



# Literature Selections

Taken from John Seniors list  
of The 1000 Good Books

**To be used:** Both within the classes for English/Literature courses, and in a possible weekly Great Books type seminar for the older grades and homeschool students.

Teachers would pick a reasonable number of selections (2-5) from the appropriate list to be read as part of coursework for the kids, along with in-class discussion.

## Ages 2-7

- Aesop: Aesop's Fables
- Andersen, Hans Christian : Fairy Tales
- Carroll, Lewis: Alice in Wonderland; Through the Looking Glass Illustrated by Tenniel
- Grimm: Household Stories Illustrated by Walter Crane
- Kipling, Rudyard: Just So Stories, Jungle Book Illustrated by Kipling
- Lamb, Charles: Beauty and the Beast; Tales from Shakespeare
- Lang, Andrew: Blue Book of Fairies and other colors; five volumes; best illustrated by
- H.J. Ford (Dover facsimiles)
- Stevenson, Robert Louis: A Child's Garden of Verses (Scribners)

## 7-12

- Alcoa, Louisa May: Little Women, Little Men; others
- Browning, Robert: The Pied Piper of Hamelin Illustrated by Kate Greenaway
- Burnett, Frances Hodgson: The Secret Garden; Little Lord Fauntkroy
- Dickens, Charles: Christmas Carol; Cricket on the Hearth; David Copperfield; Oliver Twist
- Defoe, Daniel: Robinson Crusoe
- Kipling, Rudyard: Captains Courageous; Stalky and Co. Illustrated by Millar
- Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth: Hiawatha; Evangeline
- Pyle, Howard: Robin Hood; and others Illustrated by Pyle
- Sewell, Anna: Black Beauty

- Shakespeare: Comedy of Errors
- Stevenson, Robert Louis: Treasure Island; Kidnapped and others Illustrated by N. C. Wyeth
- Stowe, Harriet Beecher: Uncle Tom's Cabin
- Twain, Mark: Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn; The Prince and the Pauper
- Verne, Jules: Around the World in Eighty Days; and many others
- Wilder, Laura Ingalls: Little House on the Prairie; and others
- Wyss, Johann: Swiss Family Robinson

## 12-16

- Bronte, Emily: Wuthering Heights
- Dampier, William: A Voyage Round the World
- Dickens, Charles: Barnaby Rudge; Nicholas Nickleby; Old Curiosity Shop .
- Doyle, Sir Arthur Conan: Sherlock Holmes series;
- Dumas, Alexandre: Three Musketeers; Count of Monte Cristo
- Fabre, Henri: Selections from Souvenirs Entymologique
- Hugo, Victor: Les Miserables; Hunchback of Notre-Dame
- Poe, Edgar Allen: Tales; and other poems
- Polo, Marco: Travels
- Scott, Sir Walter: Ivanhoe; Rob Roy; and many others
- Shelley, Mary: Frankenstein
- Shakespeare: Midsummer Night's Dream; Romeo and Juliet; Merchant of Venice
- Sienkiewicz: Quo Vadis; With Fire and Sword
- Swift, Jonathon: Gulliver's Travels
- Wells, H. G.: The Time Machine; The Invisible Man; and others