

# FREE ACCESS CHASING VERMEER COMMON CORE

## **Chasing Vermeer (Scholastic Gold)**

Chasing Vermeer joins the Scholastic Gold line, which features award-winning and beloved novels. Includes exclusive bonus content! When a book of unexplainable occurrences brings Petra and Calder together, strange things start to happen: Seemingly unrelated events connect; an eccentric old woman seeks their company; an invaluable Vermeer painting disappears. Before they know it, the two find themselves at the center of an international art scandal, where no one is spared from suspicion. As Petra and Calder are drawn clue by clue into a mysterious labyrinth, they must draw on their powers of intuition, their problem solving skills, and their knowledge of Vermeer. Can they decipher a crime that has stumped even the FBI?

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## **Reading Comprehension, Grade 5**

Skill Builders are great tools for keeping children current during the school year or preparing them for the

next grade level. A variety of fun and challenging activities provides students with practice and helps introduce basic skills to new learners. This full-color workbook contains appropriate passages and exercises based on national standards for fifth grade to help ensure that children master reading comprehension skills before progressing. Skill Builders combines entertaining and interactive activities with eye-catching graphics to make learning and reviewing fun and effective. The compact 6\ x 9\ size makes this book perfect for school, at home, or on the go. It features 80 perforated, reproducible pages and an answer key.

## **Common Core Curriculum Maps in English Language Arts**

The first books to present specific guidance for teaching the Common Core State Standards Forty-three states plus D.C and the U.S. Virgin Islands have signed on to adopt the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). The need for curriculum guides to assist teachers in helping students meet these standards has become imperative. Created by teachers, for teachers, the research-based curriculum maps in this book present a comprehensive, coherent sequence of thematic units for teaching the skills outlined in the CCSS for English language arts in Grades 6-8. Each grade is broken down into six units that include focus standards, suggested works, sample activities and assessments, lesson plans, etc. Teachers can use the maps to plan their year and craft their own more detailed lesson plans The maps address every standard in the CCSS, yet are flexible and adaptable to accommodate diverse teaching styles Any teacher, school, or district that chooses to follow the Common Core maps can be confident that they are adhering to the standards.

## **Hold Fast**

From NYT bestselling author Blue Balliett, the story of a girl who falls into Chicago's shelter system, and from there must solve the mystery of her father's strange disappearance. Where is Early's father? He's not the kind of father who would disappear. But he's gone . . . and he's left a whole lot of trouble behind. As danger closes in, Early, her mom, and her brother have to flee their apartment. With nowhere else to go, they are forced to move into a city shelter. Once there, Early starts asking questions and looking for answers. Because her father hasn't disappeared without a trace. There are patterns and rhythms to what's happened, and Early might be the only one who can use them to track him down and make her way out of a very tough place. With her signature, singular love of language and sense of mystery, Blue Balliett weaves a story that takes readers from the cold, snowy Chicago streets to the darkest corner of the public library, on an unforgettable hunt for deep truths and a reunited family.

## **The Calder Game**

This new mystery from bestselling author Blue Balliett is now available in After Words paperback! When Calder Pillay travels with his father to a remote village in England, he finds a mix of mazes and mystery . . . including an unexpected Alexander Calder sculpture in the town square. Calder is strangely drawn to the sculpture, while other people have less-than-friendly feelings towards it. Both the boy and the sculpture seem to be out of place . . . and then, on the same night, they disappear! Calder's friends Petra and Tommy must fly out to help his father find him. But this mystery has more twists and turns than a Calder mobile . . . with more at stake than first meets the eye.

## **E-BOOK EOBt for Chasing Vermeer**

Implementation of the Common Core State Standards with the integration of children's literature can transform teaching and learning into a holistic and engaging experience. Tackling nearly every aspect of the English Language Arts Standards and the measures they employ, it offers a thorough plan for engaging elementary school students with literature. It explores the benefits and teaching principles behind CCSS, and explains how to apply them to literature. Along with the strengths it has in connection to CCSS, you will learn about the history of children's literature and what both fiction and nonfiction bring to the classroom.

You will find plenty of practical applications of the CCSS, including book lists and lesson ideas, along with thorough examples. There is also a wealth of information on the kinds of readers you will encounter and explanations of how to meet their needs. A final section focuses on creating a curriculum, connecting the theory throughout the book with concrete lessons plans and units that cover the main CCSS skill sets.

