

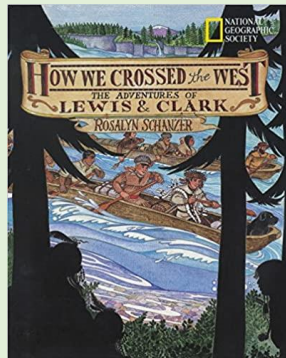


Summer Reading Assignments for Rising 5th Graders

Welcome to Fifth Grade Humanities!

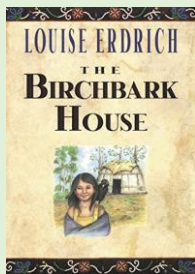
Bring your two books and your writing assignment to school with you on the first full day of classes. Know the texts well enough to easily locate relevant information in the text and participate in classroom discussions.

1. All incoming 5th Graders must read:



[How We Crossed the West: The Adventures of Lewis and Clark](#), Rosalyn Schanzer.

2. All incoming 5th Graders will also read one of the following:

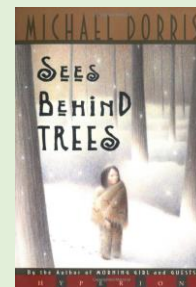


[The Birchbark House](#), Louise Erdrich

If you read *The Birchbark House*, choose *one* and complete:

Write a character diary entry from the perspective of Omakayas, the main character in *The Birchbark House*. Reflect on her experiences, challenges, and emotions throughout the story.

Imagine you are Omakayas' best friend. Write a letter to her, sharing your thoughts about her life's challenges and offering support and encouragement.



[Sees Behind Trees](#), Michael Dorris

If you read *Sees Behind Trees*, choose *one* and complete:

Write a character diary entry from the perspective of Walnut, the main character in *Sees Behind Trees*. Reflect on his experiences, challenges, and personal growth throughout the story.

Imagine you are Walnut's guide and mentor, Old Woman. Write a letter to him, offering advice and encouragement as he embarks on his journey to discover his true strength.