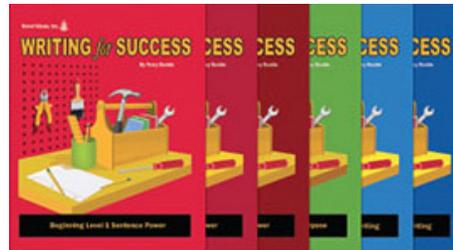


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PLACEMENT TESTS FOR WRITING FOR SUCCESS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE NOVEL IDEAS WEBSITE



Thank you to the many of you who have provided feedback on the success of your students with the Writing for Success program. Many of you are seeing students move from reluctant to eager writers. Some of you have commented on how much the lessons have helped you, as a teacher, feel more confident teaching writing. You mentioned that the rubrics gave you feedback that you can use to help students improve specific aspects of their writing. Using the rubrics as part of targeted remediation and giving students the opportunity to do a second write with the scored rubric has resulted in a much higher level of writing.

We have had several requests for the placement tests for this program, so we are posting them online on the [Novel Ideas website](#). There are scripted test instructions (provides consistency for administering the test) with a writing prompt. A scoring rubric is provided that you can use to score each student's piece of writing. Placement testing recommendations based on the student's score are provided.

[Learn More](#)

PLACEMENT TESTS FOR OTHER PROGRAMS

Many of you are starting to work on groups and placement for the next school year. There are placement tests available on the [Novel Ideas website](#) for all of the programs listed below to help you with your decision-making. Test instructions are scripted to provide consistency for administering the tests. Each test has copyable student materials and provides you with guidelines for scoring and placement.



Series Launchers **Placement Tests**

Click on the Learn More button to see the *Series Launchers* placement tests.

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Reading for Success **Placement Tests**

Click on the Learn More button to see the *Reading for Success* placement tests.

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Adventures in Language **Placement Tests**

Click on the Learn More button to see the *Adventures in Language* placement tests.

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Terry is happy to talk to teachers and testers if you have students who are “puzzling” and you need some recommendations for placement.

You can contact her by phone (250) 652-9704 or by email terrydodds@shaw.ca.

ANNOUNCING NEW NOVEL STUDIES

Seven new novel studies are now available in the *Reading for Success* Program.

A Wrinkle in Time

A Wrinkle in Time introduces students to the genre of science fiction and time travel.

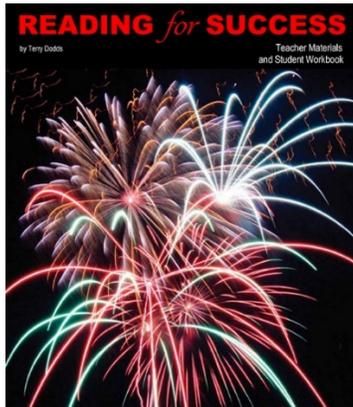
Readability 5.0 Lexile 740

Interest Level Gr. 5-9 Standards Gr. 5-7

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A Novel Study Based on
A Wrinkle in Time
By Madeleine L'Engle
(2020 Edition)
Reading Level: 5.0, Interest Level: Grades 5-9



A Novel Study Based on
Tuck Everlasting
By Natalie Babbitt
(2021 Edition)
Reading Level: 6.0, Interest Level: Grades 5-8

Tuck Everlasting

Tuck Everlasting challenges students to think about the implications of creatures living forever.

Readability 6.0 Lexile 770

Interest Level Gr. 5-8 Standards Gr. 5-7

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The Hobbit

The Hobbit takes students on a hero quest that involves high fantasy and adventure.

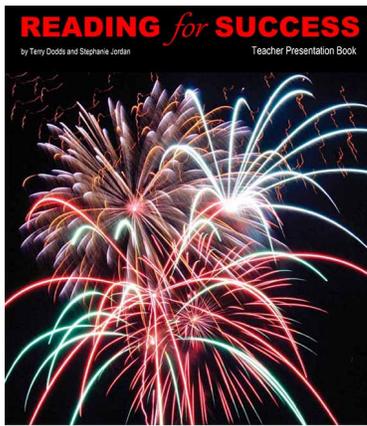
Readability 6.0 Lexile 770

Interest Level Gr. 7-12 Standards Gr. 8-9

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A Novel Study Based on
The Hobbit
By J. R. R. Tolkien
(2021 Edition)
Reading Level: 6.0, Interest Level: Grades 7-12



A Novel Study Based on
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
By Anne Frank
(2020 Edition)
Reading Level: 6.5, Interest Level: Grades 8-12

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl compliments social studies curriculum that covers the Holocaust. This diary of a young girl, about the students' age, personalizes what happened during the Holocaust.

