



Earn a commemorative certificate in recognition of your outstanding achievement and get an Excellence in Reading T-shirt, too!

The Mensa Foundation recognizes and encourages education, gifted youth and lifelong learning through programs like the Mensa for Kids Web site and other activities.

To encourage the joy of reading, the Foundation has developed the Mensa for Kids Excellence in Reading Award Program!

Acknowledging the value of the National Endowment for the Humanities' appreciation of classic literature for young people, the Mensa Foundation is providing a year-round challenge to kids of all ages based on the NEH's "Summertime Reading" list.

To participate in the Mensa for Kids Excellence in Reading Award Program, follow these steps:

1. Find the grade-level segment that best fits your reading level from the list of books provided. You'll receive recognition for each segment read! Remember to read to the level of your *ability*, regardless of your age or grade level.
2. Print the appropriate segment and track each book you read.
3. Once you've completed an entire segment list, you and a parent will need to sign the list as verification and return it *and* the order form to the Mensa Foundation at the address provided. Once we've received your signed list, we'll send you an award certificate and T-shirt! Please allow 4-6 weeks for delivery.

Important questions answered

- *Can parents read aloud to their child? Does that count?*
Yes! The books may be read aloud. Kids can also listen to audio books or read the books online.
- *Can teenagers receive rewards for the lower grade segments?*
Yes! We recommend that kids begin at the reading level best for them and then move forward or backward in the list.
- *Are there additional prizes?*
Everyone who completes a segment list will be awarded a certificate and a Mensa for Kids T-shirt for the first segment completed. Additional segments will be recognized with certificates. This is not a competition, though, and there are no monetary prizes.
- *What if it says "series"? Do participants have to read all of them?*
Yes. That's why this is a tremendous accomplishment, worthy of recognition.

One final note: Parents should exercise care when selecting an appropriate volume of the assigned reading; original versions of some older fables and tales may be inappropriate for small children.

