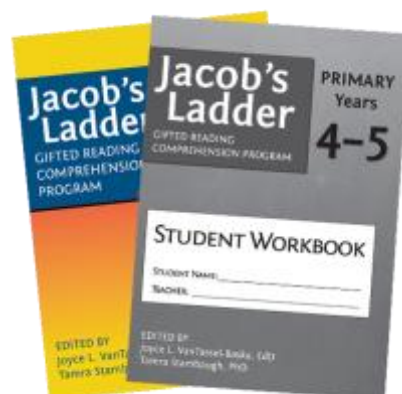


Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Primary Years 4–5 + Student Workbook

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Summary

Jacob's Ladder is a reading comprehension program for gifted students that spans from early primary to early secondary instruction. Students progress through an inquiry process based on targeted reading passages that emphasise the progressive, ongoing development of higher-order thinking skills that are relevant across the curriculum. This field-tested method of moving from basic understanding to critical analysis of text was developed by the Center for Gifted Education at the College of William and Mary.

Each book in the *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 nonfiction passages across the series. Through completing the activities in *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 Short Stories section of this book includes fables and myths, as well as contributions by students in the same year level as those reading the book. The Poetry selections include works by students, as well as pieces by well-known poets. Nonfiction selections touch on the areas of Science, Mathematics and History. This book is suggested for students in years 4 and 5 to enhance reading comprehension and critical thinking.

Jacob's Ladder Primary (Years 4–5) tasks are organised into four skill ladders: A-D. Each ladder focuses on a different skill. Students "climb" each ladder by answering lower-level questions before moving to higher-level questions or rungs at the top of each ladder. Each ladder stands alone and focuses on a separate critical thinking component in reading.

The workbook in this set complements the *Jacob's Ladder Primary (Years 4–5)* book by providing a matching, all-in-one resource for students to record their answers to each exercise. This allows the teacher to keep all of the student's work in the program in one place for ease of collection, reading and marking. Corresponding to the activities, students read high-interest passages, then complete skill ladders connected to the readings to move them from lower-order, concrete thinking skills to higher-order, critical thinking skills. The ladders include multiple skills necessary for academic success, covering English skills such as sequencing, cause and effect, classification, making generalisations, inference, and recognising themes and concepts.

Other Books in this Program

- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Early Primary Years, F–I* (PRU6890)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Primary Years, 2–3* (PRU6913)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Primary Years, 5–6* (PRU7026)