Readability 6.5 Lexile 1020

Interest Level Gr. 8-12 Standards Gr. 8-9

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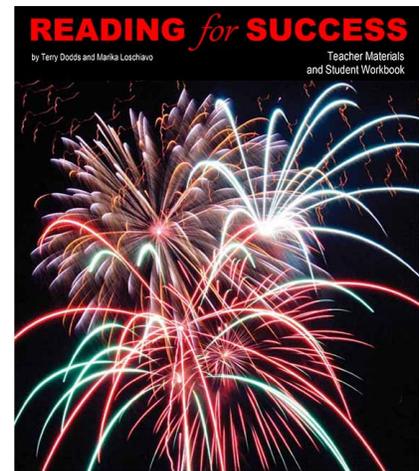
Animal Farm

Animal Farm appears to be a story about farm animals rebelling against humans. However, this story is a political satire/allegory/fable. It is a commentary on Stalin's Soviet Russia after World War II. The novel study provides students with strategies for understanding who the characters are within a historical context—something that makes this novella complex. This study compliments social studies curriculum that covers this period of history.

Readability 7.3 Lexile 1170

Interest Level Gr. 9-12 Standards Gr. 8-9

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A Novel Study Based on
Animal Farm
By George Orwell
(2020 Edition)
Reading Level: 7.3, Interest Level: Grades 9-12

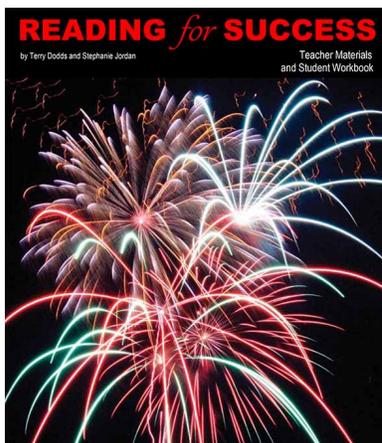
The Call of the Wild

The Call of the Wild is a realistic animal story that is set in the 1890s during the Klondike Gold Rush. This novel study provides students with the opportunity to understand the suffering people and animals endured during this event.

Readability 8.0 Lexile 1120

Interest Level Gr. 7-9 Standards Gr. 7-9

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A Novel Study Based on
The Call of the Wild
By Jack London
(2021 Edition)
Reading Level: 8.0, Interest Level: Grades 7-9

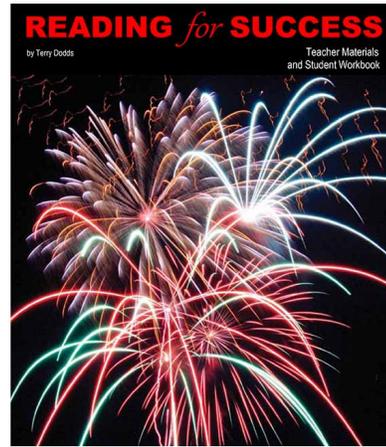
Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde introduces students to the genre of gothic mystery as they analyze the two sides of people—good vs. evil—and what happens when evil overcomes the good in a person.

Readability 9.3 Lexile 1110

Interest Level Gr. 7-12 Standards Gr. 8-9

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A Novel Study Based on
Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
By Robert Louis Stevenson
(2021 Edition)
Reading Level: 9.3, Interest Level: Grades 7-12

CELEBRATING SCHOOL AND STUDENT SUCCESSES

We would like to recognize school and student successes in our newsletter. Please send Terry Dodds (terrydodds@shaw.ca) emails telling us about successes your school and/or students have achieved using our programs.

WEBINARS REMINDER

Please click on the Available Webinars button to see what webinars are available this summer and into the fall. Terry looks forward to meeting you in this new training format.

[Available Webinars](#)

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