

Blossom & Root Year 4 Language Arts Literature List

Mythology | The Hero's Journey | Finding Your Voice

Required Selections

- *Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH* by Robert C. O'Brien
- *A Child's Introduction to Greek Mythology* by Heather Alexander
- *Echo Mountain* by Lauren Wolk
- *Ramayana: Divine Loophole* by Sanjay Patel
- *Finding Langston* by Lesa Cline-Ransome
- *Poetry for Young People: Langston Hughes* Edited by David Roessel and Arnold Rampersad
- *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky* by Kwame Mbalia
- *They Call Me Güero: A Border Kid's Poems* by David Bowles
- *A Wrinkle in Time* by Madeleine L'Engle
- *D'Aulaire's Book of Norse Myths* by Ingri d'Aulaire, Edgar Parin d'Aulaire
- *A Wish in the Dark* by Christina Soontornvat

Optional Additional Selections

These books are optional, and are accounted for in the curriculum guide if you choose to add them, with recommended chapters or selections to read each week:

- Optional additional selection to read during Greek mythology unit : *The Lightning Thief* (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1) by Rick Riordan
- Optional additional selection to read during Norse mythology unit: *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman
- Optional additional poetry selections (weeks 1 - 15): *Poetry for Kids: Emily Dickinson* edited by Susan Snively
- Optional additional poetry selections (weeks 24 - 36): *Hip-Hop Speaks to Children: A Celebration of Poetry with a Beat* by Nikki Giovanni

