

# Fifth Grade

## READING & WRITING WORKSHOP

### PERSONAL NARRATIVES

#### **Boy** by Roald Dahl

*“As full of excitement and the unexpected as his world-famous, best-selling books, Roald Dahl's tales of his own childhood are completely fascinating and fiendishly funny. Did you know that Roald Dahl nearly lost his nose in a car accident? Or that he was once a chocolate candy tester for Cadbury's?”*

#### **Going Solo** by Roald Dahl

*“Superb stories, daring deeds, fantastic adventures! Learn all about Roald Dahl's worldwide travels, the life-threatening injuries he sustained in a plane accident, and the rest of his sometimes bizarre, often unnerving, and always colorful adventures.”*

#### **Julie of the Wolves** by Jean Craighead George

*“At 13, an orphan, and unhappily married, Miyax runs away from her husband's parents' home, hoping to reach San Francisco and her pen pal. But she becomes lost in the vast Alaskan tundra, with no food, no shelter, and no idea which is the way to safety.”*

#### **Little Women** by Louisa May Alcott

*“Grown-up Meg, tomboyish Jo, timid Beth, and precocious Amy. The four March sisters couldn't be more different. But with their father away at war, and their mother working to support the family, they have to rely on one another. Whether they're putting on a play, forming a secret society, or celebrating Christmas, there's one thing they can't help wondering: Will Father return home safely?”*

#### **Wonder** by R.J. Palacio

*“August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face.”*

#### **The One and Only Ivan** by Katherine Applegate

*“Having spent twenty-seven years behind the glass walls of his enclosure in a shopping mall, Ivan has grown accustomed to humans watching him. He hardly ever thinks about his life in the jungle. Instead, Ivan occupies himself with television, his friends Stella and Bob, and painting. But when he meets Ruby, a baby elephant taken from the wild, he is forced to see their home, and his art, through new eyes.”*

### SOCIAL ISSUES

#### **Out of My Mind** by Sharon M. Draper

*"Eleven-year-old Melody is not like most people. She can't walk. She can't talk. She can't write. All because she has cerebral palsy. But she also has a photographic memory; she can remember every detail of everything she has ever experienced. Melody refuses to be defined by her disability. And she's determined to let everyone know it...somehow."*

**Counting by 7s**

*"Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s. It has never been easy for her to connect with anyone other than her adoptive parents, but that hasn't kept her from leading a quietly happy life . . . until now."*

**Hoot** by Carl Hiaasen

*"Everybody loves Mother Paula's pancakes. Everybody, that is, except the colony of cute but endangered owls that live on the building site of the new restaurant. Can the awkward new kid and his feral friend prank the pancake people out of town? Or is the owls' fate cemented in pancake batter?"*

**Refugee** by Alan Gratz

*"Three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end."*

**Ghost** by Jason Reynolds

*"Ghost, a naturally talented runner and troublemaker, is recruited for an elite middle school track team. He must stay on track, literally and figuratively, to reach his full potential."*

**George** by Alex Gino

*"When people look at George, they think they see a boy. But she knows she's not a boy. She knows she's a girl."*

**The Red Pencil** by Andrea Davis Pinkney

*"After her tribal village is attacked by militants, Amira, a young Sudanese girl, must flee to safety at a refugee camp, where she finds hope and the chance to pursue an education in the form of a single red pencil and the friendship and encouragement of a wise elder"*

**The Lottery's Plus One** by Emma Donoghue

*"Once upon a time, two couples with Jamaican, Mohawk, Indian, and Scottish ethnic roots won the lottery and bought a big house where all of them, four adults and seven adopted and biological children, could live together in harmony--but change is inevitable, especially when a disagreeable grandfather comes to stay."*

**Ghost Boys** by Jewell Parker Rhodes

*"After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a white police officer, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till."*

