

Unit Grid (Grades 6-9)

The titles in this section are examples of suitable learning resources to support particular English language arts units at the Middle Level.

Please note that the following abbreviations are used for the Major Integrated Resources: *Collections* (COL); *Cornerstones* (CS); and *Nelson Language Arts* (NLA).

Grade 6			
Unit Titles	Growing Up (Personal and Philosophical; multigenre thematic)	Looking for Answers (Personal and Philosophical; Social, Cultural, and Historical; multigenre thematic)	Tales-Heroes, Deeds, and Wonders (Imaginative and Literary; author/genre study)
Short Stories	The New Moon and the Rain Horn (Sobott-Mogwe) (CS6) Water Spirit (Monture) (CS6) Why Do Things Have to Change? (Johnston) (comic strip) (CS6)	At the Avenue Eatery (Pearson) (COL6) The Marble Champ (Soto) (COL6) My Grandma (Pogrebin) (COL6) Not Ever Again (Bradford) (COL6) Once Bitten (Hill) (COL6) Winter Campout (Jensen) (COL6)	Gawain and the Lady Ragnel (Phelps) (COL6) How Thunder and Lightning Got Up in the Sky (Small) (COL6) It's All Over (Stein) (COL6) Nothing at All (Pferdehirt) (COL6) The People Could Fly (Hamilton) (COL6) The River That Went to the Sky (Phiri) (COL6) Savitri and Satyavan (Jaffrey) (COL6) Why the Grasshoppers Sing (Kassamali) (COL6)
Essays	Kids Speak Out! (Rondina and Subramanian) (article) (CS6) Rachel and Nathan (Rosenberg) (profile) (CS6) Too Young for This; Too Old for That (CS6)	Courageous Spirits (various authors) (COL6) Dreams, Hopes, and Challenges (Bryan) (COL6) Free the Children! (newspaper articles) (COL6) Problem Solvers (Rondina) (COL6) Tub Under the Stars (Uchida) (COL6)	<i>Heroic Stories</i> (Masters) The Legend of Vinland (Horwood) (COL6) The Lore of the Unicorn (Colville) (COL6) Message in Myths (Stewart) (COL6) <i>Popol Vuh: A Sacred Book of the Maya</i> (Montejo)
Novels	<i>Bridge to Terabithia</i> (Paterson) <i>Catching Spring</i> (Olsen) <i>Donuthead</i> (Stauffacher) <i>Dragon in the Clouds</i> (Nelson) <i>Flood</i> (Heneghan) <i>A Hole in the World</i> (Hite) <i>Island: Book One: Shipwreck</i> (Korman) <i>Island: Book Two: Survival</i> (Korman) <i>Island: Book Three: Escape</i> (Korman) <i>Jeannie & the Gentle Giants</i> (Armstrong)	<i>The Heart of a Chief</i> (Bruchac) <i>Hero</i> (Attema) <i>Hidden Roots</i> (Bruchac) <i>The Olden Days Locket</i> (Chamberlain) <i>The Young Man and the Sea</i> (Philbrick) Also see Teacher's Guide, COL6, p. 5	<i>After Hamelin</i> (Richardson) <i>Dragon Rider</i> (Funke) <i>East</i> (Pattou) <i>The End of the Beginning Being the Adventure of a Small Snail</i> (Avi) <i>The Goose Girl</i> (Hale) <i>Jeremy Thatcher, Dragon Hatcher</i> (Coville) <i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i> (Lewis) <i>A Nose for Adventure</i> (Scrimger)

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Novels cont'd	<i>Moonpie and Ivy</i> (O'Connor) <i>The Outside Chance of Maximilian Glick</i> (Torgov) <i>Shadows of Disaster</i> (Beveridge) <i>That Fine Summer</i> (Manuel) Also see Teacher's Guide, CS6, p. 3 Student Text, CS6, p. 47		<i>Tale of Despereaux: Being the Story of a Mouse, a Princess, Some Soup, and a Spool of Thread</i> (DiCamillo) Also see Teacher's Guide, COL6
Full-length Non-fiction	<i>Lucy Maud Montgomery: A Writer's Life</i> (MacLeod)		<i>Hearts of Gold</i> (Zeiler) <i>Heroic Stories</i> (Masters)
Lyrics	The Drum (Giovanni) (CS6) When I Grow Up (Prelutsky) (CS6) Yesterday (Little) (CS6)	Changes (Spooner) (COL6) Downtown (Jackson) (COL6) In Nola's World (Hiyate) (COL6) The Phase I'm Going Through (Spooner) (COL6) I Want to Be (Moss) (COL6) Yonge and Dundas (Berg) (COL6)	The Beasts of Never (CS6) The Creation: An Iroquois Myth (Bruchac) (CS6) Wings to the Sun (Scrimger) (CS6)
Narratives			The Pied Piper of Hamelin (Browning)
Other (e.g., songs)			
One-act Plays		The Tiger's Whisker (CS6)	
Full-length Plays	<i>The Ugly Duckling</i> (Milne)		
Other (e.g., TV or film script)			
Photographs and Other Visuals Including Picture Books		<i>A Song for Ba</i> (Yee) picture book	Helpers of Humanity (Zhang) (CS6) Who (Thompson) (CS6)
Posters, Advertisements, Billboards, ...			
Videos/DVDs			<i>Constellation Myths</i> (DVD) (<i>Greek Mythology for Students Series</i>)
Human Resources (e.g., guest speaker)			
Internet			

