

## Trussville City Schools Canon of Literature and Protected Works

In an effort to ensure that our students graduate with a broad knowledge of classic literature, as well as thorough exposure to key texts, the TCS Literacy Team developed a TCS canon, as well as grade-level protected lists. These lists were created after analyzing our reading curriculum, to ensure the works aligned with our standards. The team also solicited titles from parent surveys and teacher surveys. The literacy team, as well as teachers who volunteered to be part of this discussion, finalized the list based on this data.

**The Canon** refers to works that **MUST** be taught during the grade level in which it is listed. No student should leave TCS without having read all works on the Canon list. Canon works are also **PROTECTED**.

**The Protected List** includes the works that are sheltered within that grade level to be taught by those grade-level teachers.

- Protected works are not mandatory; however, the work is on the list because someone in that grade-level does teach that title.
- No book should be taught **before** the grade in which it is listed; however, later grades can teach books on the protected list. For example, if a book is protected at the sixth grade level, no one in grades K-5 should teach that book. However, there may be a ninth-grade teacher who re-introduces the text for a different purpose.

<b>Kindergarten</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - Not necessary because this is the first time TCS students are with us.</b>
Rapunzel-author not specified	
Rumpelstiltskin-author not specified	
Jack and the Beanstalk-author not specified	
Cinderella-author not specified	
Little Red Hen-author not specified	
Three Little Pigs-author not specified	
Red Riding Hood-author not specified	
Three Billy Goats Gruff-author not specified	
The Gingerbread Boy-author not specified	
The Three Bears-author not specified	

Brown Bear, Brown Bear-Bill Martin, Jr.	
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<b>First Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
Frog and Toad Together-Arnold Lobel	Polar Express-Chris Van Allsburg
The Tale of Peter Rabbit-Beatrix Potter	Dinosaurs Before Dark-Mary Pope Osborne
The Velveteen Rabbit -Margery Williams	Boxcar Children-Gertrude Chandler Warner
	Zelda & Ivy-Laura McGee Kvasnosky
	Stand Tall Molly Melon-Patty Lovell
	Poppleton Books-Cynthia Rylant
	The Relatives Came-Cynthia Rylant
	Fancy Nancy Series-Jane O'Conner
	Magic Treehouse (selected works)-Mary Pope Osborne
	Henry & Mudge-Cynthia Rylant

<b>Second Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane</i> -Kate DiCamillo	<i>Those Darn Squirrels</i> -Adam Rubin
<i>100 Dresses</i> -Eleanor Estes	<i>Mercy Watson</i> -Kate DiCamillo
	<i>BFG</i> -Roald Dahl
	<i>Houndsley and Catina</i> -James Howe
	<i>Minnie &amp; Moo</i> -Denys Cazet
	<i>Treasure Island</i> -Robert Louis Stevenson
	<i>Mr. Popper's Penguins</i> -Florence Atwater & Richard Atwater
	<i>Magic Treehouse (selected titles)</i> -Mary Pope Osborne
	<i>The Stories Julian Tells</i> -Ann Cameron
	<i>Indian in the Cupboard</i> -Lynne Reid Banks
	<i>Sarah Plain and Tall</i> -Patricia MacLachlan
	<i>My Father's Dragon</i> -Ruth Stiles Gannett
	<i>Owl Moon</i> -Jane Yolen
	<i>John Henry</i> -Julius Lester
	<i>The Rough-Face Girl</i> -Rafe Martin
	<i>The Best Christmas Pageant Ever</i> -Barbara Robinson
	<i>James and the Giant Peach</i> -Roald Dahl
	<i>Frog and Toad are Friends</i> -Arnold Lobel
	<i>A Bike Like Sergio's</i> - Maribeth Boelts