## **Integrating Children's Literature through the Common Core State Standards**

This book advocates for a stronger role for young-adult literature in ELA classrooms, compellingly documenting how this body of work meets both the needs of adolescent students and the demands of the common core for complex texts and tasks. *Integrating Young Adult Literature through the Common Core Standards* provides a compelling template for teachers that uses young adult literature and inquiry learning to meet students' needs and the demands of the common core standards. The first part of the book addresses the widely adopted common core state standards by examining closely the standards' model of text complexity and demonstrating how young adult literature can fill the requirements of this model. The second part provides theoretical discussions and analysis of the standards as well as concrete applications of young adult literature within the classroom in order to give school professionals a comprehensive understanding of how young adult literature and the standards can work together. The book empowers schools and teachers to make intelligent, informed decisions about texts and instructional practices that benefit their students. Finally, the authors explore a powerful teaching approach that integrates current understandings about learning, young adult literature, and the common core standards in a way that will facilitate greater learning and understanding in English classrooms.

## **Integrating Young Adult Literature through the Common Core Standards**

Tuesday and her dog Baxterr are swept up into the magical land of story, where they must sail a runaway boat, battle fearsome pirates, and find their way out of the Swamp of Doubt, all in the search for Tuesday's missing mother.

## **Finding Serendipity**

When Candice finds a letter addressed to her grandmother in an old attic in South Carolina, she isn't sure she should read it. But the letter describes an injustice that happened decades ago, and the fortune that awaits the person who solves the puzzle. Can Candice decipher the clues to find the fortune, before the answers slip into the past?

## **The Parker Inheritance**

Dear Mr. Henshaw, I wish somebody would stop stealing the good stuff out of my lunchbag. I guess I wish a lot of other things, too. I wish someday Dad and Bandit would pull up in front in the rig ... Dad would yell out of the cab, \"Come on, Leigh. Hop in and I'll give you a lift to school.\" Leigh Botts has been author Boyd Henshaw's number one fan ever since he was in second grade. Now in sixth grade, Leigh lives with his mother and is the new kid at school. He's lonely, troubled by the absence of his father, a cross-country trucker, and angry because a mysterious thief steals from his lunchbag. Then Leigh's teacher assigns a letter-writing project. Naturally Leigh chooses to write to Mr. Henshaw, whose surprising answer changes Leigh's life.

## **Dear Mr. Henshaw**

Common Core's English resources empower educators to meet the expectations of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English Language Arts (ELA) and build essential content knowledge for students in grades 6-8. Each grade in *The Wheatley Portfolio* features a comprehensive, coherent sequence of thematic

units that engage students in deep study of worthwhile texts and topics. Features of this book include: Six thematic units for each grade, each centered on a curated collection of literary and informational texts Focus standards for each unit that complement the topic and promote student mastery of essential literacy skills Suggested texts and activities to incorporate science, art, and history into English instruction This revised second edition includes a sample text study that guides students through a close read of an exemplary text, updated web resources, and refreshed suggested works. Educators who create their curriculum based on Common Core's Wheatley Portfolioguarantee that students are exposed to content-rich instruction and have ample opportunity to master the reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language skills articulated in the CCSS for ELA.

## **Common Core Curriculum: English, Grades 6-8**

Written with a focus on the English Language Arts Common Core Standards, this book provides a complete plan for developing a literacy program that focuses on boys pre-K through grade 12. Despite the fact that reading and literacy among boys has been an area of concern for years, this issue remains unresolved today. Additionally, the emphasis and focus have changed due to the implementation of the English Language Arts Common Core Standards. How can educators best encourage male students to read, and what new technologies and techniques can serve this objective? The Common Core Approach to Building Literacy in Boys is an essential resource and reference for teachers, librarians, and parents seeking to encourage reading in boys from preschool to 12th grade. Providing a wide array of useful, up-to-date information that emphasizes the English Language Arts Common Core Standards, the bibliographies and descriptions of effective strategies in this book will enable you to boost reading interest and performance in boys. The chapters cover 16 different topics of interest to boys, all accompanied by a complete bibliography for each subject area, discussion questions, writing connections, and annotated new and classic nonfiction titles. Information on specific magazines, annotated professional titles, books made into film, websites, and apps that will help you get boys interested in reading is also included.

## **The Common Core Approach to Building Literacy in Boys**

A riveting historical art mystery for fans of *Chasing Vermeer* and *The Westing Game*, set in the Roaring Twenties! It's 1929, and twelve-year-old Martha has no choice but to work as a maid in the New York City mansion of the wealthy Sewell family. But, despite the Gatsby-like parties and trimmings of success, she suspects something might be deeply wrong in the household—specifically with Rose Sewell, the formerly vivacious lady of the house who now refuses to leave her room. The other servants say Rose is crazy, but scrappy, strong-willed Martha thinks there's more to the story—and that the paintings in the Sewell's gallery contain a hidden message detailing the truth. But in a house filled with secrets, nothing is quite what it seems, and no one is who they say. Can Martha follow the clues, decipher the code, and solve the mystery of what's really going on with Rose Sewell? Inspired by true events described in a fascinating author's note, *The Gallery* is a 1920s caper told with humor and spunk that readers today will love.

