

# Holt Literature 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocabulary

## Collection 1 “Telling Stories”

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Plot
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Preposition and Support
- Elements of Plot Madeline Travers Hovland
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Summarizing the Plot: Retelling: Kylene Beers

### **The Wise Old Woman** (Traditional Japanese retold by Yoshiko Uchida)

- No Vocabulary or additional words for this story

### **The Broken Chain** (Short Story by Gary Soto)

1. apparent- visible
2. sullen- grumpy; resentful
3. impulse urge
4. retrieved-got back
5. emerged came out

### **Road Warriors, Listen Up** (Informational Text by Madeline Travers Hovland)

- No Vocabulary

### **Flowers for Algernon** (Short Story Daniel Keyes)

1. misled – fooled; led to believe something wrong
2. tangible- capable of being seen or felt
3. refute- prove wrong using evidence
4. invariably – always
5. regression–return to an earlier or less advanced condition
6. obscure– hide
7. deterioration- used, worsening; decline
8. hypothesis- theory to be proved
9. introspective looking inward

### **Memory a Matter of Brains and Brawn** (Informational Text by Luran Neergaard)

1. inevitable- unavoidable
2. crucial- highly important
3. provocative- stirring up feelings and thoughts
4. irrevocably- a way that cannot be undone or changed
5. cognitive- having to do with the process of knowing and being able to remember.

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## **The Landlady** (Short Story by Roald Dahl)

- No Vocabulary

## **The Monkey's Paw** (Short Story by W.W. Jacobs)

- No Vocabulary

## **The Third Wish** (Short Story by Joan Aiken)

- No Vocabulary or Additional Words

## **The Open Window** (Short Story by Saki)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Those Three Wishes** (Short Story by Judith Gorog)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Letter to Councilman Duane** (Student Letter by Hannah Fleury)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 2 “Do the Right Thing”**

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Character
- Informational Reading Focus: Comparing and Contrasting Texts
- Elements of Characters: John Leggett
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Comparing and Contrasting: Kylene Beers

## **Thanksgiving: A Meal Without Forks and Other Feast Facts** (by Kylene Beers)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **(From) Harriet Tubman Conductor of the Underground Railroad** (Biography by Ann Petry)

1. fugitive – people fleeing from danger
2. incomprehensible- impossible to understand
3. incentive- reason to do something; motivation
4. dispel scatter; drive away
5. eloquence ability to write or speak gracefully and convincingly

## **Go Down Moses** (Anonymous, African American Spiritual)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **The Fugitive Slave Acts of 1793 and 1850** (Summary by Flo Ota De Lange)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Barbara Frietchie** (Narrative Poem by John Greenleaf Whittier)

1. staff – pole
2. tread- step
3. rent tore
4. stirred- woke up

## **Too Soon a Woman** (Short Story by Dorothy M. Johnson)

1. skimpy less than enough
2. grudging reluctant; unwilling
3. gaunt very thin and bony
4. rummaged searched through the contents of a box, drawer, and so on
5. savoring – enjoying with great delight

## **Union Pacific Poster**

- No Vocabulary Words for this story

## **Home Sweet Soddie** (by Flo Ota De Lange)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Mrs. Flowers from I Know Why Caged Birds Sing** (Autobiography by Maya Angelou)

1. taut – tightly stretched
2. benign – kindly
3. Infuse – fill
4. Intolerant – unwilling to accept something
5. Illiteracy- inability to read or write

## **Mrs. Flowers's Recipes (Informational Text)**

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Historical Data About the Battle of Shiloh** (History)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **“Drumbeats and Bullets”** (by Jim Murphy History)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **“The Drummer Boy of Shiloh** (Short Story by Ray Bradbury)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **How I Came to Write “The Drummer Boy of Shiloh”** (Comment by Ray Bradbury)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Green Gulch** (Autobiography by Loren Eiseley)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **My Parents** (Poem by Stephen Spender)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **(From) No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War** (Autobiography by Anita Lobel)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Fragment on Slavery, 1854** (Notes from Abraham Lincoln)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **From What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?** (Speech Excerpt from Frederick Douglass)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 3 “Being There”**

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Setting and Its Influence on Mood and Tone
- Informational Reading Focus: Understanding Text Structures
- Elements of Literature: Setting By Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Making Inferences By Kyleene Beers

## **The Green Mamba** (True Narrative by Roald Dahl)

- No Vocabulary

## **In Trouble from Woodsong** (True Narrative by Gary Paulsen)

1. steeped– filled with
2. alleviate – relieve
3. contention – conflict
4. exaltation- great joy
5. chagrin – embarrassment

## **Fast, Strong and Friendly Too** (Article by Flo Ota De Lange)

- No Vocabulary Words for this story

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## **There Will Come Soft Rains** (Short Story by Ray Bradbury)

1. paranoia – mental disorder that causes people to feel unreasonable distrust and suspicion
2. cavorting- leaping about
3. tremulous trembling
4. oblivious unaware
5. sublime majestic; grand