<b>Third Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>Charlotte's Web</i> -E.B. White	<i>Icarus at the Edge of Time</i> -Brian Greene
<i>Stone Fox</i> -John Reynolds Gardiner	<i>How to Steal a Dog</i> -Barbara O'Connor
<i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> -Kate DiCamillo	<i>Trumpet of the Swan</i> -E. B. White
	<i>Tornado</i> - Betsy Byars
	<i>Gertie's Leap to Greatness</i> - Kate Beasley and Jillian Tamaki
	<i>The Lemonade War</i> -Jacqueline Davies
	<i>Rudy Rides the Rails</i> -Dandi Daley Mackall
	<i>Make Way for Dyamonde Daniel</i> -Nikki Grimes
	<i>The One and Only Ivan</i> -K.A. Applegate
	<i>Muggie Maggie</i> -Beverly Cleary
	<i>Stuart Little</i> -E.B. White
	<i>Raymie Nightingale</i> -Kate DiCamillo

<b>Fourth Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>Tiger Rising-Kate DiCamillo</i>	<i>Esperanza Rising- Pam Munoz Ryan</i>
<i>Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh- Robert O'Brien</i>	<i>Inside Out and Back Again -Thanhha Lai</i> (?Possibly moving to 6th)
<i>40 Acres and Maybe a Mule- Harriett Gillem Robinet</i>	<i>The Tale of Despereaux-Kate DiCamillo</i>
	<i>Harris Burdick- Chris Van Allsburg</i>
	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming- Jacqueline Woodson</i>
	<i>The Magician's Elephant-Kate DiCamillo</i>
	<i>Flora and Ulysses- Kate DiCamillo</i>
	<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham- Christopher Paul Curtis</i>
	<i>Gone Crazy in Alabama- Rita Williams-Garcia</i>
	<i>Number the Stars- Lois Lowery</i>
	<i>Pink and Say- Patricia Polacco</i>
	Some Beverly Cleary (These are author study titles for book clubs: <i>Ralph S. Mouse, Mouse and the Motorcycle, Otis Spofford, Henry Huggins, Ramona and Her Father</i> )

<b>Fifth Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>Home of the Brave- Katherine Applegate</i>	<i>Hatchet- Gary Paulsen</i>
<i>The Thief of Always-Clive Barker</i>	<i>Navigating Early-Claire Vanderpool</i>
	<i>Tuck Everlasting- Natalie Babbitt</i>
<i>Chains- Laurie Halse Anderson</i>	<i>Woods Runner- Gary Paulsen</i>
	Book Club books may be repeated at different grade levels because they are more independent

<b>Sixth Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>Milkweed - Jerry Spinelli</i>	<i>Among the Hidden - Margaret Peterson Haddix</i>
<i>Wonder - R. J. Palacio</i>	<i>I am Malala (Summer) - Malala Yousafzai and Christina Lamb</i>
<i>The Cay - Theodore Taylor</i>	<i>Courage to Soar (Summer) - Simone Biles and Michelle Burford</i>
	<i>Fourteenth Goldfish - Jennifer Holm</i>
	<i>World's Afire - Paul B. Janeczko</i>
	<i>Where the Red Fern Grows - Wilson Rawls</i>
	<i>Countdown - Deborah Wiles</i>
	<i>Out of the Dust - Karen Hesse</i>
	<i>Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Summer) - William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer</i>

	<i>Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World</i> - Jennifer Armstrong
	<i>The Secret Garden</i> - Frances Hodgson Burnett and Tasha Tudor
	<i>Gifted Hands; Revised Kids Edition</i> (Summer) - Gregg Lewis and Deborah Shaw Lewis

<b>Seventh Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>Animal Farm</i> - George Orwell	<i>The Outsiders</i> - S. E. Hinton
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i> - L. Frank Baum	<i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> - Agatha Christie
	<i>The Westing Game</i> - Ellen Raskin
	<i>The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate</i> - Jacqueline Kelly
	<i>Hero</i> - Jennifer Li Sholtz
	<i>London Eye Mystery</i> - Siobhan Dowd