## HISTORICAL

### **Nine, Ten** by Nora Raleigh Baskin

*"Ask anyone: September 11, 2001, was serene and lovely, a perfect day—until a plane struck the World Trade Center. But right now it is a few days earlier, and four kids in different parts of the country are going about their lives. These four don't know one another, but their lives are about to intersect in ways they never could have imagined."*

### **Chains** by Laurie Halse Anderson

*"After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War."*

### **Al Capone Does My Shirts** by Gennifer Choldenko

*"Today I moved to a twelve-acre rock covered with cement, topped with bird turd and surrounded by water. I'm not the only kid who lives here. There's my sister, Natalie, except she doesn't count. And there are twenty-three other kids who live on the island because their dads work as guards or cook's or doctors or electricians for the prison, like my dad does."*

### **The War that Saved My Life** by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

*"Nine-year-old Ada has never left her one-room apartment. Her mother is too humiliated by Ada's twisted foot to let her outside. So when her little brother Jamie is shipped out of London to escape the war, Ada doesn't waste a minute—she sneaks out to join him."*

### **The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate** by Jacqueline Kelly

*"As Callie explores the natural world around her, she develops a close relationship with her grandfather, navigates the dangers of living with six brothers, and comes up against just what it means to be a girl at the turn of the century."*

### **Turtle in Paradise** by Jennifer L. Holm

*"11-year-old Turtle is no Shirley Temple. She's smart and tough and has seen enough of the world not to expect a Hollywood ending. After all, it's 1935 and jobs and money and sometimes even dreams are scarce. So when Turtle's mama gets a job housekeeping for a lady who doesn't like kids, Turtle says goodbye without a tear and heads off to Key West, Florida to live with relatives she's never met."*

### **Kira-Kira** by Cynthia Kadohata

*"Glittering. That's how Katie Takeshima's sister, Lynn, makes everything seem. The sky is kira-kira because its color is deep but see-through at the same time. The sea is kira-kira for the same reason. And so are people's eyes. When Katie and her family move from a Japanese community in Iowa to the Deep South of Georgia, it's Lynn who explains to her*

*why people stop on the street to stare. And it's Lynn who, with her special way of viewing the world, teaches Katie to look beyond tomorrow."*

## FANTASY

### **The Girl Who Drank the Moon** by Kelly Barnhill

*"Every year, the people of the Protectorate leave a baby as an offering to the witch who lives in the forest. They hope this sacrifice will keep her from terrorizing their town. But the witch in the forest, Xan, is kind and gentle. Xan rescues the abandoned children and delivers them to welcoming families on the other side of the forest, nourishing the babies with starlight on the journey."*

### **Breadcrumbs** by Anne Ursu

*"Once upon a time, Hazel and Jack were best friends. But that was before he stopped talking to her and disappeared into a forest with a mysterious woman made of ice. Now it's up to Hazel to go in after him."* **The Book of Three** by Lloyd Alexander

*"Taran, Assistant Pig-Keeper to a famous oracular sow, sets out on a hazardous mission to save Prydain from the forces of evil."*

### **Nevermoor: The Adventures of Morrigan Crow** by Jessica Townsend

*"A cursed child destined to die on her eleventh birthday is rescued and whisked away to a secret realm called Nevermoor and given the chance to compete for a place in a prestigious organization called the Wondrous Society"*

### **100 Cupboards** by N.D. Wilson

*"After his parents are kidnapped, timid twelve-year-old Henry York leaves his sheltered Boston life and moves to small-town Kansas, where he and his cousin Henrietta discover and explore hidden doors in his attic room that seem to open onto other worlds."*

### **Coraline** by Neil Gaiman

*"When Coraline steps through a door to find another house strangely similar to her own (only better), things seem marvelous. But there's another mother there, and another father, and they want her to stay and be their little girl. They want to change her and never let her go."*

