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Grade	Literature Titles	Benchmarks	Tests/Textbooks
1700L	DISCOURSE ON THE METHOD AND MEDITATIONS ON FIRST PHILOSOPHY		
1690	Concerning Civil Government	To such a class of things pertains corporeal nature in general, and its extension, the figure of extended things, their quantity or magnitude and number, as also the place in which they are, the time which measures their duration, and so on. That is possibly why our reasoning is not unjust when we conclude from this that Physics, Astronomy, Medicine and all other sciences which have as their end the consideration of composite things, are very dubious and uncertain; but that Arithmetic, Geometry and other sciences of that kind which only treat of things that are very simple and very general, without taking great trouble to ascertain whether they are actually existent or not, contain some measure of certainty and an element of the indubitable. (Rene Descartes, author)	1670 The Principles of Scientific Management; Dover Publications
1680	Critique of Judgment		1630 The American Constitution: Cases, comments, questions, 7th ed.; West Publishing
1660	On Abraham Lincoln		1610 The Condition of Postmodernity; Blackwell Publishers
1660	On the Law Which Has Regulated the Introduction of New Species		
1600L	FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF THE METAPHYSICS OF MORALS		
1570	Aeropagica	In fact, it is absolutely impossible to make out by experience with complete certainty a single case in which the maxim of an action, however right in itself, rested simply on moral grounds and on the conception of duty. Sometimes it happens that with the sharpest self-examination we can find nothing beside the moral principle of duty which could have been powerful enough to move us to this or that action and to so great a sacrifice; yet we cannot from this infer with certainty that it was not really some secret impulse of self-love, under the false appearance of duty, that was the actual determining cause of the will. (Immanuel Kant, author)	1550 Culture/Power/History: A Reader in Contemporary Social Theory; Princeton University Press
1550	God, Idea of the Ancients		1530 On Injuries of the Head; Project Gutenberg
1530	Plutarch's Lives		1510 On Human Nature; Howard University Press
1520	A Modest Proposal		1500 On Liberty; Hackett Publishing
1510	On Human Nature		1500 The Making of Memory: From Molecules to Mind; Doubleday
1500	The Decameron		
1500L	ON ANCIENT MEDICINE		
1490	Ring of Bright Water	And as to him who had been accustomed to dinner, since, as soon as the body required food, and when the former meal was consumed, and he wanted refreshment, no new supply was furnished to it, he wastes and is consumed from want of food. For all the symptoms which I describe as befalling to this man I refer to want of food. And I also say that all men who, when in a state of health, remain for two or three days without food, experience the same unpleasant symptoms as those which I described in the case of him who had omitted to take dinner. (Hippocrates, author)	1450 Philosophical Essays; Hackett Publishing
1470	Utilitarianism		1440 Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)*
1450	The Confessions of Nat Turner		1430 Certified Public Accountant Examination (CPA)*
1440	The Legend of Sleepy Hollow		1430 Criminal Justice Today; Prentice Hall
1420	Master Humphrey's Clock		1410 Science and Education; The Citadel Press
1410	Profiles in Courage		1400 Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)*
1400L	THE SCARLET LETTER		
1380	Life in a Medieval Castle	But the point which drew all eyes, and, as it were, transfixed the wearer—so that both men and women who had been familiarly acquainted with Hester Prynne were now impressed as if they beheld her for the first time—was that SCARLET LETTER, so fantastically embroidered and illuminated upon her bosom. It had the effect of a spell, taking her out of the ordinary relations with humanity, and enclosing her in a sphere by herself. "She hath good skill at her needle, that's certain," remarked one of her female spectators; "but did ever a woman, before this brazen hussy, contrive such a way of showing it? Why, gossips, what is it but to laugh in the faces of our godly magistrates, and make a pride out of what they, worthy gentlemen, meant for a punishment?" (Nathaniel Hawthorne, author)	1390 Graduate Record Examination (GRE)*
1350	The Guns of August		1380 College Board Achievement Test in English (CBAT)*
1340	The Hunchback of Notre Dame		1380 Law School Admission Test (LSAT)*
1330	The Snow Leopard		1330 Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)*
1320	The Metamorphosis		1330 Medical College Admission Test (MCAT)*
1300	People of the Deer		1320 Psychology: An Introduction; Prentice Hall
