

Grade 8: Literary Selections

Elements of Literature (2nd course)- This text will be the primary source for stories, poetry, and informational text for 8th grade English and may be supplemented by any of the following:

Book Length Literature

Title	Author
The Pearl	John Steinbeck
The Miracle Worker	William Gibson
The Skin I'm In	Sharon G. Flake
Keesha's House	Helen Frost
The Giver	Lois Lowery
Let the Circle be Unbroken	Mildred D. Taylor
Roll of Thunder Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor
Friedrich	Hans Peter Richter
The Diary of Anne Frank	Anne Frank
The Little Prince	Antoine de Saint-Exupery

Short Stories

Title	Author	Title	Author
Text: Elements of Literature (second course)		"The Landlady"	Roald Dahl
Text: Voices and Values by: Janet M. Goldstein		"One Shot Finch"	Harper Lee
"Raymond's Run"	Toni Cade Bambara	"Cat and the Pain Killer"	Mark Twain
"The Lottery"	Shirley Jackson	"There Will Come Soft Rains"	Ray Bradbury
"The Medicine Bag"	Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve	"The Tell-Tale Heart"	Edgar Allan Poe
"The Circuit"	Francisco Jimenez	"Am I Blue"	Bruce Coville
"Harrison Bergeron"	Kurt Vonnegut	"In Trouble"	Gary Paulson
"Flowers for Algernon"	Daniel Keyes	"Treasure of Lemon Brown"	Walter Dean Myers

Poetry

Title	Author	Title	Author
Text: Elements of Literature (2nd course) Holt, Rinehart, Wilson		Text: Keesha's House by: Helen Frost	
Text: I am the Darker Brother edited by: Arnold Adoff		Text: Cool Salsa by: Lori M. Carlson	
"The Hangman"	Francesca Lia Block	"My Grandmother Would Rock... Quietly and Hum"	Leonard Adame
"Casey at Bat"	Ernest Lawrence Thayer	"The Base Stealer"	Robert Francis
"I, Too"	Langston Hughes	"In Just"	E.E. Cummings
"Legacy II"	Leroy Quintana	"Full Fathom"	William Shakespeare
"Grandma Ling"	Amy Ling	"Anabelle Lee"	Edgar Allan Poe
"The Courage my Mother Had"	Edna St. Vincent Millay	"I Hear America Singing"	Walt Whitman
"Oh Captain, My Captain"	Walt Whitman	"One of the Seven has Somewhat to Say"	Sarah Teasdale