

MODG History Recommendations by Year

Helpful Notes:

1. Those books with extremely low numbers are picture books or poems. The length of time to read them depends less on the word count and more on how much you linger over them. Also, the D'Aulaire biographies are picture books and will take longer than projected below.
2. When I couldn't find the exact word count or reading level, I estimated based on the range of the rest of the books in the series. Any time I did this, the word count and minutes are shaded on the chart below. Really darkened lines are books that are WAY out of print.

So that you know where the numbers came from:

D'Aulaire biographies generally range from 3100-6400 words, usually closer to the high end.

Early Landmark books generally range from 4500-5700 words.

Mattern's books (4th grade) generally range from 3000-3500 words

Vision Books are in the 32000-42000 range.

Landmark Books are in the 24000-27000 range.

Childhood of Famous Americans books range from 20000-30000 words.

SECOND GRADE	LEVEL	AUTHOR	SUBJECT	YEAR	WORDS	Read aloud
						Minutes
<i>Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims</i>	3	Bulla, Clyde Robert	Pilgrims	2,3	11706	73
<i>Paul Revere's Ride</i>	5.6	Longfellow	Revere	2,3,5	978	6
<i>Ben Franklin</i>	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri	Franklin	2,3	6105	38
<i>Abraham Lincoln</i>	5.2	D'Aulaire, Ingri	Lincoln	2,3	6108	38
<i>Buffalo Bill</i>	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri	West	2	5000	31
<i>George Washington</i>	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri	Washington	2,3,4	3396	21
<i>Pocahontas</i>	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri	Pocahontas	2,3	5000	31
<i>Meet Thomas Jefferson</i>	3.5	Barrett, Marvin	Jefferson	2,3	5000	31

THIRD GRADE	LEVEL	AUTHOR	SUBJECT	YEAR	WORDS	Read Aloud
						Minutes
<i>Leif the Lucky</i> (option 1)	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri*	Viking	3,4	5000	31
<i>Christopher Columbus</i>	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri*	Columbus	3,4	3396	21
<i>Three Ships Come Sailing</i>	?	Waring	Columbus	3	?	?
<i>Pocahontas</i> (option 1)	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri*	Pocahontas	2,3	5000	31
<i>If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620</i>	4.2	McGovern, Ann	Pilgrims	3,4	5939	37
<i>Squanto, Friend of the Pilgrims</i>	3	Bulla, Clyde Robert	Pilgrims	2,3	11706	73
<i>The Courage of Sarah Noble</i>	3.9	Dalgliesh, Alice	Colonial	3	6667	42
<i>Visiting a Village</i>	5.2	Kalman, Bobbie	Colonial	3	3691	23
<i>Life in a Colonial Town</i>	3.9	Isaacs, Sally Senzell	Colonial	3	2808	18
<i>If You Lived in Williamsburg in Colonial Days</i>	5.8	Brenner, Barbara	Colonial	3	8092	51

<i>The Boston Tea Party</i> (option 2)	6	Kroll, S	Revolution	3	1752	11
<i>George Washington</i>	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri*	Washington	2,3,4	3396	21
<i>George the Drummer Boy</i>	3.3	Benchley, Nathaniel	Revolution	3	1022	6
<i>Sam the Minuteman</i>	2.9	Benchley, Nathaniel	Revolution	3	1066	7
<i>The Boston Coffee Party</i>	2.7	Rappaport, Doreen	Revolution	3	1196	7
<i>If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution</i>	6.1	Moore, Kay	Revolution	3	4446	28
<i>Paul Revere's Ride</i>	5.6	Longfellow	Revere	2,3,5	978	6
<i>Meet Thomas Jefferson</i>	3.5	Barrett, Marvin	Jefferson	2,3	5000	31
(OR) <i>Tom Jefferson: Third President of the United States</i>	3.8	Monsell, Helen Albee	Jefferson	2,3	23481	147
<i>Ben Franklin</i> (option 1)	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri*	Franklin	2,3	6105	38
<i>If You Traveled West in a Covered Wagon</i>	5.2	Levine, Ellen	West	3	7871	49
<i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i>	3.4	MacLachlan, Patricia	West	3	8377	52
<i>Gold Fever</i> (option 2)	2.4	Kay, Verla	West	3	185	1
<i>The Josefina Story Quilt</i>	2.7	Coerr, Eleanor	West	3	1384	9
<i>The Bears on Hemlock Mountain</i>	3.5	Dalgliesh, Alice	1840-ish	3	4529	28
<i>Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie</i>	2.2	Roop, Peter	1840-ish	3	1152	7
<i>Robert E. Lee: Young Confederate</i>	3.5	Monsell, Helen Albee	Lee	2,3	22467	140
<i>Abraham Lincoln</i>	5.2	D'Aulaire, Ingri	Lincoln	2,3	6108	38
<i>Clara Barton: Founder of the American Red Cross</i>	4.2	Stevenson, Augusta	Barton	2,3	23664	148
<i>If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad</i>	4.9	Levine, Ellen	Civil War	3	5384	34
<i>The Drinking Gourd</i>	3	Monjo, F.N.	Civil War	3	1178	7
<i>Little House in the Big Woods</i>	5.3	Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Post Civil War West	3	32966	206
<i>Little House on the Prairie</i> (option 2)	4.9	Wilder, Laura Ingalls	Post Civil War West	3	51311	321

