

**READABILITY SCALE FOR
CROSSROADS 10**

ISSUES: WHAT MAKES A HERO?

Superman's Song by Brad Roberts (song)	A
Action Hero by Rulon Openshaw (essay)	A
The Michelle I Know by Alison Lohans (short story)	A
Laura Secord by Raymond Souster (poem)	E to A
Goliath by Melanie Doane (song)	A
Rosa Parks's Heroism Still Inspires by Sandy Banks (article)	A
Tom Jackson by Brian Bergman (profile)	E to A
An Open Heart by Judith Mackenzie (personal essay)	E to A
The Conversation of Birds by Jean Yoon (short story)	A to C
<i>Julius Caesar</i> by William Shakespeare (play excerpt)	C
Man, You're a Great Player! by Gary Lautens (satire)	E

SHORT STORIES: INSIGHTS

The Crystal Stars Have Just Begun to Shine by M. Brooks	E to A
War by Timothy Findley	A to C
The Sniper by Liam O'Flaherty	A
Blue Against White by Jeannette C. Armstrong	A
Svayamvara by Sunita Namjoshi	E
To Build a Fire by Jack London	C

MEDIA: FROM THE INSIDE

The Product Is Nothing™ by Hilary Kever (article)	A
Market Savvy Teens by Friedman and Krugel (article)	A
The Purpose Is Persuasion (print ads)	E to A
Tuning in to Aboriginal TV by Marie Verdun (article)	E to A
On the Box (poems)	A
Bad Driving from <i>The Red Green Show</i> (script)	E
Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary by Charlotte Gray (profile)	A to C
Notes for a Movie Script by M. Carl Holman (poem)	A to C
To Build a Fire: Bringing a Short Story to the Big Screen by Patrick Fitzgerald (storyboard)	A
The Saga of Filming <i>Never Cry Wolf</i> by Bruce Brown (article)	C
Internet Is Hero's Window by Mara Bellaby (article)	A

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PERSONAL FOCUS: IDENTITY

I've Got Gloria by M.E. Kerr (short story)	E
The Adventurous Life of John Goddard by S. McLean	A
Gifts by Alden Nowlan (poems)	A
The Way I Feel (song and poems)	A
Stains by Sharon MacFarlane (short story)	E to A
Looking Back (poems)	A to C
Two Kinds by Amy Tan (short story)	A to C
Putting A Colourful Life on Canvas by A. Balogh-Tyszko and Jean Chin (profile/art)	A to C
So, What Do You Do? by Robert Fulghum (essay)	A

ESSAYS: REVEALING IDEAS

Keep Faith with Nature by Harvey Locke (speech)	E to A
Running Eagle by Beverly Hungry Wolf (essay)	E to A
I Am Maxine Tynes by Maxine Tynes (personal essay)	E
David Blackwood's Newfoundland and Labrador by William Gough (art essay)	E to A
Seven Wonders by Lewis Thomas (personal essay)	A to C
No Room for Compromise by Ellen Goodman (essay)	A
I Have a Dream by Martin Luther King, Jr. (speech)	A
A Hard Life But a Better One by Chui-Ling Tam (essay)	E
A Little Salad with Your Night Crawlers, Sir? by Arthur Black (humorous essay)	A
Gotcha! by Robert Fulford (persuasive essay)	C

ENVIRONMENT: ENCOUNTERS WITH NATURE

The Shark by E.J. Pratt (poem)	A
Attacked by a Mountain Grizzly! by Kathy Cook (magazine article)	A
Prairie Images (poems)	A to C
Great Canadian Escapes by Tom Cruickshank and Julia Asselstine (magazine article)	A
Jane Goodall and the Chimps by Vicki Gabereau (interview)	A
Earthquake by Jack Hodgins (short story)	A
Poetry of the Seasons (poems)	A to C
Persephone retold by Ann Pilling (Greek myth)	A
Naming the New One by John Daniel (poem)	A to C
Why We Grow Insensitive to Dangers by Suzuki (essay)	A
Audubon's Vision of Nature (paintings)	E to A

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by Don Mattera (short story)	p 90	C	
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by Shirley Staples (poem)	p 161	A	
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by Emily Dickinson (poem)	p 317	C	
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by Alfred, Lord Tennyson (poem)	p 318	E	
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by William Butler Yeats (poem)	p 330	C	
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by Kelly Toughill (newspaper article)	p 345	A	
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by William Shakespeare (poem)	p 364	A	
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by Christina Rossetti (poem)	p 365	C	
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by William Wordsworth (poem)	p 366	C	

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