### **Fablehaven** by Brandon Mull

*"For centuries mystical creatures of all description were gathered into a hidden refuge called Fablehaven to prevent their extinction. The sanctuary survives today as one of the last strongholds of true magic. Enchanting? Absolutely. Exciting? You bet. Safe? Well, actually, quite the opposite."* **The Stonekeeper** by Kazu Kibuishi

*“After the tragic death of their father, Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of her deceased great-grandfather, but the strange house proves to be dangerous. Before long, a sinister creature lures the kids' mom through a door in the basement. Em and Navin, desperate not to lose her, follow her into an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, and talking animals.”*

## **MATH**

**A Math Journey Through Planet Earth** by Anne Rooney

**A Math Journey Through Space** by Anne Rooney

**A Math Journey Through the Human Body** by Anne Rooney

**Algebra & Geometry** by Basher Science

**Common Core Math Grade 5: Activities that Captivate, Motivate, & Reinforce** by Marjorie Frank

**Decimals and Fractions** by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

**Decimals and Fractions Grade 5** by Kumon

**Division** Building Blocks of Mathematics series

**Focus on Reducing and Calculating** Fractions by Kumon

**Fraction** Building Blocks of Mathematics series

**Fractions and Decimals** by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

**Fractions** Building Blocks of Mathematics series

**Fun Food Word Problems Starring Fractions** by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

**Geometry and Measurement** by Kumon

**Math Matters: Decimals** by Grolier Educational Corporation

**Multiplication and Division** by Rebecca Wingard-Nelson

**Multiplication** Building Blocks of Mathematics series

**Multiplication** by Kumon

**New Jersey Test Prep PARCC Practice Book: Mathematics Grade 5**

**School Rules! Math** by American Girl

**Word Problems Grade 5** by Kumon

## **SCIENCE**

### **BUILDING BLOCKS OF MATTER**

**Physics: Why Matter Matters** by Basher Science

**Junk Drawer Physics: 50 Awesome Experiments That Don't Cost a Thing** by Bobby Mercer

**Hands on Science: Forces and Motion, Sound and Light, Electricity and Magnets, Matter and Materials** by Kingfisher

**Professor Astro Cat's Atomic Adventure** by Dr. Dominic Walliman and Ben Newman

**Simply Science: Atoms** by Melissa Stewart

**What Is Atomic Theory?** by Adam Mclean

### **CHANGES IN MATTER**

**Explores Solids and Liquids with 25 Great Projects** by Kathleen M. Reilly

**Building Blocks of Science: Matter and How It Changes** by Joseph Midthun

**Building Blocks of Science: Matter and Its Properties** by Joseph Midthun

**The Nature of Matter** by Debra Housel

**Wile E. Coyote Experiments with States of Matter** by Suzanne Slade

**Make It Change!** by Anna Claybourne

**Make it Splash!** by Anna Claybourne

**What Do You Know About States of Matter?** By Tilda Monroe

### **ENERGY FOR HUMANS AND OTHER LIVING THINGS**

**Food Chain Frenzy** by Anne Capeci

**Who Eats What** series by Rebecca Pettiford

**Our Living Earth: A Story of People, Ecology, and Preservation** by Yann Arthus-Bertrand

**Plant and Animal Adaptations** by Joseph Midthun

**Essential Life Science: Life Processes** by Louise and Richard Spilsbury

**Ecology** by Steve Pollock

**Earth's Cycles: Green Science Projects about the Water Cycles, Photosynthesis, and More** by  
Robert Gardner

