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Readability Scores

Grade 7

Unit 1

“Seventh Grade” by Gary Soto

Difficulty Level: Easy

Readability: Lexile 730, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.5

“The Last Dog” by Katherine Paterson

Difficulty Level: Challenging

Readability: Lexile 830, Fry 4, Dale-Chall 6.9

“Thank You, M’am” by Langston Hughes

Difficulty Level: Easy

Readability: Lexile 850, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 5.1

“Rikki-tikki-tavi” by Rudyard Kipling

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 990, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 6.5

“Exploring the Titanic” by Robert D. Ballard

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 970, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.1

from *An American Childhood* by Annie Dillard

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 880, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.2

“Casy at the Bat” by Ernest Lawrence Thayer

Difficulty Level: Challenging

“The Monsters are Due on Maple Street” by Rod Serling

Difficulty Level: Average

“The Unnatural Course of Time”

Difficulty Level: Challenging

Readability: Lexile 1180, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 7.8

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Unit 2

“Zebra” by Chaim Potok
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 880, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 5.5

“The Legacy of the Vietnam War”
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1040, Fry 11, Dale-Chall 6.5

“The Scholarship Jacket” by Marta Salinas
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 760, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 5.2

“A Retrieved Reformation” by O. Henry
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 900, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.4

“The Three-Century Woman” by Richard Peck
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 550, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 5.6

“Charles” by Shirley Jackson
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 760, Fry: College, Dale-Chall 6.0

“Encounter with Martin Luther King Jr.” by Maya Angelou
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 710, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 5.9

“Dirk the Protector” by Gary Paulsen
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 940, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 5.4

“It Was a Long Time Before” by Leslie Marmon Silko/ “Abuelito Who” by Sandra Cisneros
Difficulty Level: Average

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Unit 3

“Amigo Brothers” by Piri Thomas
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 910, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 6.7

“The War of the Wall” by Toni Cade Bambara
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 920, Fry 6, Dale-Chall 5.7

“What do Fish Have to Do with Anything?” by Avi
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 510, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 5.2

“Homeless” by Anna Quindlen
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1000, Fry: College, Dale-Chall 6.1

“A Crush” by Cynthia Rylant
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1200, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.2

“spring harvest of snow peas” by Maxine Hong Kingston/ “Eating Alone” by Li-Young Lee
Difficulty Level: Average

“A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens, dramatized by Frederick Gaines
Difficulty Level: Challenging

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Unit 4

“Dark They Were, and Golden-Eyed” by Ray Bradbury
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 540, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 5.4

“A Day’s Wait” by Ernest Hemingway
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 900, Fry 3, Dale-Chall 5.3

“How Hemingway Wrote”
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 800, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.8

“The People Could Fly” by Virginia Hamilton
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 480, Fry 6, Dale-Chall 5.5

“Breaking the Ice” by Dave Barry
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1160, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 7.1

“One Perfect Rose”/ “Song for an April Dusk” both by Dorothy Parker
Difficulty Level: Average

“maggie and milly and molly and may”/ “who are you, little i”/ “old age sticks” all by
E.E. Cummings
Difficulty Level: Challenging

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Unit 5

“The Names” by Billy Collins
Difficulty Level: Average

“the earth is a living thing” by Lucille Clifton/ “Sleeping in the Forest” by Mary Oliver/
“Gold” by Pat Mora
Difficulty Level: Average

“Scaffolding” by Seamus Heaney/ “The World is Not a Pleasant Place to Be” by Nikki
Giovanni/ “Annabel Lee” by Edgar Allan Poe
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“The Charge of the Light Brigade” by Alfred, Lord Tennyson/ “The Highwayman” by
Alfred Noyes
Difficulty Level: Average

“Two Haiku” by Matsuo Bashō/ “Fireflies” by Paul Fleischman/ “Fireflies in the Garden”
by Robert Frost
Difficulty Level: Easy

“Stars with Wings”
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1150, Fry: College, Dale-Chall 8.0

“Jabberwocky” by Lewis Carroll/ “Sarah Cynthia Sylvania Stout Would Not Take the
Garbage Out” by Shel Silverstein/ “Two Limericks” by Edward Lear
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“The Delight Song of Tsoai-Talee” by N. Scott Momaday/ “Four Skinny Tree” by Sandra
Cisneros
Difficulty Level: Average

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Unit 6

“Prometheus” retold by Bernard Evslin
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 840, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.1

“Orpheus and Eurydice” retold by Olivia Coolidge
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1060, Fry 6, Dale-Chall 6.5

“Icarus and Daedalus” retold by Josephine Preston Peabody
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1180, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.6

“Phaëthon, Son of Apollo” retold by Olivia Coolidge
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1090, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.6

“Young Arthur” retold by Robert D. San Souci
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 830, Fry 6, Dale-Chall 7.2

from *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* retold by Michael Morpurgo
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1050, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 5.9

“A Medieval Mystery: Serf on the Run” by Rebecca Barnhouse
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1160, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 8.1

“A Medieval Mystery: Medieval Adventures” by Cheri Estes
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1440, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 8.5

“Brer Possum’s Dilemma” retold by Jackie Torrence
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 800, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 7.5

“Waters of Gold” retold by Laurence Yep
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 800, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 5.4

“Sally Ann Thunder Ann Whirlwind” retold by Mary Pope Osborne
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 1050, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.4

“Two Ways to Count to Ten” retold by Frances Carpenter
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 660, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 4.8

“The Race Between Toad and Donkey” retold by Roger D. Abrahams
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 900, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.1

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Unit 7

“Eleanor Roosevelt” by William Jay Jacobs
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 990, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 6.7

“A First Lady Speaks Out: Letter to the Daughters of the American Revolution” by
Eleanor Roosevelt
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1260, Fry 11, Dale-Chall 6.7

“A First Lady Speaks Out” from Eleanor Roosevelt’s autobiography
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1050, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 6.0

“Names/ Nombres” by Julia Alvarez
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1080, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 7.4

“It’s Not About the Bike” by Lance Armstrong
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 990, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.4

“23 Days in July” by John Wilcockson
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 940, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.6

“The Noble Experiment” by Jackie Robinson as told to Alfred Duckett
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 960, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.6

“Jackie Robinson Makes Headlines: Montreal Signs Negro Shortstop”

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 1280, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 7.5

“Jackie Robinson Makes Headlines: Robinson Steals Home in Fifth”

Difficulty Level: Average

Readability: Lexile 1470, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 7.6

“Washington Monument by Night” by Carl Sandburg/ “My Mother Enters the Workforce” by Rita Dove

Difficulty Level: Average