1300L	BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION: 1954		
1280	House of the Spirits	Under that doctrine, equality of treatment is accorded when the races are provided substantially equal facilities, even though these facilities be separate. In the Delaware case, the Supreme Court of Delaware adhered to that doctrine, but ordered that the plaintiffs be admitted to the white schools because of their superiority to the Negro schools. The plaintiffs contend that segregated public schools are not "equal" and cannot be made "equal," and that hence they are deprived of the equal protection of the laws. Because of the obvious importance of the question presented, the Court took jurisdiction. Argument was heard in the 1952 Term, and reargument was heard this Term on certain questions propounded by the Court. (347 US 483, 98 L ed 873, 74 S Ct 686)	1290 Understanding Sociology; Glencoe/McGraw-Hill
1270	Chronicle of a Death Foretold		1290 Speech Science Primer; Williams & Wilkins
1240	The Midwife's Apprentice		1240 Business; Prentice Hall
1240	Dragon Seed		1230 Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)*
1210	Gold Mountain		1210 American College Testing Program (ACT)*
1200	The Trumpeter of Krakow		
1200L	WAR AND PEACE		
1190	Hiroshima	Pierre had been educated abroad, and this reception at Anna Pavlovna's was the first he had attended in Russia. He knew that all the intellectual lights of Petersburg were gathered there and, like a child in a toyshop, did not know which way to look, afraid of missing any clever conversation that was to be heard. Seeing the self-confident and refined expression on the faces of those present he was always expecting to hear something very profound. At last he came up to Morio. Here the conversation seemed interesting and he stood waiting for an opportunity to express his own views, as young people are fond of doing. (Leo Tolstoy, author)	1170 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 18)*
1160	The Pickwick Papers		1160 History of a Free Nation; Glencoe/McGraw-Hill
1130	The Great Fire		1150 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP-Grade 12)*
1130	Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution		1130 Modern Biology; Holt, Reinhart & Winston
1120	Gutsy Girls: Young Women Who Dare		1100 Modern Masonry; Goodheart-Wilcox Co.
1100	Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery		1100 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-TASK 2)*
1100L	PRIDE AND PREJUDICE		
1090	Amos Fortune, Free Man	Occupied in observing Mr. Bingley's attentions to her sister, Elizabeth was far from suspecting that she was herself becoming an object of some interest in the eyes of his friend. Mr. Darcy had at first scarcely allowed her to be pretty; he had looked at her without admiration at the ball; and when they next met, he looked at her only to criticize. But no sooner had he made it clear to himself and his friends that she had hardly a good feature in her face, than he began to find it was rendered uncommonly intelligent by the beautiful expression of her dark eyes. (Jane Austen, author)	1060 Test of General Educational Development (GED)*
1070	All Things Bright and Beautiful		1050 Test of Adult Basic Education, General Form (TABE-D)*
1030	Now is Your Time!		1040 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 17)*
1030	Adam of the Road		1040 Writing & Grammar: Gold Level; Prentice Hall
1000	Island of the Blue Dolphins		1020 African American Literature; Holt-Reinhart & Winston
1000	Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida		
1000L	BLACK BEAUTY		
970	Leon's Story	One day, when there was a good deal of kicking, my mother whinnied to me to come to her, and then she said: "I wish you to pay attention to what I am going to say to you. The colts who live here are very good colts, but they are cart-horse colts, and of course they have not learned manners. You have been well-bred and well-born; your father has a great name in these parts, and your grandfather won the cup two years at the Newmarket races; your grandmother had the sweetest temper of any horse I ever knew, and I think you have never seen me kick or bite. I hope you will grow up gentle and good, and never learn bad ways; do your work with a good will, lift your feet up well when you trot, and never bite or kick even in play." (Anna Sewell, author)	990 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP-Grade 8)*
960	The Samurai's Tale		950 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 16)*
950	Bud, Not Buddy		940 World Cultures: A Global Mosaic; Prentice Hall
940	All the Pretty Horses		930 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Advanced 2)*
930	The Golden Compass		910 Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE-M)*
920	Talking with Artists		900 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Advanced 1)*