## **The Gallery**

A collection of 158 mini-mysteries in which readers play Dr. Watson to master-detective Dr. Haledjian.

## **Two-minute Mysteries**

Common Core State Standards for Grade 8: Language Arts Instructional Strategies and Activities is designed to help teachers address Common Core standards using effective, research-based instructional strategies in combination with ready-to-use activities.

## Common Core State Standards for Grade 8

Written by educators from diverse experiences, *Text Sets: Multimodal Learning for Multicultural Students* provides ready-to-use multicultural text sets complete with annotations, instructional activities, and multimedia tools, as well as a framework for building and using new sets.

### Text Sets

Combining research with real-life classroom examples, this book demonstrates how high-level conversations centered on fiction and nonfiction can promote student understanding and help them meet and exceed a spectrum of standards. The authors demonstrate how to use literary conversations in small, heterogeneous groups to address multiple expectations within classrooms, such as close reading, vocabulary, background knowledge, literal and inferential comprehension, and responses to multimodal interpretation, nonfiction text features, and graphic organizers. The text includes the theoretical why, and the very practical how-to, to help teachers (grades 3–8) successfully implement serious, sustained student-group conversations about their reading. The recommendations for heterogeneous groups, rather than groups based on book selection or reading ability, will support all students—struggling readers and those reading at or above grade level. This practical resource shows teachers how to: Group students heterogeneously, from inexperienced participants to sophisticated readers. Support each student as he or she reads a nonfiction or fiction book. Engage students in critical conversations centered on their reading. Be mindful of the roles for each student and how these change based on genre. Assess student participation and literacy outcomes. “Barone and Barone show us how to guide students’ literacy development through interactions. They articulate the support teachers and students need to engage in deep conversations about narrative and informational texts such that students uncover their thinking and explore the thinking of their peers relative to complex texts. The ideas contained within this volume have the potential to unleash student learning in powerful ways.” —Douglas Fisher, San Diego State University “Barone and Barone have created a valuable resource—perfect for meeting the expectations of the Common Core and fostering students’ comprehension, as well as their speaking and listening skills.” —Maureen McLaughlin, Professor of Reading, East Stroudsburg University of PA, 2013–2014 President of the International Literacy Association

### Literary Conversations in the Classroom

An all-new mystery from the bestselling author of *Chasing Vermeer* and *The Calder Game*! A boy in a small town who has a different way of seeing. A curious girl who doesn't belong. A mysterious notebook. A missing father. A fire. A stranger. A death. These are some of the things you'll find within *The Danger Box*, the new mystery from bestselling author Blue Balliett. Open with care.

### The Danger Box

From nineteenth-century whaling to a multitude of firms pursuing entrepreneurial finance today, venture finance reflects a deep-seated tradition in the deployment of risk capital in the United States. Tom Nicholas's history of the venture capital industry offers a roller coaster ride through America's ongoing pursuit of financial gain.

### VC

From the New York Times-bestselling team behind *Chasing Vermeer* comes another thought-provoking art mystery featuring Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie house--now in *After Words* paperback! Spring semester at the Lab School in Hyde Park finds Petra and Calder drawn into another mystery when unexplainable accidents and ghostly happenings throw a spotlight on Frank Lloyd Wright's Robie House, and it's up to the two junior sleuths to piece together the clues. Stir in the return of Calder's friend Tommy (which creates a tense triangle), H.G. Wells's *The Invisible Man*, 3-D pentominoes, and the hunt for a coded message left behind by

Wright, and the kids become tangled in a dangerous web in which life and art intermingle with death, deception, and surprise.

## **The Wright 3**

Explains how to create various kinds of codes and discusses other means of sending messages, such as Indian sign language, brands, and flag signals.

## **Codes & Mystery Messages**

When 13 high-value pieces of art are stolen from a secret museum, Calder, Petra and Tommy are grouped with two new companions to solve puzzles that are complicated by the clever Mrs. Sharpe.

