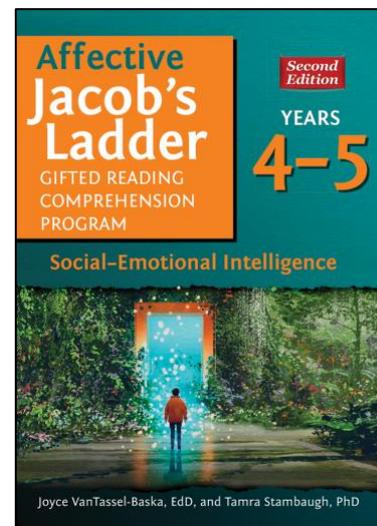


Affective Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program, Years 4–5, 2nd Edition

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Summary

The *Affective Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program* uses a models approach to scaffold student learning and promote inquiry-based discussions of texts. This series of Jacob's Ladder books focuses specifically on supporting advanced students' social–emotional needs through the discussion of reading selections in the following genres: short stories and media, poetry, and speeches, essays and biographies.

Using the same critical-thinking ladder framework, students move from lower- to higher-level skills of self-awareness, metacognition and goal-setting. The books include high-interest readings, poems and connections to videos and songs that integrate reading comprehension and analysis skills with affective and social–emotional needs, as students are asked to apply themes, character or real-life experiences, and lessons from texts to their own lives. New ladders were specifically designed for this series and derived from relevant theories about empathy, risk and resilience, achievement motivation, and mindsets and practices for cultivating talent.

Each book in the *Affective Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program* comprehensively engages with the Language, Literature and Literacy strands of the Australian Curriculum: English, as well as touching upon aspects of Humanities and Social Sciences, Mathematics and Science instruction in non-fiction passages across the series. Through completing the activities in *Affective Jacob's Ladder* students will learn to comprehend and analyse any reading passage, and demonstrate improvement in reading comprehension and critical thinking skills, as well as an increased interest in reading.

The *Affective Jacob's Ladder* guides provide teachers with an explanation of the nature and substance of the theoretical constructs for each ladder. Also included are an overview of the goals and objectives of each ladder and suggestions for how to implement the ladders in the classroom in a way that supports students' academic and social–emotional needs at the same time.

Other Resources

- *Affective Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program, Years 6–8, 2nd Edition* (PRU6715)