Passages 900 - 1000

1. “Why Maggie,” she said, “Why haven’t you been working on your loops and lines?”

Muggie Maggie

1. There are seventeen different kinds of penguins in the world. The largest is the emperor; the king penguin is the second largest.

Baby Penguins

1. “Are you sure it would be safe for Fetlock?” asked Ms. Harroway, anxiously. “He is so delicate and high strung.”

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle’s Farm

1. The barn was very large. It was very old. It smelled of hay and it smelled of manure. It smelled of the perspiration of tired horses and the wonderful sweet breath of patient cows.

Charlotte’s Web

1. What’s so great about being a pro skateboarder? It’s a life full of gnarly wipeouts, broken bones, hard work, and empty pockets. But if you are lucky enough to make it big, you might get to star in your own video game --- or even meet the President.

Tony Hawk Ride Any Macdonald to the Top

1. “Yow! Yipe! Leave me some hair,” said Ramona, picturing a bald circle around her head. “I’m trying,” said Mr. Quimby.

Ramona and Her Father

1. From their spies, the British learned that the patriots were preparing for action. They had stored arms and gunpowder in the farm village of Concord.

In Their Own Words Paul Revere

1. With hogs ranging in the woods like that, it was hard to know for certain when you’d found them all. But I kept a piece of ear from every pig I marked. I carried the pieces home in my pockets and stuck them on a sharp-pointed stick which I kept hanging in the corn crib.

Old Yeller

1. When Sam’s canoe grounded on the sandy beach next to the camp dock, Lois stepped ashore wearing his slate, his caulk pencil, and his trumpet. About twenty boys rushed down to see what was going on. They could hardly believe their eyes.
2. Old man Cyrus McCafferty lives at the top of High Street. He had lived alone, expect for his cook and servants, as long as anyone could remember. He was so kindly that people often said the angels themselves must have kept him company.

The Angel Tree

1. The fort was at least two miles down the road. At the time, though Elliot had a bicycle, I didn’t, so we walked everywhere. It took longer, but we could cut across fields or through shrub forests off the paved road. Elliot liked this because he could look for more wild birds’ eggs.

The Art of Keeping Cool

1. The cook disappeared. Almost at once she was back again staggering under the weight of an enormous round chocolate cake on a china platter. The cake was fully eighteen inches in diameter and it was covered with dark-brown chocolate icing. “Put it on the table,” the Trunchbull said.

Matilda

1. One day, when Pooh was walking towards this bridge, he was trying to make up a piece of poetry about fir-cones, because there they were, lying about on each side of him, and he felt stingy.

The Complete Tales of Winnie the Pooh

1. “Anne the brooch is gone. By your own admission you were the last person to handle it. Now what have you done with it? Tell me the truth at once. Did you take it out and lose it?”

Anne of Green Gables

1. It’s Christmas in the forest and it is snowing. Hidden in a shelter of boulders under the deep snow is a family of black bears.

True Book - The Adventures of Baby Bear

1. Whiskers began growing out of her face! They were long black whiskers, just like the ones you see on a cat, only much bigger. And how fast they grew! Before we had time to think, they were out to her ears!

The Magic Finger

1. The custodian wiped his thin lips with the back of his hand. Again he leaned on his mop handle and stared down the hall as if studying the classroom door on the far end.

The Classroom at the End of the Hall

1. “Another Wesley, eh?” said Hagrid, glancing at Ron’s freckles. “I spent half my life chasin’ yer twin brothers away from the forest.”

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone

1. Jack and Annie soon discovered that the tree house was magic. It could take them to the places in the books. All they had to do was point to the picture and wish to go there.

Magic Tree House #6 Hour of the Olympics

1. Just about everything happened to me that summer because of Winn-Dixie. For instance, without him, I would never have met Gloria Dump. He was the one who introduced us.

Because of Winn-Dixie

1. “The Star Spangled Banner” is the national anthem of the United States. An anthem is a song of praise. The people of the United States sing “The Star Spangled Banner” to show their pride in and love for their country.

True Book - The National Anthem

1. Leslie liked to make up stories about giants that threatened the peace of Terabithia, but they both know that the real giant in their lives was Janice Avery.

