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Assignment 6_1_Fiction_Study_&_Selection_Tools

LSC 5505 Core Resources

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A. Citations and summaries for 8 books

Berger, Barbara Helen. All the Way to Lhasa: A Tale from Tibet. New York: Philomel Books, 2002.

A young boy reaches the holy city of Lhasa by walking slowly, reaching it long before a man on his galloping horse.

Dahl, Roald. James and the Giant Peach. Quentin Blake, ill. New York: Puffin Books: The Penguin Group, 1961.

An orphaned boy living with his two, mean aunts is given sack with magic ingredients which he accidentally spills. Soon, a giant peach grows on the backyard tree. Through a series of adventures, including a sea voyage to America with talking insects and worms, he begins a new life with new friends.

Gregory, Kristiana. Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie, 1847. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 1997.

This is a diary of Hattie's long journey from Missouri to Oregon. She writes of her friendships with fellow travelers and their encounters with Indians. The story ends happily she begins her new life in Oregon. The book ends with a historical note and epilogue with maps, pictures, recipes, musical scores, and copies of primary sources.

Park, Linda Sue. Bee-bim Bop!. Ho Baek Lee, ill. New York: Clarion Books, 2005.

In this rhythmic, bouncy tale, a young girl follows her mother from grocery store to kitchen, helping her prepare and eagerly awaiting bee-bim bop, a favorite Korean dish. In the end, the family gathers around the table to eat. A detailed recipe for the dish is provided at the end.

Polacco, Patricia. Chicken Sunday. New York: Philomel Books, 1992.

Children are wrongly accused of throwing eggs at the local shopkeeper. In order to prove that they didn't do it, they give him a present of painted eggs in a basket. The shopkeeper then helps them sell painted eggs, and the children earn enough money to buy Miss Eula a bonnet. The book ends with Miss Eula wearing the hat on Easter Sunday as she sings a solo in the church choir.

Robertson, M.P. The Egg. New York: Phyllis Fogelman Books, 2001.

George takes it upon himself to be the “mommy” to a giant egg that is about to hatch. The egg hatches a dragon, which he must train to do “dragony” things. In the end, after riding on the dragon's back to his home, he is returned to his home, where the dragon thanks him.

Sachar, Louis. Holes. New York: Frances Foster Books: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1998.

Because of the curse that his family feels has been placed on them by a relative, Stanley is wrongly accused of stealing some sneakers and has to go to a camp in a desert. All day, the fellow campers must dig holes. The story involves a rescue, new friendships, and buried treasure. In the end, treasure is found in a suitcase full of jewels. They aren't worth much, but stocks and bank certificates found underneath are, so Stanley buys his family a new house and builds a laboratory.

Wildsmith, Brian. Saint Francis. Grand Rapids: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 1995.

Saint Francis, born into a wealthy home, becomes a devout, traveling pilgrim of the church. He establishes the Franciscan order, and travels to the Holy Land to help stop the fighting. The story ends with his return to the first church he helped to restore in Assisi, Italy, and him passing away.

	titles. As a matter of fact, there were but 12 titles reviewed in the biography section for levels K-5					historical figures. Best to search by subject or keyword A good resource, but not a comprehensive guide for all titles. Frustrating to use: Without having read the article, I wouldn't have known what the website was about or its function for educators.	
Wilson's Children's, Middle & Jr., or Sr. High Catalog	<u>Holes</u>	Juvenile delinquency/Fiction; Friendship/Fiction; Buried treasure/Fiction	<u>We All Fall Down</u> <u>Rumble Fish</u>	7	Number of pages, ISBN, Abstract, notes, subjects, Dewey, Reading level, Doc type, LC control number, update code	Exceptionally organized; reviews are witty, and geared towards educators, option to show full or short display (a great feature!), basic search (rather than advanced) is better to use for title or author search	1
	<u>James and the Giant Peach</u>	Fantasy fiction	<u>Skin Hunger</u> <u>Chaos King</u>	488			
	<u>All the Way to Lhasa: A Tale from Tibet</u>	Folklore/ Tibet (China)	<u>Tibetan Tales for Little Buddhas</u> <u>The Donkey and the Rock</u>	3			
NoveList	<u>All the Way to Lhasa</u>	Yaks Pilgrims and pilgrimages Tibet Folklore -- Tibet Folklore, Chinese	<u>Himalaya</u> <u>The Donkey and the Rock</u>	6	Summary, reading level, ISBN, Dewey, author info, reading level, reviews	Advanced search not available on homepage, extensive subject categories; easy navigation, simple to use.	4

	<u>Chicken Sunday</u>	Stories in rhyme Family Traditions Family Race Relations	<u>Auntee Edna</u> <u>When I am Old With You</u>	17			
What Do I Read Next?	<u>Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie: The Oregon Trail Diary of Hattie Campbell, 1847</u>	American West, Diaries, Frontier and Pioneer Life, Historical, Wilderness Survival	<u>The Sweetwater Run: The Story of Buffalo Bill Cody and the Pony Express</u> <u>Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog's Tale</u>	9 for children 103 for children and YA 1136 for all ages	Time period, setting, subject, genre, age range, major character, recommended similar titles	Nicely designed, easily navigated, user-friendly language, high broadband speed not needed as with WilsonWeb	5
Teaching Books.net	<u>James and the Giant Peach</u>	Middle Grade Fiction, Science Fiction/Fantasy	<u>A Wrinkle in Time</u> <u>Redwall</u>	74	Author programs, book guides, book readings, book guides, thematic book lists, summary, vocabulary words for books. A good resource, but not a comprehensive guide for all titles.	This is primarily a resource site. I would use this if I needed resources for the classroom or library. Web design visually unappealing, especially font buttons further into the site. The site looks unprofessional and poorly designed.	6

C. 1. One Search of Your Own

- tool used:
- keyword and age or grade level chosen
- total number of hits -
- two specific titles found:

Novelist

Burma / Folktales / Younger Kids/Older Kids

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The Wise Washerman: a Folktale from Burma by Froese, Deborah

Asian Tales and Tellers by Spagnoli, Cathy

2. Second Search of Your Own

- tool used
- keyword and age or grade level chosen:
- total number of hits
- two specific titles found

WilsonWeb

**Creative Writing/ Children's Core Collection/
175**

Write Your Own Tall Tale by Rosinsky, N.M

You Can Write a Story!: A Story-Writing Recipe for Kids by Bullard, L., et al.