**Incredible Plants** by Dr. Roger Carolin

**Plant Life Cycles** by Joseph Midthun

**An Inside Look: The World Of Plant Life** by Gerald Legg

**Cycles In Nature: Plant Life** by Theresa Greenaway

**Plant** by David Burnie

**Plant Structure and Classification** by Joseph Midthun

### PATTERNS IN THE SKY

**Constellations** by .F S. Kim

**Constellations** by Paul P Sipiera **Night**

**Sky** by Howard Schneider

**Find the Constellations** by H. A. Rey

**What are Stars?** by Carmen Bredeson

**The Sun** by Patricia Whitehouse

**The Stars** by Gail Mack

**The Sun** and Other Stars

**Planet Earth** by Basher Science

**The how and why library, Our Earth** by Childcraft World Book

### THE CHANGING EARTH

**10 Rivers that Shaped the World** by Marilee Peters

**Ocean and Sea** by Steve Parker

**Cycles in Nature: The Water Cycle** by Theresa Greenaway

**Planet Earth** by John Woodward

**Pocket Genius: Earth** by DK

**Planet Earth** by John Woodward

**3-D Earth** by John Woodward

**Findout! Earth** by Maryam Sharif-Draper

**The Kids' Book of Clouds and Sky** by Frank Staub

**Weather** by Basher Science

**The Science of Weather: The Changing Truth About Earth's Climate** by Ian Graham

**Eyewitness Weather** by DK

**Forces of Nature** by World Book

**U.S. Landforms** by Dana Meachen

**SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**A GROWING NATION**

**Our Nation's Documents** by Time Kids

**Where Did Sacagawea Join the Corps of Discovery?** by Linda Gondosch **Who**

**Was Sacagawea?** by Judith Bloom Fradin and Dennis Brindell Fradin **What**

**Was the Lewis and Clark Expedition?**

**The Young Nation: America 1787-1861: A Growing Nation** by David M. Brownstone and Irene  
M. Franck

**The New Americans** by Brownstone and Franck

**Building an Empire: The Louisiana Purchase** by Linda Thompson

**Lewis and Clark's Journey of Discovery** by Judith Edwards

**Lewis & Clark: Blazing a Trail West** by John Burrows

**Lewis and Clark and the Route to the Pacific** by Seamus Cavan [1991]

**The Lewis and Clark Journals** by B.J. Carter

**Discovering the West: The Expedition of Lewis and Clark** by John Micklos Jr.

**Westward Expansion** by Teresa Domnauer

**The Oregon Trail** by Mel Friedman

**Going West! Journey on a Wagon Train to Settle a Frontier Town** by Caol A. Johmann and  
Elizabeth J. Rieth

**Gold Rush and Riches** by Paul Robert Walker

**The Industrial Revolution in the United States** by Don Nardo

**Life During the Industrial Revolution** by Julia Garstecki

**America Enters the Industrial Revolution** by Susan Hamen

**The Industrial Revolution, Migration, and Immigration** by Nick Christopher



**The Industrial Revolution** by Andrew Langley--*global perspective*

**All About America: The Industrial Revolution** by Hilarie N. Staton

### WAR DIVIDES A NATION

**What Was the Missouri Compromise?** by Wendy Lanier

**Primary Source Accounts of the Civil War** by Archie P. McDonald

**Eyewitness: Civil War** DK Publishing

**Causes of the Civil War** by Alison Imbriaco

**Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass: The Story Behind an American Friendship** by Russell  
Freedman