Bridge to Terabithia

1. “I see,” said Mrs. Bernthal, walking back to her desk with the snake dangling from two fingers. She opened the middle drawer of her desk and dropped the snake in.

Robert and the Chocolate Covered Worms

1. Out of her pocket Pippi took a lovely little gold watch and laid it on the desk. The teacher said she couldn’t possibly accept such a valuable gift from Pippi, but Pippi replied, “You’ve got to take it.”

Pippi Longstocking

1. On Election Day, registered voters report to a building called a polling place. Schools, stores, churches, or other buildings are often used as polling places.

True Book - Voting

1. Abel’s work table had some other things on it. I glanced down and saw a pile of drawings that looked familiar. They were Elliot’s airplane series. He must have to decide to bring them to show Abel after all.

The Art of Keeping Cool

1. Fred was a friend of Matilda’s. He was a small boy of six who lived just around the corner from her, and for days he had been going on about this great talking parrot his father had given him.

Matilda

1. Sunny Baudelaire, the youngest, liked to bite things. She was an infant and very small for her age, scarcely larger than a boot. What she lacked in size, however, she make up for with the size and sharpness of her four teeth.

A Series of Unfortunate Events – The Bad Beginning

1. Her mother went back to her picking, but Little Sal, because her feet were tired of standing and walking, sat down in the middle of a large clump of bushes and ate blueberries.

Blueberries for Sal

1. It’s tough for ghosts these days. I tell you, it’s not fair! It used to be so easy to find someone to scare. But nowadays I pop up and sound my spooky cry-and no one even notices. I watch folks rush by.

Monster Mall and Other Spooky Tales

1. “Ha-ha, I get to ride the bus to school all by myself,” Ramona bragged to her big sister, Beatrice, at breakfast. Her stomach felt quivery with excitement at the day ahead.

Ramona Quimby, Age 8

1. There was once a velveteen rabbit, and in the beginning he was really splendid. He was fat and bunchy, as a rabbit should be; his coat was spotted brown and white, he had real thread whiskers.

The Velveteen Rabbit

1. Quickly Kenneth turned the page. Page two revealed another large watercolor painting. This one showed a snow-covered playground. Under the picture were three lines of writing.

The Classroom at the End of the Hall

1. Did you know bears prepare for winter by eating and eating? They may put on over two pounds of fat every day.

The Adventures of Baby Bear

1. “I don’t even have any friends, because I had to leave them all behind when we moved here from Watley. Watley’s up in north Florida. Have you ever been to North Florida?”

Because of Winn-Dixie

1. The first two began dragging their toes to make the finish line. The ground was rutted from the past rains, but had hardened in the late summer drought, so they had to give upon sneaker toes and draw the line with a stick.

Bridge to Terabithia

1. Lucy, on the other team, was up to bat. She hit the ball with a smack that sent it his way. It bounced toward him, and he concentrated on being ready, with the glove open.

Robert and the Chocolate covered Worms

1. There are ways you can get involved in local, state, and national elections, too. Volunteer to put up posters in your neighborhood for your favorite candidate.

True Book – Voting

1. Matilda had enjoyed that. It was lovely doing it. It had felt as though sparks were going round and round inside her head and flashing out of her eyes.

Matilda

1. As the brown chicks grow, they get braver and more curious. Now is the time to wonder and explore. This young male chick is lost in the tall grasses along the colony’s edge. After an hour of searching the tired male finally discovers a path.

Baby Penguins

1. All these ruptured voyages of exploration were made in the odd half hours that she was allowed to play and Ann talked Matthew and Marilla half to death over her discoveries.

Anne of Green Gables

1. I told her. All the while she kept staring at me as If I had lost my mind. Nobody’s eyes can get bigger than my mother’s when she sees something that catches her by surprise. And, of course, the mini bike did.

Dirt Bike Racer

1. Rosalie swiped her bangs aside and grabbed her note cards. Her ponytail swished left and right as she plodded toward the front of the room. “I pray you’re in my ear, little bug,” she muttered under her breath.

The Classroom at the End of the Hall

1. Britain, however, had been at war with France since 1793. In the early 1800s, Britain decided to stop U. S. goods from going to France.

