

HOLT McDOUGAL

Literature

Readability Scores

GRADE 6 UNIT 1

“The School Play” by Gary Soto

Difficulty Level: Easy

Readability: Lexile® 860, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.1

“The Good Deed” by Marion Dane Bauer

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 790, Fry 5, Dale-Chall 5.3

“All in a Summer Day” by Ray Bradbury

Difficulty Level: Easy

Readability: Lexile 950, Fry 7+, Dale-Chall 5.2

“Space Settlements”

Difficulty Level: Challenging

Readability: Lexile 1020, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 7.4

“Lob’s Girl” by Joan Aiken

Difficulty Level: Challenging

Readability: Lexile 960, Fry 11, Dale-Chall 6.1

from *Woodsong* by Gary Paulsen

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 1040, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 5.4

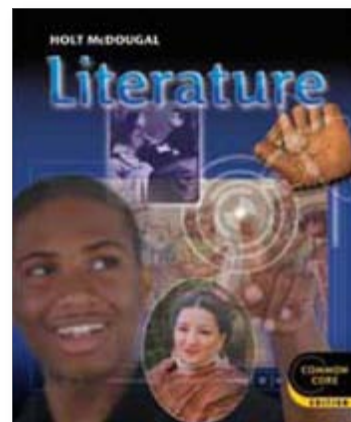
“The Horse Snake” from *The Land I Lost* by Huynh Quang Nhuong

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 1030, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 5.6

“The Walrus and the Carpenter” by Lewis Carroll

Difficulty Level: Challenging



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“The Prince and the Pauper” by Mark Twain, dramatized by Joellen Bland
Difficulty Level: Average

GRADE 6 UNIT 2

“Eleven” by Sandra Cisneros
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 1090, Fry 11, Dale-Chall 5.2

“Ghost of the Lagoon” by Armstrong Sperry
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 770, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.0

“Jeremiah’s Song” by Walter Dean Myers
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 960, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 5.5

“President Cleveland Where are You?” by Robert Cormier
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1040, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.4

“Aaron’s Gift” by Myron Levoy
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 910, Fry 12+, Dale-Chall 5.9

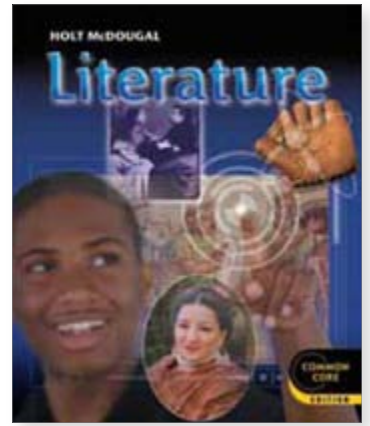
“Roll-Playing and Discovery” by Jerry Pinkney
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 1070, Fry 7+, Dale-Chall 7.5

“The Red Guards” from Red Scarf Girl by Ji-Li Jiang
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 740, Fry 12+, Dale-Chall 5.4

“Life Doesn’t Frighten Me” by Maya Angelou/ “On Turning Ten” by Billy Collins
Difficulty Level: Average

GRADE 6 UNIT 3

“The Dog of Pompeii” by Louis Untermeyer
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 890, Fry 12+, Dale-Chall 6.2



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“Pompeii and Vesuvius”

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 1120, Fry 12+, Dale-Chall 8.1

“Nadia the Willful” by Sue Alexander

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 900, Fry 12+, Dale-Chall 5.9

“Scout’s Honor” by Avi

Difficulty Level: Easy

Readability: Lexile 690, Fry 5, Dale-Chall 5.8

“Ant and Grasshopper” by Aesop, retold by James Reeves

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 780, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 4.9

“The Richer, the Poorer” by Dorothy West

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 990, Fry 12+, Dale-Chall 6.0

“Words Like Freedom”/ “Dreams” both by Langston Hughes

Difficulty Level: Average

“Same Song” by Pat Mora/ “Without Commercials” by Alice Walker

Difficulty Level: Challenging

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UNIT 4

“The All-American Slurp” by Lensey Namioka

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 870, Fry 11, Dale-Chall 6.0

“The True Story of the Three Little Pigs” by A. Wolf, as told to Jon Scieszka

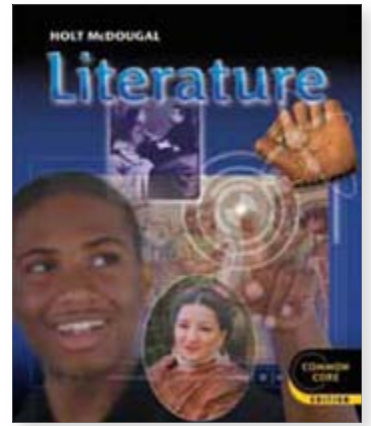
Difficulty Level: Easy

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“Tuesday of the Other June” by Norma Fox Mazer

Difficulty Level: Average

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“The Jacket” by Gary Soto

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 1030, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 5.4

“The First Skateboard in the History of the World” by Betsy Byars

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 850, Fry 6, Dale-Chall 4.7

“Skateboard Science”

Difficulty Level: Challenging

Readability: Lexile 1070, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 7

“The Morning Walk” by Mary Oliver/ “There is No Word for Goodbye”

by Mary Tall Mountain

Difficulty Level: Average

“The Phantom Tollbooth” by Norton Juster, dramatized by Susan Nanus

Difficulty Level: Challenging

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UNIT 5

“Analysis of Baseball” by May Swenson/ “Alone in the Nets” by Arnold Adoff

Difficulty Level: Average

“Sea Fever” by John Masefield/ “The Village Blacksmith” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Difficulty Level: Challenging

