Required Texts

Write Source Grade 8 by David Kemper, Patrick Sebranek, Verne Meyer; Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishers, 2012. ISBN: 978-0547-485041

Vocabulary Virtuoso: PSAT-SAT Book 1, by Nancy Forderer, Critical Thinking Company, 2018. ISBN: 978-1601-449368

Also, students should have access to an age-appropriate dictionary and thesaurus; at the parents' discretion, they may use online sites such as dictionary.com and thesaurus.com.

Novels: Any version is fine unless otherwise specified

(Parents may decide to purchase these or use your local library, if you can keep the book for at least 3-4 weeks and have it at the needed time.)

- The Land by Mildred Taylor
- The Extraordinary Education of Nicholas Benedict by Trenton Lee Stewart
- A version of the Iliad and the Odyssey by Homer, such as: Black Ships Before Troy and The Wanderings of Odysseus by Rosemary Sutcliff (Laurel Leaf 2005) OR The Trojan War and The Adventures of Ulysses by Bernard Evslin OR the version by Gillian Cross and Neil Packer.
- A version of Beowulf such as: Beowful by Michael Morpurgo (Candewick, 2015) OR Beowulf: Dragonslayer by Rosemary Sutcliff (Red Fox Classics 2001 or Heinemann 1961) OR Beowulf: A New Telling by Robert Nye (Laurel Leaf 1968) OR Beowulf: An Updated Verse Translation by Frederick Rebsamen (Harper Perennial Classics 2004)
- The Story of King Arthur and His Knights by Howard Pyle (Be sure it is NOT an abridged or child's version, but the original, such as Sterling Classics 2005, Barnes & Noble 2011, Dover Classics 1965, or Scribner 1954 Note: If the book is less than 200 pages, it is probably not correct) OR King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table by Roger Lancelyn Green (Puffin Classics 2008) OR The Sword and the Circle by Rosemary Sutcliff (also part of The King Arthur Trilogy)