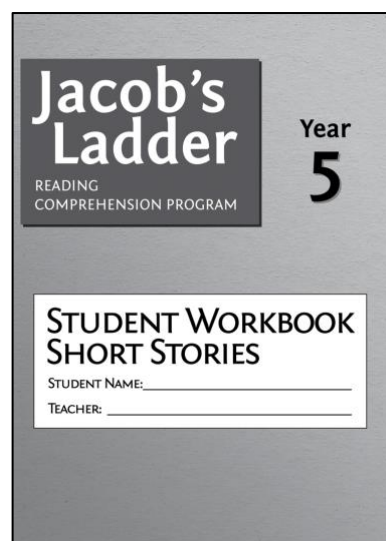


# Jacob's Ladder Student Workbook: Year 5, Short Stories, 2nd Edition

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## Summary

The *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program* targets reading comprehension skills in high-ability learners by moving students through an inquiry process from basic understanding to critical analyses of texts, using a field-tested method developed by the Center for Gifted Education at William & Mary. Students in Year 5 will learn to comprehend and analyse any reading passage after completing the short stories activities in *Jacob's Ladder, Year 5 (2nd ed.)*.

Corresponding to the activities in *Jacob's Ladder, Year 5 (2nd ed.)*, students read high-interest passages, then complete skill ladders connected to the readings to move them from concrete thinking skills to higher-order, critical-thinking skills. The ladders include multiple skills necessary for academic success, covering English curricular goals such as sequencing, determining cause and effect, classifying, inferencing and recognising main ideas. The second edition of the book builds off the previous edition, including new readings and ladders for student use.

## Other Resources

- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program, Year 5* (PRU7248)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program Student Workbook: Year 5, Nonfiction and Essays/Speeches, 2nd Edition* (PRU9380)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program Student Workbook: Year 5, Nonfiction and Essays/Speeches (Set of 5), 2nd Edition* (PRU9381)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program Student Workbook: Year 5, Poetry, 2nd Edition* (PRU9399)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program Student Workbook: Year 5, Poetry (Set of 5), 2nd Edition* (PRU9400)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program Student Workbook: Year 5, Short Stories (Set of 5), 2nd Edition* (PRU6941)