

ATTACHMENT II
Text of Proposed New 19 TAC

Chapter 110. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading

Subchapter B. Middle School

§110.30. Literary Works Lists, Grades 6-8, Adopted 2026.

- (a) This section implements the requirements of Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.002(c-4), and, in conjunction with Chapter 113 of this title (relating to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies), implements the requirements of TEC, §28.002(a)(2)(G), (h), and (h-1).
- (b) The literary works included in the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(3) of this section shall be included in instruction at the designated grade level. Each required literary work shall be read in its entirety unless otherwise indicated in the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(3) of this section.
- (c) Students shall demonstrate proficiency in the student expectations described in §§110.22-110.24 of this chapter (relating to English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 6, Adopted 2017; English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 7, Adopted 2017; and English Language Arts and Reading, Grade 8, Adopted 2017) using, at a minimum, the required literary works listed in the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(3) of this section. The literary works required by this section represent the minimum literary works to be read by students in that grade. Additional literary works to be used in instruction may be selected at the local level. When making local selections of additional literary works for instruction in English language arts and reading, school districts and charter schools should prioritize texts with content that reinforces required student expectations of knowledge from other subjects, including social studies.
- (d) It is recommended that students read from printed versions of required literary works as opposed to digital copies on digital devices.
- (e) Literary works listed in the figures for Grades 6-12 are organized by grouping required titles into a set. Each set of literary works identifies an anchor work along with additional shorter works that may be read to support the anchor, with the shorter works denoted in the figures with a set a of dashes that points back to each anchor. This approach to grouping is recommended as an option to consider for instruction but is not required.
- (f) The literary works lists to be used by school districts and charter schools are provided in the figures in this subsection.
- (1) Grade 6 list, entitled "Required Literary Works - Grade 6."
Figure: 19 TAC §110.30(f)(1)
- (2) Grade 7 list, entitled "Required Literary Works - Grade 7."
Figure: 19 TAC §110.30(f)(2)
- (3) Grade 8 list, entitled "Required Literary Works - Grade 8."
Figure: 19 TAC §110.30(f)(3)
- (g) For each literary work that has an associated International Standard Book Number (ISBN), the ISBN is included in the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(3) of this section. For literary works without an ISBN, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall maintain a website providing information on how to identify the specific version of the literary work. Some literary works are available in multiple versions, and, as such, districts and charter schools shall use a version of each required literary work that includes text that is identical to the version featured in the ISBN listed in the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(3) of this section or the information maintained on the TEA website.
- (h) In accordance with TEC, §26.010, a parent retains the right to temporarily remove the parent's child from instruction in a required literary work that conflicts with the parent's religious or moral beliefs if the parent

presents or delivers to the teacher of the parent's child a written statement authorizing the removal of the child from the instruction. If a graded assignment or local assessment is based solely on the content of a required literary work for which a parent exercised a right under TEC, §26.010, the school district or charter school is encouraged, but not required, to provide an alternative graded assignment or local assessment that is based on an alternative literary work provided for the student who was removed from instruction.

- (i) In the event the commissioner of education determines that a literary work required in any of the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(3) of this section is no longer available at a reasonable cost at the volume required for implementation across the state, the commissioner shall report that finding to the State Board of Education (SBOE), and the SBOE may consider an amendment to remove that specific literary work from the relevant figure, subject to holding two board meetings for a first and second reading without a separate meeting for discussion before first reading.

Figure: 19 TAC §110.30(f)(1) Required Literary Works List – Sixth Grade

This list of literary works is required as described in administrative rule 19 TAC §110.30.

Grade	Title	Author	ISBN
Grade 6	Johnny Tremain	Esther Forbes	978-0547614328
Grade 6	└─ Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night	Dylan Thomas	
Grade 6	└─ Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death	Patrick Henry	
Grade 6	└─ Paul Revere’s Ride	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	978-0140556124
Grade 6	The Prince and the Pauper: A Full Length Play	Anne Coulter Martens	9780871294173
Grade 6	└─ Seventh Grade (excerpt from Baseball in April and Other Stories)	Gary Soto	978-0152025670
Grade 6	└─ The Selfish Giant	Oscar Wilde	
Grade 6	Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story about Brain Science	John Fleischman	978-0618494781
Grade 6	└─ The Hippocratic Oath (Modern)	Dr. Louis Lasagna	
Grade 6	└─ The Human Abstract	William Blake	
Grade 6	Across Five Aprils	Irene Hunt	978-0425182789
Grade 6	└─ Abraham Lincoln, A Man of Faith and Courage: Stories of Our Most Admired President (Chapter 7 “The Road Back to God”)	Joe Wheeler	978-1982116514
Grade 6	└─ The Blue and The Gray	Francis Miles Finch	
Grade 6	└─ The Gettysburg Address	Abraham Lincoln	
Grade 6	All Creatures Great and Small	James Herriot	978-1250057839
Grade 6	└─ The Power of the Dog	Rudyard Kipling	
Grade 6	└─ A White Heron	Sarah Orne Jewett	978-1479462186
Grade 6	└─ Do Not Be Anxious (Book of Matthew, Chapter 6 Verses 25-34)	New Testament (trans. ESV)	979-8874903398
Grade 6	└─ The Peace of the Wild Things	Wendell Berry	