The National Anthem

1. Ron also started teaching Harry wizard chess. This was exactly like Muggle chess expect that the figures were alive, which make it a lot like directing troops in battle. Ron’s set was very old and battered.

Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone

1. “In the night, you can see all the story characters that saved you on your last four missions,” said Morgan. “They are all here: Hercules, the silk weaver, Sarph, the serpent monster, and the Pegasus.”

Magic Tree House #16 Hour of Olympics

1. Christmas was almost a month away, but at Jess’ house the girls were already obsessed with it. This year Ellie and Brenda both had boyfriends at the consolidated high school and the problem of what to give and what to expect from them was the cause of endless speculation and fights.

Bridge to Terabithia

1. Again they focused their eyes on the crystal ball. The earth with its fearful covering of dark shadow swam out of view and they moved rapidly through the Milky Way.

A Wrinkle in Time

1. Julian picked up a deck of cards. He spoke as he shuffled. “If I could repeat one day of my life,” he said, pushing the cards across the table to Noah. “Cut them, please. I would choose the time we were sailing back to England.”

The View from Saturday

1. Word gets around fast. When I walked into school on Monday morning, it was like I was from another planet. Everywhere I went, everybody was looking at me, pointing, and whispering.

The kid Who Ran For President

1. Grandpa pushed the dishes back and, using the fork as a pencil, he drew an imaginary line on the tablecloth. “It’s called the backtracking trick,” he said.

Where the Red Fern Grows

1. Winn-Dixie couldn’t stand to be left alone, we found out real quick. If me and the preacher went off and left him by himself in the trailer, he’d pull all the cushions off the couch and the toilet paper off the roll.

Because of Winn-Dixie

1. The United States has had many different flags during its history. The first official flag, adopted in 1777, had thirteen stars and thirteen stripes.

The National Anthem

1. When Meg woke to the jangling of her alarm clock the wind was still blowing but the sun was shining: the worst of the storm was over. She sat up in bed, shaking her head to clear it.

A Wrinkle in Time

1. That’s not a very promising beginning for a friendship, but Jess and Leslie Burk became inseparable. It doesn’t matter to Jess that Leslie dresses funny, or that her family has a lot of money- but no TV.

Bridge to Terabithia

1. Violet tried to picture Count Olaf as a youngster, but couldn’t. His shiny eyes, boney hands, and shadowy smile all seemed to be things only adults possess. Despite her fear of him, however, she took her spoon in her right hand and began to eat her oatmeal.

A Series of Unfortunate Events – The Bad Beginning

1. Little Bear’s mother heard Sal walking along behind and thought it was Little Bear and she said, “Little Bear,” munch*, munch*, “Eat all you – ‘*gulp,’* can possibly hold!” *swallow.*

Blueberries for Sal

1. Mr. and Mrs. Quimby were good-humored. In fact, everyone was so unnaturally pleasant that Ramona almost wished someone would say something cross.

Ramona Quimby, Age 8

1. “I am the nursery magic Fairy,” she said. “I take care of playthings that the children have loved. When they are old and worn out and the children don’t need them anymore.”

The Velveteen Rabbit

1. There are seventeen different kinds of penguins in the world. The largest is the emperor; the king is the second largest.

Baby Penguins

1. The commissioner reached into the bowl again. He allowed his hand to touch the bottom before spreading his fingers to pick up the next question. “An acronym is defined as a word formed from the initial letters of a series of words. “

The View from Saturday

1. As I stood behind my podium and looked at the President of the United States fifteen feet away, a thought hit me that should have hit me about ten months ago.

The Kid Who Ran For President

1. It is a dark and stormy night. Meg Murry, her small brother Charles Wallace, and their mother are in the kitchen for a midnight snack when the most disturbing visitor arrives.

A Wrinkle in Time

1. Dear Reader, I’m sorry to say that the book you are holding in your hands is extremely unpleasant. It tells an unhappy tale about their very unlucky children. Even though they are charming and clever, the Baudelaire siblings lead lives filled with misery and woe,

A Series of Unfortunate Events – The Bad Beginning

1. Then Mrs. Whaley said, “I hear my little show-off came in with egg in her hair.” She laughed and added, “What a nuisance.”

