

Teacher Resource: Great Words, Great Works



What is the Great Words, Great Words book list?

Each year, the Scripps National Spelling Bee publishes its School Spelling Bee Study List, a list of 450 words to help students prepare for a school-level spelling bee. Those 450 words come from a list of books carefully selected by the Bee's editorial team for their age-appropriate and engaging content, as well as their rich vocabulary. That list of books is called the Great Words, Great Works List.

The list typically consists of 40-50 books and spans genres, including contemporary fiction, classics and nonfiction titles, as well as grade levels from first through eighth.

How can I use the list in my classroom?

Beyond recommending titles to your students to help them prepare for their school-level spelling bee, we hope you'll utilize the Great Words, Great Works list through our Classroom Reading Guides.

In your online teacher portal at spellingbee.com, you have access to 12 classroom reading guides. All guides include guided discussion questions and printable vocabulary worksheets. Five extended guides also include chapter-by-chapter reading comprehension worksheets with answer keys.

Check out some of our Great Words, Great Works titles:

