

Children's Literature to Support a Thinking Curriculum

This is a list of children's literature that may be used to introduce thinking skills. Each of these books was chosen because it asks the reader to use thinking skills to engage with the text. Many of these titles have the potential to be used to introduce or support more than one thinking skill. In some cases they are categorized and in others they are listed because they have more than one thinking skill that they illustrate or support.

Think of the titles as vehicles to support thinking. Suggested uses of the titles include: introduction of the strategy, model of how you might apply a strategy, or a model for a product that represents the strategy.

Fiction

- Anno, Mitsumasa. *Anno's Spain*. (2005). New York: Philomel.
- Campbell, Rod. *Dear Zoo*. (2005). New York: Little Simon/Simon & Schuster.
- Ehlert, Lois. *Color Zoo*. (1989) New York: J. B. Lippincott.
- Funke, Cornelia. *The Princess Knight*. (2004). Illus. Kerstin Meyer. New York: The Chicken House/Scholastic.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. *A House Is a House for Me*. (1978). Illus. Betty Fraser. New York: Scholastic.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Fairytales to Read Together*. (2004). Illus. Micheal Emberley. Boston: Little, Brown & Company.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Stories to Read Together*. (2001). Illus. Micheal Emberley. Boston: Little, Brown & Company.
- Hoberman, Mary Ann. *You Read to Me, I'll Read to You: Very Short Mother Goose Tales to Read Together*. (2005). Illus. Micheal Emberley. Boston: Little, Brown & Company.
- Jonas, Ann. *Round Trip*. (1983). New York: Greenwillow Books.
- Kloske, Geoffrey & Barry Blitt. *Once upon a time, the End (asleep in 60 seconds)*. (2005). New York: Atheneum Books.
- McNulty, Faith. *If You Decide to Go to the Moon*. (2005). Illus. Steven Kellogg. New York: Scholastic Press.
- Nobisso, Josephine. *Show, Don't Tell Secrets of Writing*. (2004). Westhampton Beach: Gingerbread House.
- Park, Linda Sue. *Mung-Mung: A Foldout Book of Animal Sounds*. (2004). Illus. Diane Bigda. Watertown, CT: Charlesbridge Publishing.
- Pinkney, Andrea Davis. *Peggony Po: A Whale of a Tale*. (2006). Illus. Brian Pinkney. New York: Jump at the Sun/Hyperion Books for Children.

Making Analogies

- Bedard, Michael. *Sitting Ducks*. (1998). New York: G. P. Putnam.

Cause and Effect

Numeroff, Laura Joffe. *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*. (1991). Illus. Felica Bond. New York: Laura Geringer/Harper Collins.

Creativity

Freymann, Saxton. *Fast Food*. (2006). Illus. Joost Elffers. New York: Arthur Levine/Scholastic Press.

Perspective

Banyai, Istvan. *Zoom*. (1995). New York: Viking Press.

Banyai, Istvan. *Re-Zoom*. (1995). New York: Viking Press.

Banyai, Istvan. *REM*. (1997). New York: Viking Press.

Banyai, Istvan. *The Other Side*. (2005). San Francisco: Chronicle Books.

Barrett, Judi. *Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing*. (1970). Illus. Ron Barrett. New York: Scholastic.

Blackwood, Gary. *Shakespeare's Scribe*. (2000). New York: Puffin Books.

Cronin, Doreen. *Diary of a Spider*. (2005). Illus. Harry Bliss. New York: HarperCollins Publishers.

Reynolds, Peter. *Ish*. (2004). Boston: Candlewick Press.

Young, Ed. *Seven Blind Mice*. (1992). New York: Philomel.

Visualization

Gonyea, Mark. *A Book about Design Complicated Doesn't Make it Good*. (2005). New York: Henry Holt.

Messenger, Norman. *Imagine*. (2005). Boston: Candlewick Press.

Nilsen, Anna. *Art Auction Mystery*. (2005). New York: Kingfisher Books.

Reinhart, Matthew. *Cinderella*. (2005). New York: Little Simon/Simon & Schuster.

Sabuda, Robert. *Alice in Wonderland*. New York: Little Simon/Simon & Schuster.

Sabuda, Robert & Matthew Reinhart. *Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaurs*. (2005). Boston: Candlewick Press.

Sabuda, Robert & Matthew Reinhart. *Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Sharks*. (2006). Boston: Candlewick Press.

Scieszka, Jon. *Seen Art*. (2005). Illus. Lane Smith. New York: Viking Press.

Poetry

Creech, Sharon. *Love That Dog*. (2001). New York: HarperCollins.

Grandits, John. *Technically, It's Not My Fault*. (2004). New York: Clarion. (concrete poetry)

Janeczko, Paul. *A Poke in the I*. (2001). Illus. Chris Raschka. Boston: Candlewick Press. (concrete poetry)

Janeczko, Paul. *A Kick in the Head: An Everyday Guide to Poetic Forms*. (2005). Illus. Chris Raschka. Boston: Candlewick Press.

Lewis, J. Patrick. *Monumental Verses*. (2005). Washington: National Geographic Society.

Scieszka, Jon. *Science Verse*. (2004). Illus. Lane Smith. New York: Viking Press.

Viorst, Judith. *If I Were In Charge of The World and Other Worries*. (1981). Illus. Lynne Cherry. New York: Aladdin/Simon & Schuster.

Fun with Words

Gwyne, Fred. *The King Who Rained*. (1970). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Gwyne, Fred. *A Chocolate Moose for Dinner*. (1976). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Gwyne, Fred. *The Sixteen Hand Horse*. (1980). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Raschka, Chris. *New York Is English, Chattanooga Is Creek*. (2005). New York: Richard Jackson/Atheneum Books.

Shannon, George. *Tomorrow's Alphabet*. (1996). Illus. Donald Crews. New York: Greenwillow Books.

Steig, William. *CDB!*. (1968). New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.

Steig, William. *CDC?*. (1984). New York: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux.

Sweet, Melissa. *Carmine: A Little More Red*. (2005). Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Nonfiction

Gibbons, Gail. *Owls*. (2005). New York: Holiday House.

Hulme, Joy N. *Wild Fibonacci Nature's Secret Code Revealed*. (2005). Illus. Carol Schwartz. Berkeley, CA: Tricycle Press.

Jackson, Donna. *The Bug Scientists*. (2002). Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Janeczko, Paul. *Top Secret: A Handbook of Codes, Cipher, and Secret Coding*. (2004). Boston: Candlewick Press.

Jenkins, Steve & Robin Page. *I See a Kookaburra! Discovering Animal Habitats Around the World*. (2005). Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Jenkins, S. *Prehistoric Actual Size*. (2005). Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Smith, David. *If the World Were a Village*. (2002). Buffalo, NY: Kids Can Press.

Turner, Pamela S. *Gorilla Doctors Saving Endangered Great Apes*. (2005). Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Biographies

Brown, Don. *Odd Boy Out: Young Albert Einstein*. (2004). Boston: Houghton Mifflin.

Kerley, Barbara. *The Dinosaurs of Waterhouse Hawkins*. (2001). Illus. Brian Selznick. New York: Scholastic Press.

Sis, Peter. *Tree of Life: Charles Darwin*. (2003). New York: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux.

Winter, Jeannette. *The Librarian of Basra: A True Story from Iraq*. (2004). San Diego: Harcourt.