

# Reading List for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA from Springboard

**Unit 1 - Independent Reading Focus:** short story collections, fictional novels, memoirs, personal narratives

**Suggestions:**

*Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman  
*Whirligig* by Paul Fleischman  
*The Killing Sea* by Richard Lewis  
*The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros  
*Caramelo* by Sandra Cisneros  
*Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary  
*The Great Unexpected* by Sharon Creech  
*The Boy on the Porch* by Sharon Creech  
*Flora and Ulysses* by Kate DiCamillo  
*Breaking Through* by Francisco Jimenez  
*Monster* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Bad Boy: A Memoir* by Walter Dean Myers  
*Slam!* by Walter Dean Myers  
*The Sigh* by Marjane Satrapi  
*Buried Onion* by Gary Soto  
*Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson  
*Maus: A Survivor's Tale* by Art Spiegelman  
*Flipped* by Wendelin Van Draanen  
*The Running Dream* by Wendelin Van Draanen  
*Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata

**Unit 2 - Independent Reading Focus:** novels or non-fiction about animals that help people

**Suggestions:**

*Love that Dog* by Sharon Creech  
*Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech  
*The Wanderer* by Sharon Creech  
*Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson  
*Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo  
*Tiger Rising* by Kate DiCamillo  
*The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar* by Roald Dahl  
*Letters from Wolfie* by Patti Sherlock  
*Dogsong* by Gary Paulsen  
*My Life in Dog Years* by Gary Paulsen  
*Marley: A Dog Like No Other* by John Grogan  
*Call of the Wild* by Jack London  
*White Fang* by Jack London  
*Dragon Rider* by Cornelia Funke  
*Shelter Dogs: Amazing Stories of Adopted Strays* by Peg Kehret

**Unit 3 - Independent Reading Focus:** literary non-fiction related to the theme of the unit, works about controversial times in history

**Suggestions:**

*Boy's War: Confederate and Union Soldiers Talk About the Civil War* by Jim Murphy  
*Basher Five-Two: The True Story of F-16 Fighter Pilot Captain Scott O'Grady* by Scott O'Grady

*The Man Who Went to the Far Side of the Moon: The Story of Apollo 11 Astronaut Michael Collins* by Bea Uusma Schyffert  
*Best Bad Luck I Ever Had* by Kristin Levine  
*The Dragon's Child: A Story of Angel Island* by Laurence Yep  
*How to Steal a Dog* by Barbara O'Connor  
*Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine  
*The Great Fire* by Jim Murphy  
*Dear Bully: Seventy Authors Tell Their Stories* by Megan Kelley Hall

**Unit 4: Independent Reading Focus: classic literature, plays**

**Suggestions:**

*Anne of Green Gables* by L.M. Montgomery  
*Anne of Avonlea* by L.M. Montgomery  
*Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott  
*Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card  
*Animal Farm* by George Orwell  
*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*Soldier's Heart* by Gary Paulsen  
*A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeline L'Engle  
*Let the Circle Be Unbroken* by Mildred D. Taylor  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor  
*The Chronicles of Narnia* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain  
*The Giver* by Lois Lowery  
*Number the Stars* by Lois Lowery  
*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith  
*Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes  
*The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling  
*Call of the Wild* by Jack London  
*White Fang* by Jack London  
*Monster* by Walter Dean Myers  
*The Little House Collection* by Laura Ingalls Wilder  
*The Face on the Milk Carton* by Caroline B. Cooney