

REQUIRED 5th: Lois Lowry. *Number the Stars*. (core novel)

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.
Newbery Medal Winner

Additional reading – choose one book to read then do a project from the list below.

Anne of Avonlea by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Anne of Green Gables by Lucy Maud Montgomery

Dragonwings by Laurence Yep

Farmer Boy, by Laura Ingalls Wilder

The Friendship by Mildred Taylor

Sarah, Plain, and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan

Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth Speare

Where the Lilies Bloom, by Vera & Bill Cleaver

Because of Winn-Dixie by Kate DiCamillo If you have a soft place in your heart for dogs and are willing to discuss real life with your kids, try this book.

Dan Gutman. *Jackie & Me. (Baseball Card Adventure)* (With his ability to travel through time by using baseball cards, Joe Stoshack goes back to 1947 to meet Jackie Robinson, turning into a black boy in the process.

Jack London. *White Fang*. Follows the adventures of a dog that is part wolf as he eventually makes his peace with man in the wilderness of northern Canada.

Katherine Paterson *Bread and Roses, Too* (Houghton Mifflin, 2006).

Life in Lawrence, Massachusetts, in 1912 wasn't easy. ... Born to Italian immigrants, Rosa's parents and older sister work in the mills. After her father died in a mill accident, Rosa's mother took in a family of boarders. Even though they needed the money, Rosa's feisty mother insisted that 12-year-old Rosa attend school rather than work in the mill. ... With her unfailing empathy for the young, Paterson combines the thoughts and feelings of a timid child who is torn between the admonitions of an admired teacher who talks against an unfolding mill strike and her earthy Italian mother who, along with Rosa's older sister, participates wholeheartedly in the strike. Once again, Paterson displays her gift for bringing the hard past to life for present-day readers. 288 pages

Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O'Dell (Yearling, 1971).

The Newbery Medal winner for 1961, this book could be seen as a precursor to Gary Paulsen's *Hatchet* (see below). Karana is a 12-year-old Native American who refuses to abandon her 6-year-old brother when her island, Ghalas-at (off the Southern California coast) is evacuated. Shortly thereafter, he tragically dies after being attacked by wild dogs, and Karana begins her solitary wait for a ship to come for her. She waits 18 years. Karana survives by foraging,

fishing in the ocean, defending herself from wild dogs and elephant seals, and hiding from the Aleut tribe. Told from her point of view, we share the details of her day-to-day life, watch the days turn into years, and wait for the ship to carry her off her lonely island. O'Dell based this novel on an actual historical figure, known as The Lost Woman of San Nicolas, who lived on the island from 1835-1853. 192 pages.

The Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan (Harper Trophy, 2001).

Set in India, this is a lyrical and compassionate portrait of a survivor. Thirteen-year-old Koly is getting married to someone she has never met. When her new husband turns out to be gravely ill, things take a turn for the worse. Koly finds herself widowed, hopeless and on the streets. 192 pages.

The Liberation of Gabriel King by K.L. Going (Penguin Young Readers Group, 2005).

Frita Wilson works hard to help her friend Gabe to overcome the fear of bullies in fifth grade. This is an inspiring story about friendship and understanding between an African American girl and a white boy. 151 pages.

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline

Little House on the Prairie

Little Princess Burnett

Sarah Plain and Tall by Rebecca Gilleland

Shiloh by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Walker, Alice. *Langston Hughes, American Poet*. HarperCollins, 2002. An illustrated biography of the Harlem poet whose works gave voice to the joy and pain of the black experience in America.

Reading Comprehension

Test for *Number the Stars* (Lowry)

This test will be administered by

Mrs. Lain to all 5th grade

Students during the first week of classes. The test will include questions about setting, character, plot (conflicts), theme, and point of view. See attached for definitions of terms. Students are encouraged to keep journals.

Choose one project to complete for the *additional novel*

1) C-S-C-S Chart

(Characters-Setting- Conflicts-Solution). (See Below)

2) Postcard.

Draw the setting based on the information provided in the novel. Be creative! On the back of the postcard, briefly describe the main conflict and the resolution. (See post card graphic organizer.)

3) Comic Strip.

Illustrate three to five panels that depict events from the beginning, middle, and end of the novel. The panels should provide detail, characters, and dialogue bubbles. In three to five sentences underneath each panel, write what is happening in the illustration. (See comic strip graphic organizer.)

4) Book Title Acrostic Poem

Using the title of the second book, students are to create an acrostic poem (see sample). Each line should provide an important detail of the story. Poems should be presented on a 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper. Be creative! (See sample.)

Name: _____

Due Date: _____

Book: _____

C-S-C-S Chart

Directions: Complete the chart below as you read. Include specific detail from the novel. You may use additional sheets if you run out of space.

<p style="text-align: center;">Characters</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Setting</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Conflicts</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Solution</p>