<b>Eighth Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> - William Shakespeare	<i>And Then There Were None</i> - Agatha Christie
<i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> - Robert Louis Stevenson	<i>The Hobbit</i> - J. R. R. Tolkien
The Works of Edgar Allan Poe ("The Raven," "The Tell Tale Heart" "Annabelle Lee" "The Mask of the Red Death" "Cask of Amontillado")	<i>Ender's Game</i> - Orson Scott Card
	<i>The Looking Glass Wars</i> series - Frank Beddor
	<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i> - Anne Frank
	<i>The Children's Story</i> - James Clavell
	<i>Code Orange</i> - Caroline B. Cooney
	<i>Freak the Mighty</i> - Rodman Philbrick
	<i>Beowulf: A New Telling</i> - Robert Nye



<b>Ninth Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> - Harper Lee	<i>The Book Thief</i> - Markus Zusak
<i>The Odyssey</i> - Homer	<i>House on Mango Street</i> - Sandra Cisneros
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i> - William Shakespeare	<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i> - Baroness Orczy and Gary Hadden
	<i>Night</i> - Elie Wiesel
	<i>The Prince</i> - Niccolò Machiavelli and N. H. Thompson
	<i>Great Expectations</i> - Charles Dickens

<b>Tenth Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> - Ray Bradbury	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i> - Harriet Beecher Stowe
<i>Lord of the Flies</i> - William Golding	<i>Plato's Republic</i> - Plato
<i>Julius Caesar</i> - William Shakespeare	<i>Tom Sawyer</i> - Mark Twain
	<i>Huck Finn</i> - Mark Twain
	<i>Little Women</i> - Melissa May Alcott
	<i>A Separate Peace</i> - John Knowles
	<i>Scarlet Letter</i> - Nathaniel Hawthorne
	<i>Anthem</i> - Ayn Rand
	<i>The Crucible</i> - Arthur Miller

<b>Eleventh Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>The Great Gatsby</i> - F. Scott Fitzgerald	<i>Autobiography</i> - Frederick Douglass
<i>Hamlet</i> - William Shakespeare	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> - Maya Angelou
<i>Our Town</i> - Thornton Wilder	<i>Death Be Not Proud</i> - John J. Gunther
	<i>Letter from Birmingham Jail</i> - Martin Luther King, Jr.
	<i>The Jungle</i> - Upton Sinclair
	<i>Common Sense</i> - Thomas Paine
	<i>Death of a Salesman</i> - Arthur Miller
	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> - Lorraine Hansberry
	<i>A Lesson Before Dying</i> - Ernest J. Gaines
	<i>Thank You for Arguing</i> - Jay Heinrichs
	<i>They Say/I Say</i> - Gerald Graff and Cathy Birkenstein

<b>Twelfth Grade</b>	
<b>Canon</b>	<b>Protected - All books on the Canon List are protected, in addition to ones listed below.</b>
<i>Canterbury Tales</i> - Geoffrey Chaucer	<i>Frankenstein</i> - Mary Shelley
<i>Macbeth</i> - William Shakespeare	<i>Beloved</i> - Toni Morrison
<i>A Doll's House</i> - Henrik Ibsen	<i>Dracula</i> - Bram Stoker
	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i> - Jane Austen
	<i>Wuthering Heights</i> - Emily Bronte
	<i>The ABC Murders</i> - Agatha Christie
	<i>Hound of the Baskervilles</i> - Arthur Conan Doyle
	<i>Jane Eyre</i> - Charlotte Bronte
	<i>Oliver Twist</i> - Charles Dickens
	<i>Tale of Two Cities</i> - Charles Dickens
	<i>Ethan Frome</i> - Edith Wharton
	<i>Beowulf</i> (excerpts) (Translation determined by teacher)
	<i>How to Read Literature Like a Professor</i> - Thomas Foster
	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i> - Tennessee Williams
	<i>1984</i> - George Orwell