## **Destination Mars** (Magazine Article by Aline Alexander Newman)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Circuit** (Short Story by Francisco Jimenez)

1. circuit – regular route of person doing a certain job
2. detect – discover; notice
3. populated – lived in
4. drone – continuous buzzing sound
5. Instinctively- automatically

## **Cesar Chavez: He Made a Difference** (Article by Flo De Lange)

- No Vocabulary Words for this story

## **Picking Strawberries: Could You Do It?** (Article by Flo De Lange)

- No Vocabulary Words for this story

## **Ray Bradbury Author Study**

- From Ray Bradbury Is On Fire ( Interview by James Hibberd)
- The Flying Machine (Short Story by Ray Bradbury)
- The Dragon (Graphic Story by Ray Bradbury)
- The Fog Horn (Short Story by Ray Bradbury)

## **Shipwreck At the Bottom of the World** (History by Jennifer Armstrong)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **From the Cay** (Novel Excerpt by Theodore Taylor)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## Collection 4 “Forms of Fiction”

- Literary Focus: Identifying and Analyzing Theme
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Main Idea
- Elements of Literature: Forms of Fiction Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: When the Words Are Tough: Kyleene Beers

### **The People Could Fly** (Folk tale by Virginia Hamilton)

- No Vocabulary Words for this story

### **The Diary of Anne Frank** (The Play by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett)

1. conspicuous – noticeable
2. unabashed– unembarrassed
3. loathe– hate
4. indignantly-with anger caused by something felt to be unjust
5. fortify – strengthen
6. zeal – great enthusiasm; devotion to a cause
7. tyranny – cruel and unjust use of power
8. gingerly- cautiously
9. ostentatiously- in a showy way
10. appalled - horrified

### **The Diary of Anne Frank** (The Diary by Anne Frank)

- No Vocabulary Words

### **A Tragedy Revealed: A Heroine’s Last Days** (Magazine Article by Ernst Schabel)

1. indomitable- unconquerable
2. annihilation- complete destruction
3. refuge- a place of safety
4. reconciliations – acts of making up after arguments.
5. inexplicable – incapable of being explained
6. dispirited – sad and discouraged
7. premonition – feeling that something bad will happen
8. emaciated- extremely thin, as from starvation or illness
9. raucous – loud and rough
10. clamorous – loud and demanding

### **Walking With Living Feet** (Student Essay by Dora Horn)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **Camp Harmony From Nisei Daughter** (Autobiography by Monica Sone)

1. tersely – briefly and clearly
2. laconically with few words
3. breach – opening
4. riveted – fastened; held tightly
5. vigil – watch

## **In Response to Executive Order 9066** (Poem by Dwight Okita)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Gettysburg Address** (Speech by Abraham Lincoln)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **(From) I Have A Dream** (Speech by Martin Luther King Jr.)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Power of Non Violence** (John Lewis, interviewed by Joan Morrison and Robert K. Morrison)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The New Colossus** (Poem by Emma Lazarus)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Refugee in America** (Poem by Langston Hughes)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The First Americans** (Speech- Historical Document by the Grand Council Fire of American Indians)

- No Vocabulary Words for this story

## **First Stop Ellis Island** (Photo Essay by Janet Bode)

- No Vocabulary Words for this story

## **Coming to America** (From New Kids on the Block: Oral Histories of Immigrant Teens-Janet Bode)

- No Vocabulary Words or Additional Words for this story

## **The Dog and the Wolf** (Fable from Aesop)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Puppy** (Fable by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## Collection 5 “A Matter of Style”

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Literary Devices and Style
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Unsupported Inferences and Fallacious Reasoning
- Elements of Literature: Elements of Style by Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Fallacious Reasoning: Kylene Beers

### Green Eggs and Ham (Poem by Dr. Seuss)

- No Vocabulary Words

### Who are you, little i (Poem by E.E. Cummings)

- No Vocabulary Words

### Fame is a bee (Poem by Emily Dickinson)

- No Vocabulary Words

### Edgar Allen Poe His Life Revealed (Article by Kylene Beers)

- No Vocabulary Words

### The Tell Tale Heart (Short Story by Edgar Allen Poe)

1. acute– sharp
2. vexed - disturbed
3. sagacity - intelligence and good judgment
4. refrained – held back
5. wary – cautious
6. suavity- smooth manner
7. audacity- boldness
8. vehemently- forcefully
9. gesticulations – energetic gestures
10. derision- ridicule

### Raymond’s Run (Short Story by Toni Cade Bambara)

- No Vocabulary Words

### Olympic Games (From the World Book Encyclopedia)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **The Old Olympic Games** (A Report: Anonymous)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **My Mother Pieced Quilts** (Poem by Teresa Palomo Acosta)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Sweater/Sueter** (Poem by Alberto Forcada)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **A word is dead** (Poem by Emily Dickinson)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Word/ La palabra** (Poem by Manuel Ulacia)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Brer rabbit and Brer Lion** (Folk Tale Retold by Julius Lester)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Ransom of Red Chief** (Short Story by O'Henry)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Brer Possum's Dilemma** (A Traditional African American, retold by Jackie Torrence)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Gil's Furniture Bought and Sold** (by Sandra Cisneros)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 6 "Poetry: Sound and Sense"**