## **Pieces and Players**

The perfect series for kids who loved THE LEMONADE WAR series and are ready for more mysteries! Edgar Award Nominee for Best Mystery! \"With wit, cunning, snappy dialogue and superior math skills, The Red Blazer Girls represent the best of girl-detectives while still feeling relatable and real. Nancy Drew would be right at home with this group.\" -- Huffington Post's 15 Greatest Kid Detectives List It all began with The Scream. And ended with . . . well, if we told you that, it wouldn't be a mystery! But in between The Scream and The Very Surprising Ending, three friends find themselves on a scavenger hunt set up for a girl they never met, in search of a legendary ring reputed to grant wishes. Are these sleuths in school uniforms modern-day equivalents of Nancy, Harriet, or Scooby? Not really, they're just three nice girls who decide to help out a weird lady, and end up hiding under tables, tackling word puzzles and geometry equations, and searching rather moldy storage rooms for \"the stuff that dreams are made of\" (that's from an old detective movie). Oh, and there's A Boy, who complicates things. As boys often do. Intrigued? The Red Blazer Girls offers a fun, twisty adventure for those who love mystery, math (c'mon, admit it!), and a modest measure of mayhem. Michael Beil, a New York City high school English teacher and life-long mystery fan, delivers a middle-grade caper that's perfect for middle-grade readers who have finished THE LEMONADE WAR series and are ready for more advanced mysteries!

## **The Red Blazer Girls: The Ring of Rocamadour**

This book investigates the nature of aesthetic experience with the help of ancient material, exploring our responses to both narratives and images.

## **Aesthetic Experiences and Classical Antiquity**

Penguin Readers is an ELT graded reader series. Please note that the eBook edition does NOT include access to the audio edition and digital book. Written for learners of English as a foreign language, each title includes carefully adapted text, new illustrations and language learning exercises. Titles include popular classics, exciting contemporary fiction, and thought-provoking non-fiction, introducing language learners to bestselling authors and compelling content. The eight levels of Penguin Readers follow the Common European Framework of Reference for language learning (CEFR). Exercises at the back of each Reader help language learners to practise grammar, vocabulary, and key exam skills. Before, during and after-reading questions test readers' story comprehension and develop vocabulary. A Wrinkle in Time, a Level 3 Reader, is A2 in the CEFR framework. The text is made up of sentences with up to three clauses, introducing first conditional, past continuous and present perfect simple for general experience. It is well supported by illustrations, which appear on most pages. Meg's father has disappeared, and her family wants him back. One day, Meg and her little brother meet three strange women. The women know about Meg's father, and they want to help her.

## **Penguin Readers Level 3: A Wrinkle in Time (ELT Graded Reader)**

In almost all photography it's the quality of light that makes or breaks the shot. For professional photographers, chasing the light, waiting for it, sometimes helping it, and finally capturing it is a constant preoccupation — and for some an obsession. Drawing on four decades of doing just this, Michael Freeman takes a simple but practical approach to reacting to, and capturing photography's most important commodity. There are just three sections titled Waiting, Chasing, and Helping: Waiting explains the kinds of lighting that photographers can anticipate and plan for, while Chasing explores the transient, serendipitous light that photographers have to work quickly to exploit. Helping, the final and most technical section, focuses on the skills and techniques for enhancing, reducing, or otherwise controlling light, covering everything from in-the-field shooting choices to technical transformations to post-production.

### **Capturing Light**

Two kids break out of a juvenile detention center and become fugitives in order to clear their convicted parents' names in this heartstopping series from kid-read master Gordon Korman. Aidan and Meg Falconer are their parents' only hope. The Falconers are facing life in prison -- unless Aidan and Meg can follow a trail of clues to prove their innocence. The problem? Right now they're trapped in a juvenile detention center. Until they escape one night -- and find themselves on the run, both from the authorities and from a sinister attacker who has his own reason to stop them. The Falconers must use their wits to make it across the country ... with plenty of tests along the way. Gordon Korman takes readers into FUGITIVE territory -- with thrilling results.

### **Chasing the Falconers (On the Run #1)**

Help your students develop the reading skills they need to succeed with this timely resource! This book provides teachers with standards-based strategies to help students navigate the complexities of literature as they learn fiction-related concepts in the language arts classroom. This book offers detailed strategies for using graphic organizers, developing vocabulary, predicting and inferencing, understanding text structure and features, and using text evidence to support understanding. The strategies also help prepare students for success in college and careers. Classroom examples and differentiation suggestions with every strategy provide clear models for success!

