

Group A – Year 3/4

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The big black book sat on the shelf. Teddy picked the book up and started to read it. He gasped and put the book back on the shelf immediately. The book was about vampires sucking blood! Then Teddy found a book about dinosaurs and Teddy obviously started to read it. Then he saw an awkward-shaped book, so he was intrigued and began reading. Suddenly, it pressed him, and it took him to a dark room.

When Teddy entered the room, the books started racing across the floor as if they were alive! Teddy looked at them, shocked, but they didn't have a face. He started to laugh and thought, "Well, that explains why they were bumping into each other." Then Teddy saw something glistening in the distance; it was a golden book...

2) *As Rueben turned the final page of the ancient leather-bound book, a gust of wind swept through his room, causing the pages to flutter wildly. Startled, he stumbled backwards, only to find himself standing at the edge of a dense, mysterious forest. Towering trees with gnarled branches reached out like skeletal fingers, their leafy canopies blocking out the sunlight. The air was thick with an eerie silence, broken only by the distant hoot of an owl. With a mixture of curiosity and trepidation, Rueben took his first step into the foreboding forest...*

As Reuben wandered along, he saw something rustling in the bush. He went even closer to the bush, and then it came out. Reuben said, "Please don't hurt me. I don't want to die," cried Reuben. Then the monster said, "I'm not going to hurt you."

"Welcome to Dream-Linking Land, where your dreams are here," Yasmeen said. "Reuben, that's my name. How did you get here, and what brings you here?" Reuben replied, "I don't know, and I'm looking for Ayah and Maya." Yasmeen said, "Oh, they rule this kingdom. It's getting dark and late. Let's go back to our house and get ready for bed."

"Good morning," said Yasmeen. "What time is it?" asked Reuben. "8:30. Ready for an adventure!"

3) *Elara loved reading more than anything. She spent every spare moment lost in the pages of a book. One day, while browsing in a dusty antique shop, she stumbled upon a peculiar book bound in shimmering silver. Ignoring the shopkeeper's warnings, she bought it. That night, as she began to read, the words seemed to glow... and then the letters started crawling off the page...*

Suddenly, everything went black. The next thing she knew, she was in a magical field where lots of unicorns and pegasi stood, which shone like the sun. "Wow, this is amazing," Elara said. Another pegasus landed. "Wow!" Elara shouted. She stroked some unicorns, and then one started speaking to her and said, "Hop on my back." The pegasus led her to a library with trillions of books with sparkling covers. She quickly spotted a rainbow sparkly one and grabbed it. She opened it. The first thing she saw was a girl called Aubrey...

4) *The books had minds of their own. This was no ordinary library. Books about knights and castles would gallop all over the library, bravely and boldly ordering the other books around. The books about thieves would sneak around, lurking behind bookshelves in the shadows. Books about wild animals would occasionally roar and bite other books,*

and this was the day of the strike. So, it all started on one sunny morning—oh, wait, it was a dark, gloomy night. At a house next to a hill, there lived a girl wide awake, thinking about a book in a black, magical library. The girl was called Sarah Rich. Then she had a nightmare and knew something was wrong, so she went to the one

place she knew, but it knew her: the library, the intelligent library. So, Sarah got up and dressed, then crept down the stairs and said, "To the library!" When she got there, Sarah started to open a book, then remembered what the librarian had told her...

"At midnight, do not read a book, or something very bad will happen." But all of a sudden, ding! It was midnight, so Sarah opened a book, and thieves were surrounding her and said, "Put your hands up, you're coming with us."

Group B – Years 3/4

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Every night, when the cold breeze swept through, he set off. Everyone was asleep, no one to be heard. He read the best books and unleashed their powers. He was the biggest book thief ever. He was determined to read every book and take them. At the break of day, he slept. NO ONE ever realized the disappearing books. The next night, he crept as always. Finally, he found his treasure, his secret. The one book destined to be found by ancient people HAD FINALLY BEEN FOUND! But when he touched it... POOF! It was gone; his only treasure was GONE!

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It was an old book from hundreds of years ago, and ghosts could have gone into the book and then become the letters. Elara shouted for her mum and dad, and her mum and dad ran straight upstairs. "What happened?" said Mum. "All the letters came out of my brand new book, and now they are starting to eat me," replied Elara. "Wait, oh no!"

Her parents stopped for a second. Elara got sucked into the book. "Come back, Elara, come back to us," shouted her mum and dad. It turned out Elara was now in the ghosts' lair. She whispered to herself, "I need to get out of here."

One minute later... She saw her friend Ben. Perhaps he got the same book and also got sucked in. He was also trapped in a ghost trap. "Hi," said Elara. "I can get you out of here." She found a super ball. It was the ghosts'. It was a Mario mushroom. Perhaps Mario was here as well. He was also in a trap... Elara ate the mushroom; she became big and strong. She saved the day. The End.

