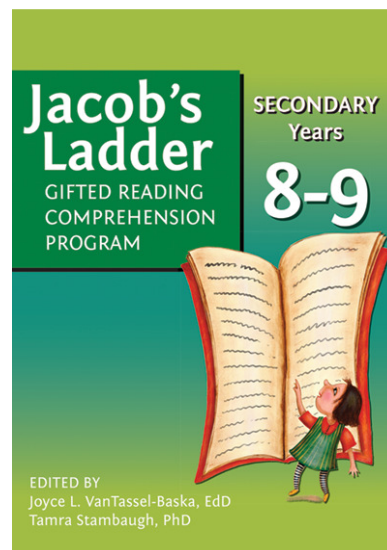


Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Secondary Years, 8–9

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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.

This book breaks into three sections. The Short Stories section in *Jacob's Ladder, Secondary (Years 8–9)* includes works by famous authors, many classics, among them stories by Edgar Allan Poe, Oscar Wilde and Virginia Woolf. Poetry is drawn from selections by well-known poets, including Yeats, Wordsworth, Tennyson and Shelley. The four works in the Biographies section give details of the lives of Ada Lovelace, Marie Curie, Emily Dickinson and Margaret Mead.

Suggested for students in years 8–9 to enhance reading comprehension and critical thinking, tasks at this level are organised into six skill ladders: A–F. 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.

Other Books in this Program

- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Secondary Years, 7–8* (PRU6944)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Primary Years, 4–5* (PRU6920)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Primary Years, 5–6* (PRU6937)