Ramona Quimby, Age 8

1. “I don’t see how I’m going to eat breakfast,” Anne said rapturously. “Breakfast seems so commonplace at such an exciting moment. I’d rather feast my eyes on that dress. I’m so glad that puffed sleeves are still fashionable.

Ann of Green Gables

1. After a little while Allen came home carrying a large wicker basket. “Here’s a fit from Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle, Mother, and she said to me to be very careful with it.”

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle

1. Then there was the one where she was face down on the neighbor’s driveway, throwing a tantrum, because she did NOT want to get her picture taken. It was no use. Judy could not think of a single thing famous enough for the Moody Hall of Fame.

Judy Moody Gets Famous

1. Jack and Allen didn’t help matters much, picking on me and all. Just something brothers do, I guess. Call you names. Pound on you. And worst of all, ditch you. It’s one thing to get ditched because you’re whiny or slow or a big mouth. It’s another thing to get ditched because you’re a girl.

How I survived Being a Girl

1. Once there were four children whose names were Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy. This story is about something that happened to them when they were sent away from London during the war because of the air-raids.

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

1. It was a rainy-day lunch. Mrs. Kettle, the sixth grade teacher, was in charge. She was the strictest teacher in the whole school. She clapped her hands. “Are you finished eating?” Everyone yelled, “YES.”

The Candy Corn contest

1. Quietly, Rainbow fish led the little striped Fish to safety. “You were really brave,” said the little striped fish. “Thanks for saving my life.” Together they watched as the exhausted shark gave up and swam away.

Rainbow Fish to the Rescue

1. The Quimby family was full of worries. The parents were worried about managing without a car while the new transmission was installed and even more worried about paying for it. Beezus was worried about the party she had been invited to, because boys have also been invited.

Ramona quimby, Age 8

1. When the little rabbit heard that, he was happy, for he knew that what the skin horse has said was true at last. The nursery magic had happened to him, and he was a toy no longer. He was real. The Boy himself had said.

The Velveteen Rabbit

1. King Penguins are one of the deepest diving birds in the world. They can reach depths of 1,000 feet, where the ocean is totally black.

Baby Penguins

1. Anne’s plan was hailed with enthusiasm. The girls had discovered that if the flat were pushed off from the landing place it would drift down with the current under the bridge and finally strand itself on another headland.

Anne of Green Gables

1. I entered the starting gate, started the engine of my bike, and let it warm up by twisting the throttle grip back and forth. I looked at the steep hill in front of me and felt a lump crawl up to my throat.

Dirt Bike Racer

1. “Hi, my name is Judson Moon. I’m twelve years old and I’m running for President of the You-nited States. That’s how I introduced myself to a zillion people last year. I must have kissed a zillion babies, said a zillion hellos and shaken a zillion hands.”

The Kid Who Ran For President

1. “No,” said the Witch. “There need be no flying. Go Quickly. Summon all our people to meet me here speedily as they can.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

1. “The human centipede!” called Judy. She pictured the human centipede in her imagination-growing longer and longer, all wiggly and squiggly with tons of legs, and she, Judy Moody, at the head with biting fangs and poison claws.

Judy Moody Gets Famous

1. “Off my back, children,” shouted Aslan. And they both tumbled off. Then with a roar that shook all of Narnia from the western lamp post to the shores of the eastern sea, the great beast flung himself upon the White Witch.

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

1. The first cheerleaders had to hand make their pompoms, crinkling flat strips of paper a few strips at a time. It took several hours to make just one!

Cheerleading for Fun

1. A large man with a blue uniform followed Amelia Bedelia into the gym. “Oh, no,” said Mrs. Rogers. “This man isn’t the conductor!” “He sure is,” said Amelia Bedelia. “Look at his uniform.”

Bravo, Amelia Bedelia

1. At first all the birds were just too stunned to speak. But finally a jay blurted out, “It’s a freak! Just look! The thing is half lion, half eagle. I’m sure that it must be unsafe or illegal.”

The Pinkish, Purplish, Bluish, Egg

1. It’s strange indeed how memories can lie dormant in a man’s mind for so many years. Yet those memories can be awakened and brought forth fresh and new, just by something you’ve seen, or something you’ve heard, or the sight of an old familiar face.

