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FOR COMMON CORE ELA GUIDELINES FOR CONTENT READING, SEE  
[Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social  
Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects](#), APPENDIX B ; pages 8-9

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**Finding fiction/non-fiction material  
(<https://libguides.geneseo.edu/c.php?g=67346&p=434759>)**

When selecting fiction and non-fiction material for a text set, consider the following criteria/issues.

1. Is it age/grade level/developmentally appropriate for my students?
2. Are there reviews available?
3. What book lists are available?

Use the given links to find material and answer the above questions.

- [Children's/Young Adult books](#)  
This page contains links to books reviews, book lists, reading level information, and finding ya/children's books.
- [Guide to finding books/ebooks](#)  
This page contains information on finding books in Milne and using IDS search.

**Finding audio/videos (<https://libguides.geneseo.edu/c.php?g=67346&p=434759>)**

In addition to the links below, try an advanced Google search for audio or video, your topic, and limit to museums, zoos, archives, government agencies, or universities. i.e. "civil war" and (audio or video) and (museum\* OR archive\* OR zoo\* OR government)

- [Guide to finding audio and video sources](#)
- [NPR](#)  
NPR creates and distributes award-winning news, information, and music programming to a network of 975 independent stations.
- [Lexile Framework for Reading](#)  
Search for a specific books or a list of books



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**What are Text Sets?( <https://libguides.geneseo.edu/c.php?g=67346&p=434759>)**

A text set is a collection of sources that support a common theme, issue or topic. Text sets should include a variety of genres, text types, levels and formats.

Examples of material include (but are not limited to):

- fiction (novels, picture books, short stories)
- non fiction
- poetry
- images
- newspaper and magazine articles
- apps
- webcasts and podcasts
- websites
- artwork
- songs
- primary sources (interviews, documents, artifacts)



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**Grade 6 BCS REQUIRED READING FOR 2018-2019**

**Golabeck, Mona. The Children of Willesden Lane**  
(nonfiction). 920L. Memoir of the 1930's persecution of Jews  
and of Kristallnacht during the Holocaust period

**Synder, Zilpha Keatley. The Egypt Game** (fiction) 1010L.  
Imaginary game that teaches cultural diversity and tolerance

**Cooper, James Fenimore. The Last of the Mohicans**  
(historical). 930L. Adventurous account of the 1757 French  
and Indian war

**Eliot, Thomas S. Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats**  
(poetry). 1010L. Amusing look at the behavior of cats  
compared to that of people

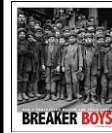


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**Grade 6 CCRS SUMMER READING NON-FICTION TEXT SETS**

**Child Labor**

(Source: goodreads.com and commonsense.org)



**Breaker Boys: How a Photograph  
Helped End Child Labor**

By Burgan, Michael.



**Before Their Time: The World of Child  
Labor**

By David L. Parker

**Schools Take On Studies Of Child Labor**  
(Article)

By Hattie Brown

<https://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2003/04/16/31labor.h22.html>

**“Labor Movement: Introduction”** (Article)

<https://www.history.com/topics/labor/print>

**“The Fight to End Child Labor”** (Video: 2  
min) TV-PG

<https://www.history.com/topics/labor/videos/the-fight-to-end-child-labor>



**Orphan Train**

By Christina Baker Kline

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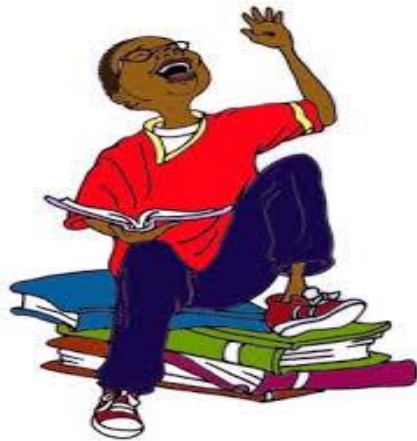
**Grade 7 BCS REQUIRED READING FOR 2018-2019**

**Frank, Anne.** *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*  
(nonfiction). 1080L. *Diary of a young girl's Holocaust experience*

**Angelou, Maya.** *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*  
(nonfiction) 1070L. *Autobiography of poet, author, and actress Maya Angelou*

**Paulsen, Gary.** *Hatchet* (fiction). 1020L. *Survival story of a 13 year-old boy after an airplane crash*

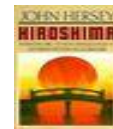
**Twain, Mark.** *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* (fiction). 1080L. *Time travel from the present into the period of King Arthur's royal court*



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**Secrets and Spies**  
(Source: [goodreads.com](http://goodreads.com) and [commonsense.org](http://commonsense.org))



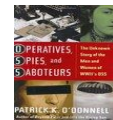
**Legacy of Ashes: The History of the CIA**

By Tim Weiner



**Chatter: Dispatches from the Secret World of Global Eavesdropping**

By Patrick Radden Keefe



**Operatives, Spies, and Saboteurs: The Unknown Story of the Men and Women of World War II's OSS**

By Patrick K. O'Donnell



**The Dark Game: True Spy Stories**

By Paul B. Janeczko



**"Uncle Sam Wants You... to Spy on Other Students"** (Article)

By Alan Singer

<https://www.huffingtonpost.com/alan-singer/uncle-sam-wants-you>

**"Agent Cody Banks."** (Movie)

<https://www.common sense media.org/movie-reviews/agent-cody-banks>

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**Grade 8 BCS REQUIRED READING FOR 2018-2019**

Wiesel, Elie. **Night** (nonfiction). 590L. Autobiographical events experienced by twelve-year-old Elie Wiesel during the Holocaust

Gore, Al. **An Inconvenient Truth** (nonfiction). 1070L. Warning about the threat of global warming and its changes to life on earth

Orwell, George. **Animal Farm** (fiction). 1170L. Personified farm animals mirror the behavior of humans in society

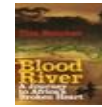
Malcolm X. **The Autobiography of Malcolm X** (nonfiction). 1120L. Autobiographical account of events that shaped the thinking and actions of a civil rights icon



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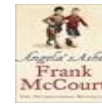
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Biography and Memoirs  
(Sources: goodreads.com and commonsense.org)



**Blood River: A Journey to Africa's Broken Heart**

By Tim Butcher



**Angela's Ashes (Frank McCourt, #1)**

By Frank McCourt



**On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft**

By Stephen King



**The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano**

By Margarita Engle

**Author Interview: Meet Nancy Roe Pimm**

(Article)

<http://www.fromthemixedupfiles.com/2016/03/author-interview>

**"He Named Me Malala"** (Video)

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/videos/he-named-me-malala-video-review>

**"Life, Animated"** (DVD)

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/videos/life-animated-video-review>