- Literary Focus: Analyzing Poetry
- Informational Reading Focus: Analyzing Summaries
- Elements of Literature: Poetry by Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: How to Read a Poem by Kyleene Beers

## **Riding Lesson** (Poem by Henry Taylor)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **Introduction to Poetry** (Poem by Billy Collins)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

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**Valentine for Ernest Mann** (Poem by Naomi Shihab Nye)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

**Paul Revere's Ride** (Poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

**The Cremation of Sam McGee** (Poem by Robert W. Service)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

**The Dying Cowboy** (Poem by Anonymous)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

**Maiden –Savin' Sam** (Poem by Jenny Ellison)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

**(From) Beowulf** Translated by Burton Raffel)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

**Casey at Bat** (Poem by Ernest Lawrence Thayer)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

**Summaries of Casey at Bat** (Analyzing Summaries)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

**Ode a las gracias/Ode to Thank (Poem)** by Pablo Neruda)

- No Vocabulary Words

**Birdfoot's Grampa** (Poem by Joseph Bruchac)

- No Vocabulary Words

**Ode to a Toad** (Student Poem by Anne-Marie Wulfsberg)

- No Vocabulary Words

**On The Grasshopper and the Cricket** (Poem by John Keats)

- No Vocabulary Words

**O Captain, My Captain** (Poem by Walt Whitman)

- No Vocabulary Words

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## **I Hear America Singing** (Poem by Walt Whitman)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **I, Too** (Poem by Langston Hughes)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Langston Hughes** (A Biography and Summary)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Grandma Ling** (Poem by Amy Ling)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Legacy II** (Poem Leroy V. Quintana)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **The Naming of Cats** (Poem by T.S. Eliot)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **I've Heard Said** (Poem by Julia Alvarez)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Oranges** (Poem by Gary Soto)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Oranges** (Summary)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 7 “Literary Criticism: A Biographical Approach”**

- Literary Focus: Interpreting a Literary Work
- Elements of Literature: Analyzing Texts for Logic and Coherence
- Literary Criticism by Mara Rockliff
- Reading Skills and Strategies: Taking a Biographical Approach to Literary Criticism

## **I Never saw a moor** (Poem by Emily Dickinson)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Robert Frost**

- No Vocabulary Words

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### “Out, Out---“ (by Robert Frost)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

### Ribbons (Short Story by Lawrence Yep)

1. harassed- troubled, bothered
2. laborious – hard; difficult
3. exotic – foreign; strange in a fascinating way.
4. exertion- hard work or effort
5. exile – living away from one’s country or community.

### Getting to the Pointe (Article by Sheri Henderson)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

### The Treasure of Lemon Brown (Short Story by Walter Dean Myers)

1. impromptu- unplanned
2. tentatively – in an uncertain or hesitant way
3. intently – with close attention
4. brittle – having a sharp, hard quality, ready to break
5. ominous – threatening

### Little Walter (Article by Studs Terkel)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

### A Smart Cookie/Bien aguila (Short Story by Sandra Cisneros)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

### Saying Yes (Poem by Diana Chang)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

### Saying Yes

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

### The Medicine Bag (Short Story by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

### An Hour with Abuelo (Short Story by Judith Ortiz Cofer)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

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## **The Old Grandfather and His Little Grandson** (Folk Tale retold by Leo Tolstoy)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **Just Enough Is Plenty A Hanukkah Tale** (Short Story by Barbara Diamond Goldin)

- No Vocabulary or Story Words

## **Blasting Through Bedrock: The Central Pacific Railroad Workers** (Article by Flo Ota De Lange)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Collection 8 “Reading for Life”**

- Informational Focus: Using Documents to Solve a Problem, Analyzing Consumer Materials, Explaining How to Use Technical Devices

## **Tools of the Trade (from the Newspaper Designer’s Handbook)** (Technical Document by Tim Harrower)

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Skateboard Park Documents**

- Memorandum (Office Memo)
- The City Beat (Newspaper Article)
- Discount Coupon (Coupon)
- From Consumer Product Safety Commission Document 93 (Public Document)

## **Leash Free Dog Run Documents**

- Southpaws (Website)
- Letter from Southpaws (Business Letter)

## **WarpSpeedNet Documents**

- With WarpSpeedNet You Get What You Want, Now (Advertisement)
- Service Agreement (Contract)
- Welcome to SpeedWarpNet (Instructions)
- Limited Warranty (Warranty)

## **Sweet Player Documents**

- Sweet Player: The Best Free MP3 in Town! (Advertisement)
- Download Directions (Web Site Instructions)
- Software User’s Agreement (Contract)
- Limited Warranty (Warranty)

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## **Technical Directions**

- No Vocabulary Words

## **Analyzing Persuasive Techniques** (Informational Text)

- No Vocabulary or Additional Words for story