900L	TOM SWIFT IN THE LAND OF WONDERS		
880	Her Stories	Just what Tom's thoughts were, Ned, of course, could not guess. But by the flush that showed under the tan of his chum's cheeks the young financial secretary felt pretty certain that Tom was a bit apprehensive of the outcome of Professor Beecher's call on Mary Nestor. "So he is going to see her about 'something important,' Ned?" "That's what some members of his party called it." "And they're waiting here for him to join them?" "Yes. And it means waiting a week for another steamer. It must be something pretty important, don't you think, to cause Beecher to risk that delay in starting after the idol of gold?" "Important? Yes, I suppose so," assented Tom. (Victor Appleton, author)	870 Word 97; Glencoe/McGraw-Hill
870	The View from Saturday		860 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 15)*
860	Julie of the Wolves		850 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Intermediate 3)*
820	Maniac Magee		820 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP-Grade 4)*
800	Homeless Bird		810 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Intermediate 2)*
800	Scouter		800 Energy from Water; Harcourt
800L	THE ADVENTURES OF PINOCCHIO		
790	Flour Babies	"Great soul!" said Pinocchio, fondly embracing his friend. Five months passed and the boys continued playing and enjoying themselves from morn till night, without ever seeing a book, or a desk, or a school. But, my children, there came a morning when Pinocchio awoke and found a great surprise awaiting him, a surprise which made him feel very unhappy, as you shall see. Everyone, at one time or another, has found some surprise awaiting him. Of the kind which Pinocchio had on that eventful morning of his life, there are but few. What was it? I will tell you, my dear little readers. On awakening, Pinocchio put his hand up to his head and there he found—Guess! He found that, during the night, his ears had grown at least ten full inches! (Carlo Collodi, author)	780 World Explorer: The U.S. & Canada; Prentice Hall
770	The Giver		770 World Explorer: Latin America; Prentice Hall
760	Walk Two Moons		760 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 14)*
730	The Apprentice		760 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Intermediate 1)*
720	Some of the Kinder Planets		730 Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE-E)*
710	The Friends		720 Health 4; McGraw-Hill School Division
700L	BUNNICULA: A RABBIT TALE OF MYSTERY		
670	The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses	"Of course he bites vegetables. All rabbits bite vegetables." "He bites them, Harold, but he does not eat them. That tomato was all white. What does that mean?" "It means that he paints vegetables?" I ventured. "It means he bites vegetables to make a hole in them, and then he sucks out all the juices." "But what about all the lettuce and carrots that Toby has been feeding him in his cage?" "Ah ha. What indeed!" Chester said. "Look at this!" Whereupon, he stuck his paw under the chair cushion and brought out with a flourish an assortment of strange white objects. Some of them looked like unironed handkerchiefs, and the others well, the others didn't look like anything I'd ever seen before. (Deborah and James Howe, authors) © 1979 by James Howe. Reprinted by permission of Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing Division. All rights reserved.	680 One Nation Many People, Volume One; Globe Fearon
670	Number the Stars		670 Science; Addison-Wesley
660	Holes		660 Understanding Technology; Goodheart-Wilcox
650	The Robber and Me		650 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 13)*
620	M.C. Higgins, the Great		610 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Primary 3)*
610	Beat the Story-Drum, Pum-Pum		600 Community Quilt; Scholastic Inc.
600L	A BABY SISTER FOR FRANCES		
570	The Whipping Boy	"Did you forget that I like raisins?" "No, I did not forget," said Mother, "but you finished up the raisins yesterday and I have not been out shopping yet." "Well," said Frances, "things are not very good around here anymore. No clothes to wear. No raisins for the oatmeal. I think maybe I'll run away." "Finish your breakfast," said Mother. "It is almost time for the school bus." "What time will dinner be tonight?" said Frances. "Half past six," said Mother. "Then I will have plenty of time to run away after dinner," said Frances, and she kissed her mother good-bye and went to school. After dinner that evening Frances packed her little knapsack very carefully. She put in her tiny special blanket and her alligator doll. (Russell Hoban, author) © 1964 by Russell Hoban. Reprinted by permission of HarperCollins Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved.	550 Communities; Harcourt Brace Jovanovich