List 1: Kindergarten through Grade 3

Please check off each box as the book, series, or compilation is completed.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alexander and the Terrible, No Good, Very Bad Day – Viorst, Judith <input type="checkbox"/> All-of-a-Kind Family – Taylor, Sydney <input type="checkbox"/> Amelia Bedelia – Parish, Peggy <input type="checkbox"/> Anansi the Spider – McDermott, Gerald <input type="checkbox"/> Bedtime for Frances – Hoban, Russell <input type="checkbox"/> Blueberries for Sal – McCloskey, Robert <input type="checkbox"/> The Cabin Faced West – Fritz, Jean <input type="checkbox"/> The Carrot Seed – Krauss, Ruth <input type="checkbox"/> The Cat in the Hat – Seuss, Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Charlotte's Web – White, E.B. <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs – Barrett, Judy <input type="checkbox"/> Corduroy – Freeman, Don <input type="checkbox"/> The Cricket in Times Square – Selden, George <input type="checkbox"/> Curious George – Rey, H.A. <input type="checkbox"/> The Dot – Reynolds, Peter <input type="checkbox"/> Freckle Juice – Blume, Judy <input type="checkbox"/> Frederick – Lionni, Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Frog and Toad Are Friends – Lobel, Arnold <input type="checkbox"/> The Garden of Abdul Gasazi – Van Allsburg, Chris <input type="checkbox"/> George and Martha – Marshall, James <input type="checkbox"/> Goodnight, Moon – Brown, Margaret Wise <input type="checkbox"/> Harry the Dirty Dog – Zion, Gene <input type="checkbox"/> How the Leopard Got His Claws – Achebe, Chinua <input type="checkbox"/> The Hundred Dresses – Estes, Eleanor <input type="checkbox"/> I Want My Hat Back – Klassen, Jon <input type="checkbox"/> If I Never Forever Endeavor – Meade, Holly <input type="checkbox"/> Leo the Late Bloomer – Kraus, Robert <input type="checkbox"/> The Little Engine That Could – Piper, Watty <input type="checkbox"/> Little House on the Prairie – Wilder, Laura Ingalls <input type="checkbox"/> Little Toot – Gramatky, Hardie <input type="checkbox"/> The Littles – Peterson, John <input type="checkbox"/> Madeline – Bemelmans, Ludwig <input type="checkbox"/> Make Way for Ducklings – McCloskey, Robert | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel – Burton, Virginia Lee <input type="checkbox"/> Millions of Cats – Gag, Wanda <input type="checkbox"/> The Mouse and the Motorcycle – Cleary, Beverly <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. Popper's Penguins – Atwater, Richard and Florence <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh – O'Brien, Robert <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Revere's Ride – Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth <input type="checkbox"/> The Polar Express – Chris Van Allsburg <input type="checkbox"/> Peppe the Lamplighter – Bartone, Elisa <input type="checkbox"/> Pippi Longstocking – Lindgren, Astrid <input type="checkbox"/> Put Me in the Zoo – Lopshire, Robert <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit Hill – Lawson, Robert <input type="checkbox"/> Ramona Quimby, Age 8 – Cleary, Beverly <input type="checkbox"/> The Quiltmaker's Gift – Brumbeau, Jeff <input type="checkbox"/> The Reluctant Dragon – Grahame, Kenneth <input type="checkbox"/> Sam the Minuteman – Benchley, Nathaniel <input type="checkbox"/> Sarah, Plain and Tall – MacLachlan, Patricia <input type="checkbox"/> Shiloh – Naylor, Phyllis Reynolds <input type="checkbox"/> The Snowy Day – Keats, Ezra Jack <input type="checkbox"/> The Stinky Cheese Man & Other Fairly Stupid Tales – Scieszka, Jon <input type="checkbox"/> Stone Soup – Brown, Marcia <input type="checkbox"/> Tale of Despereaux – DiCamillo, Kate <input type="checkbox"/> The Story of Babar – Brunhoff, Jean de <input type="checkbox"/> The Story of Ferdinand – Leaf, Munro <input type="checkbox"/> Strega Nona – dePaola, Tomie <input type="checkbox"/> Stellaluna – Cannon, Janell <input type="checkbox"/> Sylvester and the Magic Pebble – Steig, William <input type="checkbox"/> The Tale of Peter Rabbit – Potter, Beatrix <input type="checkbox"/> The Three Little Pigs – Galdone, Paul <input type="checkbox"/> Tikki Tikki Tembo – Mosel, Arlene <input type="checkbox"/> Where the Wild Things Are – Sendak, Maurice <input type="checkbox"/> Winnie-the-Pooh – Milne, A.A. |
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List 2: Grades 4–6

