



Books for Gifted Children with Gifted Characters

- *Molly Rose Baxter...An Almost Perfect Girl* by Rosemary Callard-Szulgit
- *Oliver K. Brand...A Very Kind and Intelligent Boy* by Rosemary Callard-Szulgit
- *Archibald Frisby* by Michael Chesworth
- *Matilda* by Roald Dahl
- *Weslandia* by Paul Fleischmann
- *Little Zebra is Gifted* by Corinne Grandclement
- *Harriet the Spy* by Louise Fitzhugh
- *The Great Brain* by John D. Fitzgerald
- *Ida B and Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World* by Katherine Hannigan
- *Amazing Grace* by Mary Hoffman
- *There Were Those* by Nathan Levy
- *Frederick* by Leo Lionni
- *The Remarkable Farkle McBride* by John Lithgow
- *Rachel Parker, Kindergarten Show Off* by Ann Martin
- *Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker
- *Dogs Don't Tell Jokes* by Louis Sachar
- *Some Day Angeline* by Louis Sachar
- *Encyclopedia Brown* series by Donald J. Sobol
- *The Mysterious Benedict Society* series by Trenton Lee Stewart
- *What Do You Do With an Idea?* by Kobi Yamada
- *Millicent Min, Girl Genius* by Lisa Yee

Other resources: www.hoagiesgifted.org/reading_lists.htm

Websites with Reading Materials and Activities

- Columbus Metropolitan Library - <http://www.columbuslibrary.org/>
- Internet Public Library - <http://www.ipl.org/div/kidspace/>
- Wonderopolis - <http://wonderopolis.org/>
- TedEd - <http://ed.ted.com/lessons>
- Dogo News - <https://www.dogonews.com/>
- Tween Tribune - <http://tweentribune.com/category/junior/>
- Kids News - <http://htekidsnews.com/>
- Newsela - <https://e.newsela.com/>
- YoungZine - <http://www.youngzine.org/>
- Into the Book - <http://reading.ecb.org/>
- Storyline - <http://www.storylineonline.net/>
- Book Adventure - <http://www.bookadventure.com/home.aspx>
- Book Flix - <http://bkflix.grolier.com/>
- InfOhio - <https://www.infohio.org/students/er/grade/gk5>
- Guys Read - <http://www.guysread.com/>
- Detective Game - <http://www.pspb.org/blueribbon/games/detective/DetectiveGame.html>
- International Children's Digital Library - <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>



Questions to Dig Deeper When Reading

Details

- Describe the characters (or setting)
- What were the important events?



Language

- What were some interesting words in the story? How were they used in a sentence?
- Were there interesting patterns in the language of the story?
- Were there any words you didn't know? What do you think they mean?



Multiple Perspectives

- Who is telling the story? How would the story be different if told by a different character?
- How does the storyteller's (author or character) experiences influence the way the story is told?
- Describe a specific event from the perspective of a person in a related career.



Patterns

- What patterns did you notice?
- Were you able to predict what would happen?
- Did any events repeat in this story?



Trends

- Are there patterns or attributes or sequences of events similar to those you have read in other books by this author or in the genre? (ie. Common among fairy tales or books by Dr. Seuss)
- What do you notice is the same or different about books written during the same time period?



Changes Over Time

- What changes did the character(s) experience?
- What caused changes in the story timeline or setting?
- How would the story be different if it took place earlier in history? Later in history?



Big Idea

- What is the big idea or theme of the story?
- Is there a lesson in the story/chapter?
- Can you think of another story that has the same big idea?



Ethics

- What is the problem in the story?
- What are the different choices the characters could make?
- What are the pros and cons of those choices?



Connections Across Disciplines

- How does this story relate to something you have experienced in your life?
- Is this story related to something else you have read? In what way?
- Does this story contradict something else you have learned or read? In what way?



Unanswered Questions

- What do you wonder after reading the story?
- If you were to meet the author, what questions would you ask him/her about the story?
- If you could talk to a character, who would you talk to and what would you want to know?
- If you could visit the time or place of the story, what would you want to see or experience more?

