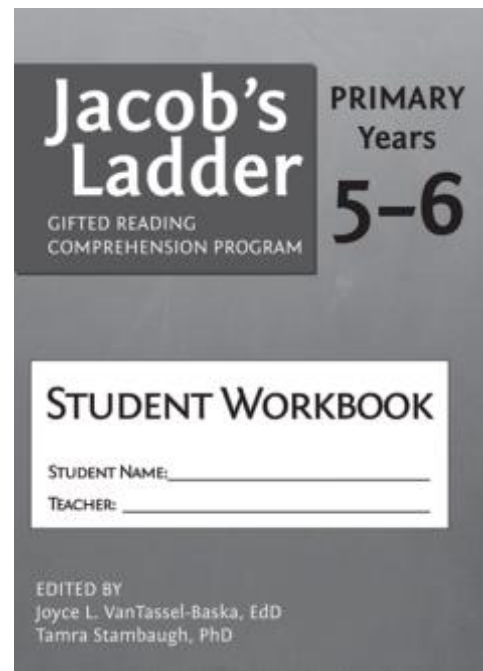


# Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Student Workbook Years 5–6

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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.

This workbook complements the *Jacob's Ladder: Primary Years 5–6* 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.

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.

## Other Books in this Program

- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Early Primary Years, F–1* (PRU6890)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Primary Years, 2–3* (PRU6913)
- *Jacob's Ladder Gifted Reading Comprehension Program: Primary Years, 4–5* (PRU6920)