Please check off each box as the book, series, or compilation is completed.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Alice in Wonderland - Carroll, Lewis <input type="checkbox"/> Anne of Green Gables – Montgomery, L.M. <input type="checkbox"/> Ben and Me – Lawson, Robert <input type="checkbox"/> Betsy-Tacy – Lovelace, Maud Hart <input type="checkbox"/> Black Beauty – Sewell, Anna <input type="checkbox"/> The Black Stallion – Farley, Walter <input type="checkbox"/> The Borrowers – Norton, Mary <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge to Terabithia – Paterson, Katherine <input type="checkbox"/> Caddie Woodlawn – Brink, Carol Ryrie <input type="checkbox"/> Cheaper by the Dozen – Gilbreth, Frank <input type="checkbox"/> The Children of Green Knowe – Boston, L.M. <input type="checkbox"/> Chronicles of Prydain – Alexander, Lloyd
(entire series as listed below) <input type="checkbox"/> The Book of Three <input type="checkbox"/> The Black Cauldron <input type="checkbox"/> The Castle of Llyr <input type="checkbox"/> Taran Wanderer <input type="checkbox"/> The High King <input type="checkbox"/> The Complete Chronicles of Narnia –
Lewis, C.S. (entire series as listed below) <input type="checkbox"/> The Magician’s Nephew <input type="checkbox"/> The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe <input type="checkbox"/> The Horse and his Boy <input type="checkbox"/> Prince Caspian: The Return to Narnia <input type="checkbox"/> The Voyage of the Dawn Treader <input type="checkbox"/> The Silver Chair <input type="checkbox"/> The Last Battle <input type="checkbox"/> The Complete Fairy Tales (all eleven tales)
– Perrault, Charles <input type="checkbox"/> The Dark is Rising Sequence –
Cooper, Susan (entire series as listed below) <input type="checkbox"/> Over Sea, Under Stone <input type="checkbox"/> The Dark Is Rising <input type="checkbox"/> Greenwitch <input type="checkbox"/> The Grey King <input type="checkbox"/> Silver on the Tree. <input type="checkbox"/> D’Aulaire’s Book of Greek Myths –
d’Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar <input type="checkbox"/> D’Aulaire’s Book of Norse Myths –
d’Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A Dog on Barkham Street – Stolz, Mary <input type="checkbox"/> The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate – Kelly,
Jacqueline <input type="checkbox"/> From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E.
Frankweiler – Konigsburg, E.L. <input type="checkbox"/> Gentle Ben – Morey, Walt <input type="checkbox"/> Hatchet – Paulsen, Gary <input type="checkbox"/> Hans Brinker, or The Silver Skates –
Dodge, Mary Mapes <input type="checkbox"/> Harriet the Spy – Fitzhugh, Louise <input type="checkbox"/> Heidi – Spyri, Johanna <input type="checkbox"/> Homer Price – McCloskey, Robert <input type="checkbox"/> The House of Dies Drear – Hamilton,
Virginia <input type="checkbox"/> The Jungle Book – Kipling, Rudyard <input type="checkbox"/> Lad: A Dog – Terhune, Albert Payson <input type="checkbox"/> Lassie Come Home – Knight, Eric <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Poppins – Travers, Pamela I. <input type="checkbox"/> Matilda – Dahl, Roald <input type="checkbox"/> The Matchlock Gun – Edmonds, Walter D. <input type="checkbox"/> Misty of Chincoteague – Henry, Marguerite <input type="checkbox"/> The Moffats – Estes, Eleanor <input type="checkbox"/> My Side of the Mountain – George, Jeanne
Craighead <input type="checkbox"/> The Pushcart War – Merrill, Jean <input type="checkbox"/> The Railway Children – Nesbit, E. <input type="checkbox"/> Redwall – Jacques, Brian <input type="checkbox"/> The Rescuers – Sharp, Margery <input type="checkbox"/> Roller Skates – Sawyer, Ruth <input type="checkbox"/> The Secret Garden – Burnett, France
Hodgson <input type="checkbox"/> Strawberry Girl – Lenski, Lois <input type="checkbox"/> The Summer of the Swans – Byers, Betsy <input type="checkbox"/> Swiss Family Robinson – Wyss, Johann <input type="checkbox"/> The Twenty-One Balloons – du Bois,
William Pene <input type="checkbox"/> The Wonderful Wizard of Oz – Baum,
L. Frank <input type="checkbox"/> Thimble Summer – Enright, Elizabeth <input type="checkbox"/> Tuck Everlasting – Babbitt, Natalie |
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List 3: Grades 7–8

