal by Martin Luther King, Jr.
- The Troubling New Face of America by Jimmy Carter
- Can't We All Get Along by Stephen F. Rohde

Module 3

Novels - choose one

- The Giver by Lois Lowry
- The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
- The Old Man and the Sea by Ernest Hemingway
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham - 1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
- The Last Book in the Universe by Rodman Philbrick

Module 4

Non-fiction – essays

- The Rockies by Marla DeSoto
- Summer from Write Source
- Pets by Kathy Livingston

Module 5

Poems

- Introduction to Poetry by Billy Collins
- How to Eat a Poem by Eve Merriam
- Catch a Little Rhyme by Eve Merriam
- How to Write an "I Can't Write a Poem" Poem by Bruce Lansky
- World's Hardest Test by Kenn Nesbitt
- My Dog is Not Like Other Dogs by kenn Nesbitt
- The Names by Billy Collins
- Concord Hymn by Ralph Waldo Emerson
- Merry Go Round by Langston Hughes
- There Will Come Soft Rains by Sara Teasdale
- Possum Crossing by Nikki Giovanni

Module 5 (Cont'd)

- Shall I Compare Thee? by William Shakespeare
- How Do I Love Thee? by Elizabeth Barrett Browning
- Since Hanna Moved Away by Judith Viorst
- maggie and millie and molly and mae by e.e.cummings
- Before She Died by Karen Chase
- The Blue Bowl by Jane Kenyon
- Fifteen, Maybe Sixteen Things to Worry About by Judith Viorst
- Fog by Carl Sandburg
- Daffodils by William Wordsworth
- Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost

Honors

- Dawn by Emily Dickinson
- My People by Langston Hughes
- The Bells by Edgar Allen Poe (interactive version)
- Imagine by John Lennon
- Blowin' in the Wind by Bob Dylan
- The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost
- ****In this module the students do a poetry anthology and could use questia for that.**

Module 6

Non-fiction – essays

- Seven Traits of Effective Teens by Britt Rathbone
- Successful Teens by Thomas A. Barron

Short Stories

Honors

- The Tortoise and the Hare from Story Arts

Module 7

Non-fiction (speeches)

Honors

- Speech After Being Convicted of Voting in the 1872 Presidential Election by Susan B. Anthony

Module 8

No readings