**Slavery in America** by Jean F. Blashfield

**What Was the Underground Railroad?** By Yona Zeldis McDonough

**The Underground Railroad** by Lucia Raatma

**The Underground Railroad in American History** by Kem Knapp Sawyer

**Get on Board: The Story of the Underground Railroad** by Jim Haskins

**Freedom Roads: Searching for the Underground Railroad** by Joyce Hansen and Gary McGowan

**Guts & Glory: The American Civil War** by Ben Thompson

**Slavery and the Civil War** by Linda R. Wade

**The Emancipation Proclamation** by Monique Vescia

**The Battle of Gettysburg and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address** by Carin T. Ford

**The Gettysburg Address in Translation: What it Really Means** by Kay Melchisedech Olson

**Daring Women of the Civil War** by Carin T. Ford

**A Separate Battle: Women and the Civil War** by Ina Chang

### EXPANSION AND CHANGE

**A Different Mirror For Young People: A History of Multicultural America** by Ronald Takaki

**Development of the Industrial U.S.: Biographies** by Sonia G. Benson et al.

**Andrew Carnegie: Captain of Industry** by Dana Meachen Rau

**Pioneers of the Industrial Age: Breakthroughs in Technology** by Sherman Hollar

**The Industrial Revolution in the United States** by Don Nardo

**Who was Mark Twain?** by April Jones Prince

**Alexander Graham Bell: Giving Voice to the World** by Mary Kay Carson

**Thomas Edison** by Jan Adkins

**Who was Thomas Alva Edison?** by Margaret Frith

**Thomas Edison: A Brilliant Inventor** by Time for Kids

**Who was Susan B. Anthony?** by Pam Pollack and Meg Belviso

**Iron Rails, Iron Men, and the Race to Link the Nation** by Martin W. Sandler

**To the Golden Mountain: the Story of the Chinese who Built the Transcontinental Railroad** by

Lila Perl

**Indians of the Plains and Great Basin** by World Book

**What Was Ellis Island?** by Patricia Demuth

**The Italian Americans** by Richard Bowen

**The Chinese Americans** by Marissa Lingen

**The Irish Americans** by Brenda Haugen

**The German Americans** by Peg Ashbrock

**Alaska** by Rebecca Stefoff

**Hawaii** by Ann Graham Gaines

#### THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD

**The Untold History of the United States (1898-1945)** by Oliver Stone and Peter Kuznick

**Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony: a friendship that changed the world** by Penny

Colman

**Roses and Radicals: the Epic Story of How American Women Won the Right to Vote** by Susan

Zimet

**Who was Theodore Roosevelt?** by Michael Burgan

**The Great Adventure: Theodore Roosevelt and the Rise of Modern America** by Albert Marrin

**Theodore Roosevelt: Our Twenty-Sixth President** by Ann Graham Gaines

**Come on In, America: The United States in World War I** by Linda Barrett Osborne

**World War I** by Sean Connolly

**World War I** by DK Eyewitness Books

**What was Pearl Harbor** by Patricia Brennan Demuth

**Pearl Harbor** by Stewart Ross and Joe Woodward

**World War II** by Reg Grant

**Dk Findout! World War II** by Brian Williams

**The Holocaust, Hitler, and Nazi Germany** by Linda Jacobs Altman

**Surviving the Holocaust** by Cath Senker

**Three days in Moscow: Ronald Reagan and the Fall of the Soviet Empire** by Bret Baier

**Top Secret Files: The Cold War** by Stephanie Bearce **The**

**Cold War: Collapse of Communism** by Earle Rice Jr.

**The Cuban Missile Crisis** by Charlie Samuels

**The Korean War** by Carter Malkasian

**Extraordinary People of the Civil Rights Movement** by Sheila Hardy and P. Stephen Hardy

**The Story of the Little Rock Nine and School Desegregation in Photographs** by David Aretha

**Voices of the Civil Rights Movement** by Lori Mortensen **Martin**

**Luther King Jr.** by Kenneth C. Davis

**Martin Luther King: The Peaceful Warrior** by Ed Clayton

**What Was the March on Washington?** by Kathleen Krull

**A Dream of Freedom** by Diane McWhorter

**M.L.K. A Journey of a King** by Tonya Bolden

**50 things you should know about the Vietnam War** by Chris McNab

**Vietnam War** by Stuart Murray

**The Vietnam War, 1956-1975** by Andrew Wiest

**Boots on the Ground: America's War in Vietnam** by Elizabeth Partridge

**Behind the Terror** by John Hamilton

**Infiltration and Spying** by David Baker

**The Crash of United Flight 93 on September 11, 2001** by Tonya Buell

**The Attack on the Pentagon on September 11, 2001** by Carolyn Gard

**The 2001 World Trade Center Attack** by Jacqueline Dembar Greene

**September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed America** by Jill C. Wheeler

**The Story of September 11, 2001** by Kathleen Tracy