Read Aloud

FOURTH GRADE	LEVEL	AUTHOR	SUBJECT	YEAR	WORDS	Minutes
<i>Who Were the Vikings?</i>	?	Usborne	Viking	4	?	?
<i>Leif the Lucky</i>	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri*	Viking	3,4	5000	31
<i>Beorn the Proud</i>	?	Polland, M	Viking	4	?	?
<i>The Travels of Vasco De Gama</i>	5.3	Mattern, Joanne	Vasco De Gama	4	3293	21
<i>Christopher Columbus--In His own Words</i>	?	Roop, Peter	Columbus	4	14395	90
<i>Christopher Columbus</i>	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri*	Columbus	3,4	5000	31
<i>The Travels of Ferdinand Magellan</i>	4.8	Mattern, Joanne	Magellan	4	2998	19
<i>A Lion to Guard Us</i>	2.9	Bulla, Clyde Robert	Early Settlers	4	14091	88
<i>If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620</i>	4.2	McGovern, Ann	Pilgrims	3,4	5939	37
<i>The Pilgrims First Thanksgiving</i>	3.4	McGovern, Anne	Pilgrims	4	1459	9

<i>The Travels of Henry Hudson</i>	4.7	Mattern, Joanne	Hudson	4	3253	20
<i>Priest on Horseback</i>	?	Betz, E.	Saints	4	?	?
<i>Justin Morgan Had a Horse</i>	5.8	Henry, Marguerite	Colonial?	4	29438	184
<i>The Travels of Samuel Champlain</i>	5.2	Mattern, Joanne	Champlain	4	3366	21
<i>St. Isaac and the Indians</i>	5+	Lomask, Milton	St. Isaac	4	36000	225
<i>Fr. Marquette and the Great River</i>	5+	Derleth, A.	Marquette	4	36000	225
<i>Matchlock Gun</i>	5.1	Edmonds, W.	Colonial	4	5807	36
<i>Madeleine Takes Command</i>	?	Brill, E	Canada	4	?	?
<i>George Washington</i>	5+	D'Aulaire, Ingri*	Washington	2,3,4	?	?

FIFTH GRADE

<i>George Washington's World</i>	8	Foster, Genevieve	Washington	5	92031	575
<i>Ben Franklin of Old Philadelphia</i>	6.5	Cousins, M	Franklin	5	26297	164
<i>Johnny Tremain</i>	5.9	Forbes, E	Revolution	5.9	82387	515
<i>Guns for General Washington</i>	6.1	Reit, S	Revolution	5	21846	137
<i>Amos Fortune, Free Man</i>	6.5	Yates, E	Revolution	5	32945	206
<i>Lewis and Clark: Explorers of the American West</i>	5.5	Kroll, S	Lewis and Clark	5	2268	14
<i>Kat Finds a Friend: A St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Story</i>	?	Stromberg, J.	Seton	5	?	?
<i>By the Great Horn Spoon</i>	5.1	Fleischman, Sid	West	5	38805	243
<i>Wanted: Dead or Alive: The True Story of Harriet Tubman</i>	3.8	McGovern, Anne	Tubman	5	5497	34
<i>Abe Lincoln: Log Cabin to White House</i>	8.4	North, S.	Lincoln	5	24236	151
<i>Robert E Lee: Gallant Christian Soldier</i>	?	Roddy, L	Lee	5	?	?
<i>The Long Road to Gettysburg</i>	7.6	Murphy, J	Civil War	5	14153	88