### **Reading Strategies for Fiction**

"A dazzling debut novel about resilience, courage, home and family."--Rebecca Stead, Newbery Award-winning author of *When You Reach Me* SoHo, 1981. Twelve-year-old Olympia is an artist--and in her neighborhood, that's normal. Her dad and his business partner Apollo bring antique paintings back to life, while her mother makes intricate sculptures in a corner of their loft, leaving Ollie to roam the streets of New York with her best friends Richard and Alex, drawing everything that catches her eye. Then everything falls apart. Ollie's dad disappears in the middle of the night, leaving her only a cryptic note and instructions to destroy it. Her mom has gone to bed, and she's not getting up. Apollo is hiding something, Alex is acting strange, and Richard has questions about the mysterious stranger he saw outside. And someone keeps calling, looking for a missing piece of art. . . Olympia knows her dad is the key--but first, she has to find him, and time is running out.

### **All the Greys on Greene Street**

A terrific new historical fiction quartet from Kathy Lasky, acclaimed author of the best-selling *Guardians of Ga'Hoole* series. *Daughters of the Sea* tells the story of 3 mermaid sisters who are separated at birth by a storm and go on to lead three very different lives. Book 1 is about Hannah, who spent her early days in an

orphanage and is now a scullery maid in the house of rich, powerful family. She is irresistibly drawn to the sea and through a series of accidents and encounters discovers her true identity. Hannah realizes that she must keep the truth a secret but she also knows that soon she will have to make the choice - to be a creature of the land or the sea.

## **Hannah (Daughters of the Sea #1)**

Before I used it, the key had infinite possibilities. Eleven-year-old Elise feels stuck. Her school locker-buddy squashes her lunch and laughs at her, every day. She doesn't want to go to school - and her best friend Franklin just makes things worse. Now I was ready for something to be different. Anything, really. One day Elise discovers an incredible secret. A secret that might just help her unlock her past, and take a chance on the future. I decided that tomorrow I would see what that key opened up. It had my name on it, after all . . .

## **Eight Keys**

Blast off for adventure with Zita the Spacegirl!

## **Zita the Spacegirl**

Teacher's Guide for Readers and Writers Genre Workshop title Dutch Masters: Frans Hals, Johannes Vermeer, and Rembrandt van Rijn (Does Not Contain Common Core Indicators)

## **Dutch Masters Frans Hals, Johannes Vermeer, and Rembrandt Van Rijn Teacher's Guide Without Common Core Indicators**

Winner of the Crystal Kite Award, this touching story explores what it mean to be a good friend, how you should react to a bully, and makes the events of September 11th, 2001 personal. In this story about growing up in a difficult part of America's history, Jake Green is introduced as a cross country runner who wants to be a soldier and an American hero when he grows up. Before he can work far towards these goals, September 11th happens, and it is discovered that one of the hijackers lives in Jake's town. The children in Jake's town try to process everything, but they struggle. Jake's classmate Bobby beats up Jake's best friend, Sam Madina, just for being an Arab Muslim. According to his own code of conduct, Jake wants to fight Bobby for messing with his best friend. The situation gets more complicated when Sam's father is detained and interrogated by the FBI. Jake's mother doubts Sam's father's innocence. Jake must choose between believing his parents and leaving Bobby alone or defending Sam.

## **Just a Drop of Water**

Almost everybody who has grown up in Chicago knows about the Thorne Rooms. Housed in the Children's Galleries of the Chicago Art Institute, they are a collection of 68 exquisitely crafted miniature rooms made in the 1930s by Mrs. James Ward Thorne. Each of the 68 rooms is designed in the style of a different historic period, and every detail is perfect, from the knobs on the doors to the candles in the candlesticks. Some might even say, the rooms are magic. Imagine—what if you discovered a key that allowed you to shrink so that you were small enough to sneak inside and explore the rooms' secrets? What if you discovered that others had done so before you? And that someone had left something important behind? Fans of *Chasing Vermeer*, *The Doll People*, and *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* will be swept up in the magic of this exciting art adventure!

## **The Sixty-Eight Rooms**

Perfect for tween readers who enjoy mysteries and puzzles and books like *Chasing Vermeer*, this page-



turning debut novel is filled with adventure, intrigue, and heart. After their father, a video-game inventor, strikes it rich, the Smithfork kids find they hate their new life. They move from their cozy Brooklyn neighborhood to a swanky apartment on Manhattan's Fifth Avenue. They have no friends, a nanny who takes the place of their parents, and a school year looming ahead that promises to be miserable. And then, one day, Brid, CJ, and Patrick discover an astonishing secret about their apartment: The original owner, the deceased multimillionaire Mr. Post, long ago turned the apartment itself into a giant puzzle containing a mysterious book and hidden panels—a puzzle that, with some luck, courage, and brainpower, will lead to discovering the Post family fortune. Unraveling the mystery causes them to race through today's New York City—and to uncover some long-hidden secrets of the past.

## **Walls Within Walls**

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