“Message from a Caterpillar” by Lilian Moore/ “Fog” by Carl Sandburg/ “Two Haiku” by Basho

Difficulty Level: Average

“Windshield Wiper” by Eve Merriam/ “Night Journey” by Theodore Roethke

Difficulty Level: Challenging

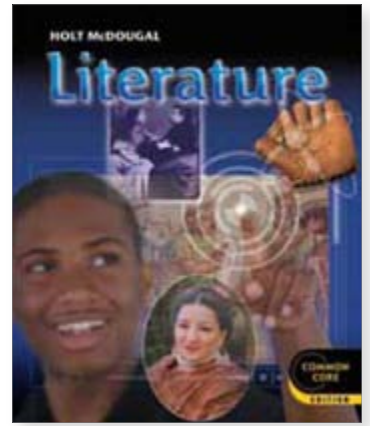
from *A Long Hard Journey*

Difficulty Level: Challenging

Readability: Lexile 1120, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 7.2

“I’m Nobody! Who Are You?” by Emily Dickinson/ “Is the Moon Tired?” by Christina Rossetti/ “Mooses” by Ted Hughes

Difficulty Level: Average



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“who knows if the moon’s” by E.E. Cummings/ Two Limericks, Edward Lear,
& Ogden Nash

Difficulty Level: Average

“Good Hotdogs” by Sandra Cisneros/ “Ode to an Artichoke” by Pablo Neruda

Difficulty Level: Average/ Challenging

GRADE 6 UNIT 6

“The Story of Ceres and Proserpina” retold by Mary Pope Osborne

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 950, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 6.7

“Apollo’s Tree” The Story of Daphne and Apollo retold by Mary Pope Osborne

Difficulty Level: Easy

Readability: Lexile 830, Fry 6, Dale-Chall 6.1

“Arachne” retold by Olivia E. Coolidge

Difficulty Level: Challenging

Readability: Lexile 1270, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 7.3

“Spider Webs”

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 950, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 6.3

“The Chenoo” retold by Joseph and James Bruchac

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 780, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 5.6

“Damon and Pythias” dramatized by Fan Kissen

Difficulty Level: Average

“Uncle Septimus’s Beard” by Herbert Shippey

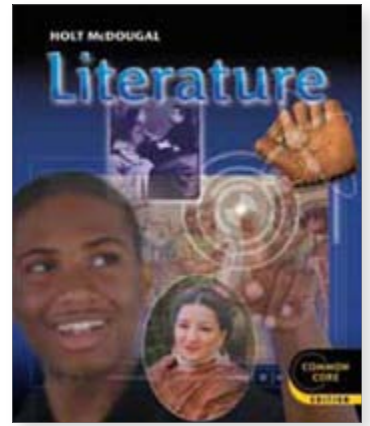
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“The Crane Maiden” retold by Rafe Martin

Difficulty Level: Easy

Readability: Lexile 660, Fry 6, Dale-Chall 5.5

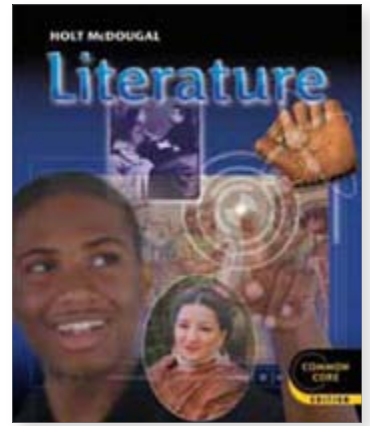


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“Aunty Misery” retold by Judith Ortiz Cofer
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1070, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 5.9

“Yeh-Shen” A Cinderella Story from China retold by Ai-Ling Louie
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1020, Fry 6, Dale-Chall 6.0

“Sootface” An Ojibwa Cinderella Story retold by Robert D. San Souci
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 860, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 5.5



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GRADE 6 UNIT 7

“Matthew Henson at the Top of the World” by Jim Haskins
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1050, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 7.4

from *Over the Top of the World*
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1000, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 5.5

“The Story of My Life” by Hellen Keller
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1050, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.5

“Spellbinder: The Life of Harry Houdini” by Tom Lalicki
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1030, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 7.5

“In a Neighborhood in Los Angeles” by Francisco X Alarçon/ “For Gwen, 1969” (Gwendolyn Brooks) by Margaret Walker
Difficulty Level: Average

GRADE 6 UNIT 8

“Supercroc” by Peter Winkler
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 640, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 7.0

“Bird Brains” by Gareth Huw Davies
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1080, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.8

“The First Emperor” by Daniel Cohen
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 990, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 7.6

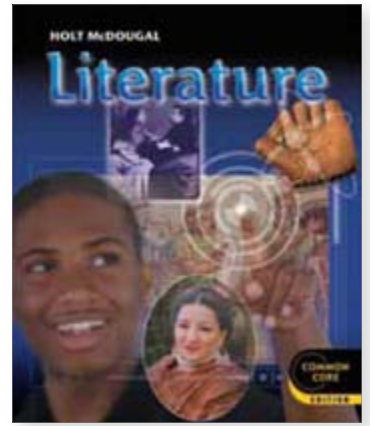
“Digging up the Past: Discovery and Excavation of Shi Huangdi’s Tomb”
by Helen Wieman Bledsoe
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1140, Fry 10+, Dale-Chall 7.9

“What Video Games Can Teach Us” by Emily Sohn
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1040, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 7.0

“The Violent Side of Video Games” by Emily Sohn
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1040, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 7.7

“Should Wild Animals Be Kept as Pets” by The Humane Society of the United States
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1230, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 8.0

“No Thought of Reward” by Mawi Asgedom
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 900, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 5.6



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