560	Sarah, Plain and Tall		540 People and Places; Silver Burdett Ginn
540	The Adventures of Sparrowboy		510 Team Spirit; Scholastic Inc.
530	It's All Greek to Me		510 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 12)*
520	John Henry: An American Legend		500 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Primary 2)*
510	Karen's Chain Letter		
500L	THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS INSIDE THE EARTH		
490	Harold and the Purple Crayon	But suddenly, the bus began to spin like a top. That sort of thing doesn't happen on most class trips. When the spinning finally stopped, some things had changed. We all had on new clothes. The bus had turned into a steam shovel. And there were shovels and picks for every kid in the class. "Start digging!" yelled Ms. Frizzle. And we began making a huge hole right in the middle of the field. Before long CLUNK! we hit rock. The Friz handed out jackhammers. We began to break through the hard rock. "Hey, these rocks have stripes," said a kid. Ms. Frizzle explained that each stripe was a different kind of rock. We chipped off pieces of the rocks for our class rock collection. "These rocks are called sedimentary rocks, class," said Ms. Frizzle. (Joanna Cole, author) THE MAGIC SCHOOL BUS is a registered trademark of Scholastic Inc. © 1987 by Joanna Cole. Reprinted by permission of Scholastic Inc. All rights reserved.	480 Once Upon a Hippo; Scott Foresman
440	All Tutus Should Be Pink		470 Bears Don't Go to School; Houghton Mifflin
420	Michael Bird-Boy		440 Imagine That!; Scholastic Inc.
420	Angel Child, Dragon Child		440 Traveling Star; SRA/McGraw Hill
410	Sam the Minuteman		400 We Are All Alike; Benchmark Education
400	Arthur's New Puppy		
400L	FROG AND TOAD ARE FRIENDS		
370	The Drinking Gourd	"That button is thin. My button was thick." Toad put the thin button in his pocket. He was very angry. He jumped up and down and screamed, "The whole world is covered with buttons, and not one of them is mine!" Toad ran home and slammed the door. There, on the floor, he saw his white, four-holed, big, round, thick button. "Oh," said Toad. "It was here all the time. What a lot of trouble I have made for Frog!" Toad took all of the buttons out of his pocket. He took his sewing box down from the shelf. Toad sewed the buttons all over his jacket. The next day Toad gave his jacket to Frog. Frog thought it was beautiful. He put it on and jumped for joy. (Arnold Lobel, author) © 1970 by Arnold Lobel. Reprinted by permission of HarperCollins Publishers, Inc. All rights reserved.	390 Discover Science; Scott Foresman
370	A My Name Is Alice		390 Carousels; Houghton Mifflin
370	Owl at Home		360 Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI-Level 11)*
360	The Best Way to Play		350 My World; Harcourt Brace
330	Clifford, the Small Red Puppy		340 Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 9-Primary 1)*
320	Miss Nelson Is Back		330 Who Painted the Porcupine Purple?; Silver Burdett Ginn
300L	CLIFFORD'S MANNERS		
290	Sarah's Unicorn	Clifford loves to go visiting. When he visits his sister in the country, he always calls ahead. Clifford always arrives on time. Don't be late. Knock before you walk in. He knocks on the door before he enters. He wipes his feet first. Wipe your feet. Clifford kisses his sister. He shakes hands with his friend. Shake hands. Wash up before you eat. Clifford's sister has dinner ready. Clifford washes his hands before he eats. Clifford chews his food with his mouth closed. He never talks with his mouth full. Don't talk with your mouth full. Help clean up. Clifford helps with the clean-up. Say good-bye. Then he says thank you and good-bye to his sister and to his friend. Everyone loves Clifford's manners. (Norman Bridwell, author) © 1972 by Norman Bridwell. Reprinted by permission of Scholastic Inc. All rights reserved.	280 Too Big; Houghton Mifflin
270	Baseball Ballerina		270 Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE-L)*
270	In the Forest		270 Parades; Houghton Mifflin
260	At the Crossroads		250 My Family, Your Family; Silver Burdett Ginn
230	The Boy Who Cried Wolf		240 My Pet Pup; Benchmark Education
220	Play Ball, Amelia Bedelia		
200L			

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