

**READABILITY SCALE FOR
CROSSROADS 9**

PERSONAL FOCUS: ALL THAT I AM

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| Mystery of Mysteries by Robert Fulghum (anecdote) | C |
| The Jade Peony by Wayson Choy (short story) | C |
| Four Voices (poems) | A |
| Going Back Home by Toyomi Igus (art essay) | E |
| Acceptance by Vidhya Sridharan (short story) | E |
| On the Sidewalk Bleeding by Evan Hunter (short story) | C |
| The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost (poem) | A |
| Borders by Thomas King (short story) | C |
| Zits by Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman (comic strip) | E |
| Kath and Mouse by Janet McNaughton (short story) | A |

SHORT STORIES: TURNING POINTS

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| Thank You Ma'am by Langston Hughes | A |
| A Sunrise on the Veld by Doris Lessing | C |
| Coffee, Snacks, Worms by Karleen Bradford | A |
| G. Trueheart, Man's Best Friend by James McNamee | A to C |
| Bus Stop by W. D. Valgardson (short, short story) | A |
| The Leaving by Budge Wilson | C |

EXPLORING: FINAL FRONTIERS

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| The Day the Martian Landed by Pierre Berton (story) | A |
| Moon Maiden by Alison Baird (science fiction story) | A to C |
| Who's Out There? by Barbara Frum (radio interview) | A to C |
| Radical Robots from YES Mag (magazine article) | A |
| Shooting the Sun by Amy Lowell (poem) | A to C |
| A Major Malfunction by Mike Kilpatrick (short story) | A |
| High Flight by John Gillespie Magee, Jr. (poem) | A to C |
| Fueled by Marcie Hans (poem) | A to C |
| Undersea Science by Thomas Potts (magazine article) | A |
| The Choice by W. Hilton-Young (short, short story) | E |

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MYTHS: A WORLD OF TALES

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| The Gift of Stories, The Gift of Breath by Joseph Bruchac (story) | E to A |
| The White Stone Canoe by Henry Rowe Schoolcraft (tale) | A to C |
| Savitri and Satyavan by Madhur Jaffrey (myth) | A |
| The Magic Millstones by Margaret Mayo (pourquoi tale) | A |
| Water, Moon, and Sun by Ann Pilling (pourquoi tale) | E |
| That Wascawwy Wabbit by David Creighton (essay) | A to C |
| The Legend of the Panda by Linda Granfield (legend) | E to A |
| Paris and the Golden Apple by Ethh Clifford (myth) | C |

MEDIA MIX: FAST FORWARD

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| When Movies Cost a Nickel by Max Braithwaite | A to C |
| Hollywood's New Rules for Car Chases by Pierre Berton | E to A |
| Trick Shots by Ian Graham (article) | A |
| Based on the Novel by Gordon Korman (essay) | E |
| The Day the TV Broke by Gerald Jonas (poem) | E |
| Good News by Joseph Schrank (editorial) | C |
| How We Make the TV Show, from <i>Street Cents</i> (article) | E |
| Last Chance by Charles Schulz (comic strip) | E |
| Drink Milk, Love Life (commercial script) | A |
| The Two Sides of Advertising (debate) | A |
| What's the Message? from Canadian Magazines (ads) | A |
| Twisting the Familiar by Faith Popcorn (article) | A |
| The Internet by Catherine Rondina (article) | E to A |

ISSUES: DO THE RIGHT THING

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| If I Can Stop One Heart from Breaking by Emily Dickinson | E to A |
| And the Lucky Winner Is... by Monica Hughes (story) | C |
| Signposts on the Journey by Steve Buist (anecdote) | A |
| The Long Journey by Sue Mann (short story) | A |
| Halting Hatred by Shaun Chen (newspaper article) | A to C |
| Babysitting Helen by Kathy Stinson (short story) | A |
| Shoes by Sylvia Hamilton (poem) | E to A |
| Birdfoot's Grampa by Joseph Bruchac (poem) | E |
| The Last Leaf by Henry Gilfond, based on a short story by O. Henry (script) | A to C |
| Save South Moresby! by Jeff Gibbs (speech) | A to C |
| Consorting With Frogs by Farley Mowat (memoir) | C |

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GRADE 9 TEACHER'S GUIDE
ALTERNATE SELECTIONS

I Am Canadian

by Duke Redbird (poem) p 8 E

Where Would I Be?

by Stompin' Tom Connors (song) p 19 E

Belinda Enriquez

by Mel Glenn (poem) p 62 E

Golden Pants

by Roger Lemelin (story) p 82 A

Barney

by Will Stanton (story) p 107 A

Why Time Travel Is Impossible

by Isaac Asimov (essay) p 138 C

Coyote and the Blackbirds

by Nancy Van Laan (readers' theatre script) p 164 E

The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald

by Gordon Lightfoot (song) p 179 A

Three-Kleenex Movies

by Peg Kehret (monologue) p 195 E

In the Newsroom

by Alden Nowlan (poem) p 218 A

When the Rattlesnake Sounds

by Alice Childress (play) p 287 A

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