

## Making Meaning 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Read-Alouds

Week	Title	Synopsis
1	<i>The Lotus Seed</i> by Tatsuro Kiuchi, 1997	A young girl learns about her grandmother's hardships and the land she left behind.
1	<i>Something to Remember Me By</i> by Susan V. Bosak, 1997	A grandmother and her granddaughter share special memories.
2	<i>Everybody Cooks Rice</i> by Norah J. Thornton, 1991	A child sent to find a younger brother at dinnertime is introduced to a variety of cultures through the many different ways rice is prepared in her neighbors' homes.
3	<i>Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters: An African Tale</i> by John Steptoe, 1987	Mufaro has two beautiful daughters – one kind and considerate, the other selfish and bad-tempered. They travel to meet a king who is choosing a wife.
5	<i>Life in the Rain Forests</i> by Lucy Baker, 2000	This book describes the animals, people, and plants of the world's rain forests and explains how rain forests are being destroyed.
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9	<i>The Summer My Father Was Ten</i> by Pat Brisson, 1999	A father tells his daughter about the summer he vandalizes a neighbor's garden and learns a powerful lesson in the value of honesty and compassion.
	<i>Uncle Jed's Barbershop</i> by Margaree King, 1998	Sarah Jean tells the story of her Uncle Ted, the only black barber in the county, who overcomes obstacles and setbacks to realize his dream of opening a barbershop.
10	<i>Star of Fear, Star of Hope</i> by Jo Hoestlandt, 2000	An elderly woman named Helen recalls the mysterious disappearance of her Jewish friend Lydia during the Nazi occupation of France.
11	"The Circuit" from <i>The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child</i> by Francisco Jimenez, 1997	Panchito, a Mexican migrant boy living in California in the 1940s, tells about the hardships he and his family face as they move from camp to camp to find work.
13	<i>The Van Gogh Café</i> by Cynthia Rylant, 1998	Wonderful, magical occurrences are the norm at the Van Gogh Café in Flowers, Kansas.
14	<i>Circles</i> by Myra Cohn Livingston <i>Speech Class</i> by Jim Daniels <i>October Saturday</i> by Bobbi Katz	Three poets share their thoughts, anecdotes, and memories.
15	<i>Eraser and School Clock</i> by Gary Soto	While taking a math test, a student daydreams about playing baseball.
15	<i>back yard</i> by Valerie Worth	Sunlight takes on a personality in a back yard as the day progresses.

17	<i>Richard Wright and the Library Card</i> by William Miller, 1997	In this fictionalized account, writer Richard Wright gains access to a library card and a new world of books and ideas.
18	<i>A Band of Angels</i> by Deborah Hopkinson, 2002	This is a fictionalized recounting of the origin of the Jubilee Singers.
19	<i>Earthquakes</i> by Seymour Simon, 1991	Seymour Simon explores the mysteries surrounding earthquakes.
21	<i>Letting Swift River Go</i> by Jane Yolen, 1992	In this story based on actual events, a woman recalls her childhood in the Swift River Valley and the flooding of the valley to form a reservoir.
22	<i>A River Ran Wild</i> by Lynne Cherry, 2002	This book traces the history of the Nashua River in Massachusetts from its discovery by Native Americans through its near destruction from pollution to its later reclamation.
23	<i>Harry Houdini: Master of Magic</i> by Robert Kraske, 1989	This is a biography of Harry Houdini, one of the greatest escape artists and magicians of all time.
24	<i>A Picture Book of Jesse Owens</i> by David A. Adler, 1992	Jesse Owens became a sports legend by winning four gold medals at the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany. This book tells the story of his remarkable life.
26	“Mrs. Buell” in <i>Hey World, Here I Am!</i> by Jean Little, 1990	Kate doesn’t think much about grouchy Mrs. Buell, until the old woman disappears from her life.
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29	<i>True Stories of Heroes – 12 seconds from death</i> by Paul Dowswell, 2002	Three skydivers make a parachute jump that almost ends in disaster.
30	<i>Is Dodge Ball too Dangerous?</i> by Dina Maasarani from <i>TIME For Kids</i> , May 21, 2001 and <i>Turn it Off!</i> by Kathryn R. Hoffman from <i>TIME For Kids</i> , April 12, 2002	
31	Review of <i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i> by Jennifer B. school year 1999-2000	