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- Across Five Aprils** – Hunt, Irene
- Adventures of Sherlock Holmes** – Doyle, Arthur Conan
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer** – Twain, Mark
- The Bridge of San Luis Rey** – Wilder, Thornton
- Call it Courage** – Sperry, Armstrong
- The Call of the Wild** – London, Jack
- A Christmas Carol** – Dickens, Charles
- The Count of Monte Cristo** – Dumas, Alexander
- A Day No Pigs Would Die** – Peck, Robert Newton
- Diary of a Young Girl** – Frank, Anne
- Dragonwings** – Yep, Laurence
- Enchantress from the Stars** – Engdahl, Sylvia Louise
- The Endless Steppe** – Hautzig, Esther
- Fahrenheit 451** – Bradbury, Ray
- Frankenstein** – Shelley, Mary
- The Ghost Belonged to Me** – Peck, Richard
- The Giver** – Lowry, Lois
- Goodbye, Mr. Chips** – Hilton, James
- The Hobbit** – Tolkien, J.R.R.
- The Hunchback of Notre Dame** – Hugo, Victor
- Incident at Hawk’s Hill** – Eckert, Allan W.
- Island of the Blue Dolphins** – O’Dell, Scott
- Ivanhoe** – Scott, Sir Walter
- Jacob Have I Loved** – Paterson, Katherine
- Johnny Tremain** – Forbes, Esther
- Journey to Topaz** – Uchida, Yoshiko
- Julie of the Wolves** – George, Jeanne Craighead
- Kim** – Kipling, Rudyard
- The Last Mission** – Mazer, Harry
- The Last of the Mohicans** – Cooper, James Fenimore
- Le Morte d’Arthur** – Malory, Sir Thomas
- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow** – Irving, Washington
- The Little Prince** – Saint-Exupery, Antoine de
- Little Women** – Alcott, Louisa May
- The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood** – Pyle, Howard
- My Friend Flicka** – O’Hara, Mary
- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass** – Douglass, Frederick
- National Velvet** – Bagnold, Enid
- The Outsiders** – Hinton, S.E.
- The Pigman** – Zindel, Paul
- The Pilgrim’s Progress** – Bunyan, John
- The Red Pony** – Steinbeck, John
- Rifles for Watie** – Keith, Harold
- Rip van Winkle** – Irving, Washington
- Robinson Crusoe** – Defoe, Daniel
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry** – Tylor, Mildred D.
- Shane** – Schaefer, Jack
- Story of My Life** – Keller, Helen
- A Stranger Came Ashore** – Hunter, Mollie
- Tales from Shakespeare** – Lamb, Charles & Mary
- The Thurber Carnival** – Thurber, James
- The Witch of Blackbird Pond** – Speare, Elizabeth George
- Treasure Island** – Stevenson, Robert Louis
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn** – Smith, Betty
- 20,000 Leagues under the Sea** – Verne, Jules
- The Upstairs Room** – Reiss, Johanna
- War of the Worlds** – Wells, H.G.
- Where the Red Fern Grows** – Rawls, Wilson
- The White Mountains** – Christopher, John
- A Wizard of Earthsea** – LeGuin, Ursula K.
- A Wrinkle in Time** – L’Engle, Madeleine
- The Yearling** – Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan

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List 4: Grades 9–12

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- Abraham Lincoln** – Sandburg, Carl
 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Twain, Mark
 The Aeneid – Virgil
 Against all Hope – Valladares, Armando
 The Age of Innocence – Wharton, Edith
 All Quiet on the Western Front – Remarque, Erich
 All the King's Men – Warren, Robert Penn
 An American Tragedy – Dreiser, Theodore
 Animal Farm – Orwell, George
 Anna Karenina – Tolstoy, Leo
 The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin – Franklin, Benjamin
 Babbitt – Lewis, Sinclair
 Barchester Towers – Trollope, Anthony
 Beowulf – Anonymous
 Brave New World – Huxley, Aldous
 The Caine Mutiny – Wouk, Herman
 Candide – Voltaire
 The Canterbury Tales – Chaucer, Geoffrey
 The Catcher in the Rye – Salinger, J.D.
 The Cherry Orchard – Chekhov, Anton
 The Chosen – Potok, Chaim
 Collected Short Stories – Welty, Eudora
 The Concise Columbia Book of Poetry
 Crime and Punishment – Dostoevsky, Fyodor
 The Crucible – Miller, Arthur
 The Cruel Sea – Monsarrat, Nicholas
 Cyrano de Bergerac – Rostand, Edmond
 Darkness at Noon – Koestler, Arthur
 A Death in the Family – Agee, James
 The Divine Comedy – Dante
 Doctor Zhivago – Pasternak, Boris
 A Doll's House – Ibsen, Henrik
 Don Quixote – Cervantes, Miguel de
 Fathers and Sons – Turgenev, Ivan
 Dr. Faustus – Marlowe, Christopher
 For Whom the Bell Tolls – Hemingway, Ernest
 The Forsyte Saga – Galsworthy, John
 The Fountainhead – Rand, Ayn
 Go Tell It on the Mountain – Baldwin, James
 The Good Earth – Buck, Pearl
 Great Expectations – Dickens, Charles
 The Great Gatsby – Fitzgerald, F. Scott
 Gulliver's Travels – Swift, Jonathan
 Hamlet – Shakespeare, William
 A Handful of Dust – Waugh, Evelyn
 The Heart is a Lonely Hunter – McCullers, Carson
 How Green Was My Valley – Llewellyn, Richard
 I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings – Angelou, Maya
 I, Claudius – Graves, Robert
 Inherit the Wind – Lawrence, Jerome and Robert E. Lee
 Invisible Man – Ellison, Ralph
 The Iliad – Homer
 Jane Eyre – Brontë, Charlotte
 The Jungle – Sinclair, Upton
 King Lear – Shakespeare, William
 Les Misérables – Hugo, Victor
 Long Day's Journey into Night – O'Neill, Eugene
 Look Homeward, Angel – Wolfe, Thomas
 Lord Jim – Conrad, Joseph
 Lord of the Flies – Golding, William
 The Lord of the Rings Trilogy – Tolkien, J.R.R.
 Madame Bovary – Flaubert, Gustave
 The Magic Mountain – Mann, Thomas
 A Man for All Seasons – Bolt, Robert
 Moby-Dick – Melville, Herman
 Moll Flanders – Defoe, Daniel
 The Moonstone – Collins, Wilkie
 Much Ado About Nothing – Shakespeare, William
 Murder in the Cathedral – Eliot, T.S.
 My Ántonia – Cather, Willa
 Native Son – Wright, Richard
 Night – Wiesel, Elie
 The Nine Tailors – Sayers, Dorothy
 1984 – Orwell, George
 The Odyssey – Homer
 Oedipus Rex – Sophocles
 Of Human Bondage – Maugham, Somerset
 Of Mice and Men – Steinbeck, John
 The Once and Future King – White, T.H.
 One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich – Solzhenitsyn, Alexander
 Our Town – Wilder, Thornton