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But we need to go back to the start to see what really happened. There was a boy called Finn. He devoured every book in the library, but his classmates still called him dumb. He decided the smartest move was to read more books. But something he didn't realize was that every time he flipped a page, the words would disappear. When he finally realized his superpower, he burned all the books.

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As Reuben wandered along this deep, dark path, he saw something rustling in a bush. He ignored it, but as soon as he turned around, he ran. He saw a terrifying, big monster. Then, Reuben ran, boosting like a leopard along the path.

He soon saw a haunted house and went inside. "I think I lost him," he panted. Then, he heard a creaking sound and saw red, glowing eyes. It was a panther. Reuben was scared.

He remembered that he had a phone, so he called Samuel, Bryan, and Chester for backup. As soon as they heard Reuben needed help, they geared up in a fully enchanted netherite set, slashing at the panther's body. To be continued...

Group C – Years 3/4

1) *With books replaced by digital screens, only one bookstore remained. It was a tiny, cluttered shop run by an old woman named Agnes. People whispered that Agnes held the key to saving the lost art of storytelling. When a young boy named Kai wandered into her shop, he discovered that Agnes's books were more than just stories; they were portals that went into the past...*

where books were made by people again. When Kai went into the portal, it was like he was in a story. "What in the world is this?" Kai replied. No one could touch or hear him say anything; his words passed over people's heads as they were talking. When Kai went into a shop, he saw the same woman in the shop with lots of books in her hands. No one in the future would go into her shop, but in the past, many people were coming, but they could not buy any books because they were expensive.

2) *In Barrowtown, books were forbidden. There was a strict penalty for anyone caught reading. When Ayla wandered off on another of her adventures in the woods that morning, little did she know she was about to make an extraordinary discovery.*

One time, when Ayla wandered off to the library, she grabbed a book and opened it slowly as the magic came to her. Suddenly, an alarm went off. "What was that?" She needed to check it before it got even louder! Then, Ayla saw a magical key, and she knew what to do. She wondered what it was for until she saw a golden key. She went to check what it was for until she saw a golden door; she knew she had to open it. Then, her magical key fell to the ground and disappeared slowly. "Oh no!"

3) Old quills were passed down generations to tell and write stories. However, a single quill was crafted from the rarest, mythical griffin of all. Legend said whoever wrote with it could hear its whispers. When young Finn uncovered it in his grandfather's attic, he was excited, yet he didn't realize it was the Quill of Whispers. As he started to write, the feather started to whisper as well. It told secrets long gone and stories told centuries ago. Finn began to retell these stories, word by word. Millions of pages were written weekly, a story retold again.

4) In a world where books were everywhere, lived an 18-year-old girl named Athena. Athena loved reading. Her favorite book was *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*. One day, at the best book shop in town, she

discovered a new book called *The Wolf Trials*. When she got home, she opened the book and discovered it had a portal inside. She stepped through it! On the other side, she found herself in a forest.

Group D – Years 3/4

1) As Reuben turned the final page, out of the foreboding forest came a charging phoenix, flying over and breathing fire. Reuben was shocked, since no one had ever seen a phoenix because of how rare it was. He was so curious, he followed it. Now, he's been led to the dark forest! He knew it was dangerous, but he carried on following. He saw golden apples growing on trees. After a while, he saw an evil ice dragon! The ice dragon was flying around the entire dark forest. He was so scared. Was he alone? The dragon saw the boy!

2) One day, in a town called Maple Street, books were banned. Yes, banned. Legend says a man named Lucas was beheaded for reading in front of the queen. All libraries were shut down in 2013 because the princess's mother died and the king was dead. But she was only 12, so she was not very sensible. The queen loved books, but the princess hated her. When the queen died, the princess took advantage and banned books. However, one day a witch completely unbanned them. Now, everyone is happy.

3) As the little girl sat cross-legged on her bedroom floor, engrossed in her favorite book, something strange began to happen. As her eyes scanned the words, they flickered and then began to vanish into thin air. Worried, she blinked twice, hoping it was a trick of her tired eyes. Yet, the disappearance continued, leaving behind only empty white spaces.

“No, this can't be happening,” Evelyn said, desperately grasping her book. “Noooooo! Aaarrgghh!” She was suddenly sucked into a portal. “Ow!” Evelyn cried, rubbing her head as she landed in a dark, damp forest. “Where am I?” Evelyn asked, but no response came back. “Awkward and empty,” a little voice said. “Go on an adventure.”

“I wonder what adventure I'm going to go on,” Evelyn wondered. A gnome suddenly appeared. “You are going to fill in the pages of your book,” the gnome said. “You have no choice.”

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As Reuben took his first steps into the foreboding forest, he noticed this was no ordinary forest. There was more hooting from the owl. Reuben still had the book, so he tried to open the last page of the ancient leather-bound book, but another gust of wind swept through the forest. Then, he tried once more to open the last page, and when he opened it, he was immediately back in his room. All the words came to life, and when he finished reading, he said, “I want a book like this!” Reuben loved it! He loved the book!