First few classes focus on children's stories according to *Teaching the Classics* model

List of key literary devices

Six curriculum models to choose from

Monthly Model

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Class	Title	Plot		Conflict	Theme	Aids/Devices	Alternate Title	Class
1	*The Biggest Bear, Ward*	A young boy must rid the neighborhood of his beloved pet bear, who has become a nuisance.		Man v. Nature Man v. Self Man v. Society	Manhood/Masculinity What is courage? Self-denial What is strength?	Pun, parody, irony, understatement	*Mirette On the High Wire, McCulley*	1
1	*Letting Swift River Go, Yolen*	Visiting the inundated Swift River Valley which once was her home, Sally Jane makes peace with her drowned past.		Man v. Society Man v. Nature Man v. Self	The nature of time Bitterness & forgiveness Link between acceptance & peace	*Ready Readers at CenterForLit website*	*Angelo, Macaulay*	1
2	*The Iliad, Homer*	Greek warrior and demi-god Achilles, embittered by King Agamemnon's ill treatment, refuses to reconcile and withdraws from the battle between the Greeks and the Trojans.		Man v. Man Man v. Self Man v. gods	Bitterness & its consequences Honor Pride Loyalty & Friendship	Epic Simile	*Black Ships Before Troy, Sutcliffe (a re-telling of the Iliad for children)*	2
3	*The Yearling, Rawlings*	Jody must give up his childhood and embrace the responsibilities of a man when his pet fawn grows up to menace the family farm.		Man v. Nature Man v. Man Man v. Self	Coming of Age Childhood v. Manhood	Classics Club DVD at CenterForLit website	*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, Twain*	3
4	*A Tale of Two Cities, Dickens*	Exlied aristocrat Charles Darnay returns to France during the Reign of Terror; without the aid of family and Sydney Carton, he will be executed, leaving his family desolate.		Man v. Society Man v. Man Man v. Self	Sacrificial Love Bitterness & Revenge Faithfulness & Devotion Tyranny & Liberty	Teacher Guide at CenterForLit website	*A Wrinkle in Time, L'Engle*	4

Plot summary for each entry

Major conflicts and themes identified

Alternate titles for every entry

Yearly schedule for each grade

Reading Roadmaps

Sample Roadmap for 8th Grade: Monthly Model