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- A Passage to India*** – Forster, E.M.
- The Picture of Dorian Gray*** – Wilde, Oscar
- Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*** – Joyce, James
- The Power and the Glory*** – Greene, Graham
- Pride and Prejudice*** – Austen, Jane
- Profiles in Courage*** – Kennedy, John F.
- Pygmalion*** – Shaw, George Bernard
- Rabbit, Run*** – Updike, John
- The Red Badge of Courage*** – Crane, Stephen
- The Scarlet Letter*** – Hawthorne, Nathaniel
- The School for Scandal*** – Sheridan, Richard B.
- Short Stories** – Poe, Edgar Allan
- Silas Marner*** – Eliot, George
- A Single Pebble*** – Hersey, John
- Sonnets*** – Shakespeare, William
- Sons and Lovers*** – Lawrence, D.H.
- The Sound and the Fury*** – Faulkner, William
- Steppenwolf*** – Hesse, Hermann
- The Best Short Stories of O. Henry*** (Modern Library Edition) – Henry, O.
- The Stranger*** – Camus, Albert
- A Streetcar Named Desire*** – Williams, Tennessee
- Tess of the D'Urbervilles*** – Hardy, Thomas
- A Town Like Alice*** – Shute, Nevil
- Their Eyes Were Watching God*** – Hurston, Zora Neale
- Things Fall Apart*** – Achebe, Chinua
- To Kill a Mockingbird*** – Lee, Harper
- To the Lighthouse*** – Woolf, Virginia
- Tom Jones*** – Fielding, Henry
- The Trial*** – Kafka, Franz
- The Turn of the Screw*** – James, Henry
- Uncle Tom's Cabin*** – Stowe, Harriet Beecher
- Vanity Fair*** – Thackeray, William M.
- Villette*** – Brontë, Charlotte
- Walden*** – Thoreau, Henry David
- Wuthering Heights*** – Brontë, Emily

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Gifted youth's full name		Mensa member # (if applicable)
Address, city, state, ZIP code		
Email address	Phone # () -	
Youth's name to appear on certificate		Youth's shirt size (if requested) <input type="checkbox"/> 4T <input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> Adult S <input type="checkbox"/> Adult M
Parent's name		Mensa member # (if applicable)
Email address, if different from above		

- I would like to subscribe to the *BRIGHT* newsletter for smart kids. Mensa For Kids' *Bright* is the smartest monthly eNewsletter for kids ages 6-10 and includes fun games, puzzles, activities and factoids specially selected to encourage children to learn, explore and think outside the box.
- I would like email updates about the Mensa Foundation and its activities.
- I would like email updates about American Mensa.