Figure: 19 TAC §110.30(f)(2) Required Literary Works List – Seventh Grade

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Grade	Title	Author	ISBN
Grade 7	A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle	978-0312367541
Grade 7	┆-- A Sound of Thunder (excerpt from The Golden Apples of the Sun)	Ray Bradbury	978-0380730391
Grade 7	┆-- Jonah and the Whale (Book of Jonah)	Hebrew Bible / Old Testament (trans. NIRV)	978-0310445906
Grade 7	┆-- Kindness	Naomi Shihab Nye	
Grade 7	The Miracle Worker: A Play	William Gibson	978-1416590842
Grade 7	┆-- The Definition of Love (Book of 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13)	New Testament (trans. ESV)	979-8874903398
Grade 7	┆-- Helen Keller's Speech in 1925 at the International Convention	Helen Keller	
Grade 7	┆-- Reflecting on Braille Literacy Month: A Look at the History of Braille in the United States	Aaron Preece	
Grade 7	Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl, Original Edition	Anne Frank, translated from the Dutch by B.M. Mooyaart	978-6057462299
Grade 7	┆-- Blessed is the Match	Hannah Szenes	
Grade 7	┆-- Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust (Part One "The Realization," Part Two "Saving the Future," and Part Three "In the Ghettos")	Doreen Rappaport	978-0763669287
Grade 7	┆-- Letter to the Hebrew Congregation at Newport	George Washington	
Grade 7	The Outsiders	S. E. Hinton	978-0142407332
Grade 7	┆-- Nothing Gold Can Stay	Robert Frost	
Grade 7	┆-- Thank You, M'am	Langston Hughes	978-0886824785
Grade 7	Watership Down	Richard Adams	978-0743277709
Grade 7	┆-- Duty, Honor, Country (General MacArthur's Farewell Speech Given to the Cadets at West Point, 1962)	Douglas MacArthur	
Grade 7	┆-- Ulysses S. Grant's General Order 108 to the "Soldiers of the Armies of the United States"	Ulysses S. Grant	
Grade 7	┆-- The Shepherd's Psalm (Book of Psalms, Chapter 23)	Hebrew Bible / Old Testament (trans. KJV)	978-0718097905

Figure: 19 TAC §110.30(f)(3) Required Literary Works List – Eighth Grade

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Grade	Title	Author	ISBN
Grade 8	Isaac's Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History	Erik Larson	9780375708275
Grade 8	┆-- The Hurricane	José María Heredia	
Grade 8	└-- The Rime of the Ancient Mariner	Samuel Taylor Coleridge	
Grade 8	The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes ("A Scandal in Bohemia", "The Red-Headed League", and "The Adventure of the Blue Carbuncle")	Sir Arthur Conan Doyle	979-8558812718
Grade 8	┆-- The Celebrated Jumping Frog	Mark Twain	978-1948132893
Grade 8	└-- The Tell-Tale Heart	Edgar Allan Poe	
Grade 8	The Giver	Lois Lowry	978-0544336261
Grade 8	┆-- Harrison Bergeron (excerpt from Welcome to the Monkey House)	Kurt Vonnegut	978-0385333504
Grade 8	┆-- The Man in the Arena Passage (excerpt from Citizenship in a Republic speech by Teddy Roosevelt in 1910)	Teddy Roosevelt	
Grade 8	└-- O Me! O Life!	Walt Whitman	
Grade 8	The Tempest	William Shakespeare (edited by Barbara A. Mowat)	978-0743482837
Grade 8	┆-- Speech to the Troops at Tilbury	Queen Elizabeth I	
Grade 8	└-- The Lady, or the Tiger?	Frank R. Stockton	978-1479477944
Grade 8	To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	978-0060935467
Grade 8	┆-- Harlem: A Dream Deferred	Langston Hughes	
Grade 8	┆-- I Have a Dream	Martin Luther King, Jr.	
Grade 8	┆-- Inaugural Address	John F. Kennedy	
Grade 8	┆-- The Eight Beatitudes (Book of Matthew, Chapter 5 Verses 1-12)	New Testament (trans. KJV)	978-0718097905
Grade 8	└-- What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?	Frederick Douglass	