Where the Red Fern Grows

1. After a while it stopped raining and the sun came out and Marylou took her suitcase and went home. That night her mother almost fainted when she came out of the kitchen exactly twenty-seven minutes after dinner and Marylou was sweeping the floor and all the dishes were washed and dried.

Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle

1. “So which one of you is the patient?” asked a tall man with the red beard in a long white coat. Frank held up his little blue sausage of a finger. “Ouch!” said the man. “How’d this happen?”

Judy Moody Gets Famous

1. You can see it in the glowing smile that cheerleaders wear whenever they perform. It’s a smile that’s catching and makes sports fans stand up and cheer. It sends a message of support to the home team. It’s a reminder to every member of the new squad of the good times.

Cheerleading for Fun

1. Out of the doors the sun shone in a clear blue sky. It was one of those radiant September days that make you feel like walking in the woods. Pip had an idea. “Let’s take Mr. Nilsson and go on a picnic.” “Oh, yes, let’s,” cried Tommy and Annika.

Pippi Longstocking

1. The old grey donkey, Eeyore, stood by himself in a thistly corner of the forest, his front feet well apart, his head on one side, and thought about things. Sometimes he thought sadly to himself.

The Complete Tails of Winnie the Pooh

1. Ralph was so excited that he promptly forgot to make the noise. The motorcycle stopped. Ralph starts it again. This time he remembered to keep making the noise.

The Mouse and the Motorcycle

1. The night Max wore his wolf suit and make mischief of one kind and another. His mother called him “Wild Thing!” And Max said, “I’ll eat you up!” so he was sent to bed without eating anything.

Where the Wild Things Are

1. Back in the main hall, Mr. Dart helped Stanley climb up into the empty picture frame. Stanley was able to stay in place because Mr. Dart had cleverly put four small spikes in the wall, one for each hand and foot.

Flat Stanley

1. “We’re in good shape,” said Emily. “Good luck. May the best team win.” She left, carrying a big load of books in her arms. She was probably memorizing all kinds of facts, too.

Robert and the Three Wishes

1. Last Sunday, when I used to be rich, Cathy around the corner, had a garage sale. I positively only went to look. I looked at a half-melted candle. I needed that candle. I looked at a bear with one eye. I needed that bear. I looked at a deck of cards that was perfect except for no seven of clubs and no two of diamonds. I didn’t need that seven or two.

Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday

1. Alex closed her eyes and tried to think what it would be like to be the oldest. No handy downs. No teachers telling you how happy they are to have you because of your brother or sister. No brush on the dresser when you couldn’t find yours. No interesting big-sister things to show your friends. A *real* babysitter when your parents were out.

The T.F. Letters

1. Long ago, the United States was made up of thirteen small colonies. Many of the early settlers, or colonists, thought of England as their “mother country.” They were proud to have come from England, and they felt a great loyalty to the British king.

Magic Tree House #22 Revolutionary War on Wednesday

1. Sarah’s chickens were not afraid, and they settled like small red bundles in the hay. Papa closed the door at last, shutting out some of the sounds of the storm. The barn was eerie and half lighted, like dusk without a lantern. Papa spread blankets around our shoulders and Sarah unpacked a bag of cheese and bread and jam. At the very bottom of the bag were Sarah’s shells.

Sarah, Plain and Tall

1. It was very dark in the main hall. A little bit of moonlight came through the windows and Stanley could just make out the world’s most expensive painting on the opposite wall. He felt as though the bearded man with the violin and the lady on the couch and the half-horse person and the winged children were all waiting, as he was, for something to happen.

Flat Stanley: His Original Adventure!

1. It finally struck Charles that his little bit of a brother would always be in danger. He could easily be stepped on by a donkey, even by his own dear mother. He could drown in a bucket of milk, get eaten by a thoughtless cat, or be seriously injured by a field mouse who was feeling his onions.

The Toy Brother

1. Congratulations on reading 1000! You are a MEGA PHRASE/PARAGRAPH Super-Star Achiever at O’Roarke Elementary! You are now free to go forth and read more about the stories you have read a little bit from. Good for you and may your thirst for knowledge never cease!