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Short Stories	Selections from <i>Out of This World (Pan-Canadian Science Place Series)</i> Selections from <i>The Sky's the Limit (Pan-Canadian Science Place Series)</i>	Cinder Edna (Jackson) (NLA6) The Great Eagle (Waboose) (NLA6) The Killick (Bulter) (NLA6) The Night of the Pomegranate (Wynne-Jones) (NLA6) The People Who Hugged the Trees (Ross) (NLA6)	One Day a Stranger Came (Wakan) (NLA6) Peacocks and Band-aids (Sadiqu) (NLA6)
Essays		Dream Chasers (Hughes) (NLA6) Rick Hansen (Leatherdale)	Peace Begins With You (Scholes) (NLA6)
Novels	<i>Amelia Earhart Free in the Skies</i> (Burleigh, et al.) <i>Space Trap</i> (Hughes) <i>Wings to Fly</i> (Lottridge)	<i>Keeley: The Girl From Turtle Mountain</i> (Ellis) <i>Last Days in Africville</i> (Perkyns) <i>Leaving the Log House</i> (Manson) <i>Mina's Spring of Colors</i> (Gilmore) <i>Power Play in Washington</i> (MacGregor) <i>A Prairie as Wide as the Sea: The Immigrant Diary of Ivy Weatherall</i> (Ellis) <i>Prairie Fire!</i> (Freeman) <i>Rachel: A Mighty Big Imagining</i> (Book 1) (Kositsky) <i>Rachel: Certificate of Freedom</i> (Book 3) (Kositsky) <i>Rachel: The Maybe House</i> (Book 2) (Kositsky) <i>Rosie in New York City: Gotcha!</i> (Matas) <i>Sahara Special</i> (Codell) <i>The Screech Owls' Northern Adventure</i> (MacGregor) <i>Underground to Canada</i> (Smucker) Also see Teacher's Guide, NLA6	<i>Brundibar</i> (Kushner) <i>Finding Sophie</i> (Watts) <i>Hiroshima</i> (Yep) (novella) Also see Teacher's Guide, NLA6

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Full-length Non-fiction	<i>The Amazing International Space Station</i> (Editors of YES Magazine) <i>Into the Air: The Story of the Wright Brothers' First Flight</i> (Burleigh) <i>Reaching for the Moon</i> (Aldrin/Minor) (picture book biography) <i>Space Flight</i> (Hansen) <i>Spectacular Women in Space</i> (Gueldenpfennig) <i>Weird & Wonderful Aircraft</i> (Hansen) <i>The Wright Brothers—A Flying Start</i> (Macleod)	<i>The Black Canadians</i> (Carter and Carter) <i>The Kids Book of Black Canadian History</i> (Sadlier) <i>The Kids Book of Canadian History</i> (Hacker) <i>Discovering the Arctic: The Story of John Rae</i> (Wilson) <i>The Man Who Ran Faster Than Everyone: The Story of Tom Longboat</i> (Batten) <i>J. K. Rowling</i> (Price) Also see Teacher's Guide, NLA6	<i>Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes</i> (Coerr) <i>Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli Children Speak</i> (Ellis)
Lyrics		Diving Board (Silverstein) (NLA6) It's Easy to Dream (Weil) (NLA6) Lonnie Boo (Maefield) (NLA6) The Spearthrower (Morrison) (NLA6) When I Grow Up (Gorman) (NLA6)	Blues Journey (Myers) The Eloquent Young Elephant (Fitch) (NLA6) In Flanders Fields (McCrae) (NLA6) O Siem (Aglukark) (NLA6) Peace Is... (student poetry) (NLA6) Road of Peace (von Schiller) (NLA6)
Narratives		<i>The Crazy Man</i> (Porter)	
Other (e.g., songs)			
One-act Plays			
Full-length Plays			
Other (e.g., TV or film script)		Nitro (TV script) (Heritage Moment) (CS6)	
Photographs and Other Visuals Including Picture Books			<i>Rights of the Child</i> (Fitch) (NLA6) <i>Blues Journey</i> (Myers) <i>Librarian of Basra: A True Story From Iraq</i> (Winter)
Posters, Advertisements, Billboards, ...			
Videos/DVDs			
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Internet			