

Reading Gives You Superpowers!

From Random House Children's Books, Step Into Reading's leveling system recognizes different developmental stages of emergent readers and is designed to deliver a successful reading experience at each step. Each step (five in total) includes engaging stories and colorful art or photographs to give every child an enjoyable reading experience.



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Dear Educator,

Random House Children's Books has teamed up with curriculum specialists at Young Minds Inspired to create classroom resources that highlight the many benefits of reading books, encourage students to explore diverse genres, and help inspire a love of reading.

We hope that you will enjoy this program and share it with other teachers at your school. And please tell us your opinion of the program at ymiclassroom.com/feedback-stepintoreading. We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dominic Kinsley
Editor in Chief
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Target Audience
Grades 1-2

Program Components

Available at

ymiclassroom.com/stepintoreading:

- This teacher's guide and accompanying student activity sheets
- A reproducible family letter
- An interactive Step Into Reading booklist
- A curriculum standards chart
- An online feedback form

Concepts and Skills

The benefits of reading
Exploring book genres
Identifying book elements

Vocabulary development
Reading literature
Reading informational text

How to Use This Program

Use the activities to get students excited about reading throughout the school year and vacations, as their reading skills continue to develop. Make copies of the activity sheets for the students. Share the family letter and booklist with parents/caregivers to support their children with their reading adventure.

Introduction: Talk About Reading

To prepare for this activity, choose 2-4 books of different genres from your library.

Next, ask the students to share things they think are good for the brain. Doing math homework? Studying spelling words? Sleeping? Eating healthy foods?

Explain that:

- Another activity that is good is reading – it's also fun!
- Reading gives us superpowers. As we read, we can learn new things, explore places, meet new people, go on adventures, and much more. Reading also helps us learn new words, improves our memory, helps us relax, and can even help us understand other people better.
- Genres are categories of books. For example, mystery, fiction, nonfiction, fantasy, fairy tales, and biographies. [Show examples of books from different genres.]
- Books have different characters. Characters can be people, animals, or even magical creatures! [Provide examples.]

Ask the students to share titles of some of their favorite books. Discuss each book's genre and its characters. As each student shares, ask the other students to give a "thumbs up" if they've read the book.



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Activity 1: Reading Gives You Superpowers!

Tell students that you're all going to develop your superpowers! Pass out the activity sheet and go over the directions. The sheet might be completed in class, or at home with a parent/caregiver's guidance. Once done, have the students share the books they chose.



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Activity 2: Sharing My Reading Superpowers!

Have students share their growing reading superpowers for a book you read as a class or a book they read independently in school or at home. Distribute the activity sheet and review it with students. (The activity sheet can be used multiple times.) Once done, invite students to present their thoughts on the books they read. Consider placing the bookmarks in a box by your classroom library to inspire kids to explore diverse books. Word of mouth can be a great incentive!

Extension Activities

- How many books from the Step Into Reading booklist or your own list can the class read? Create a large bingo-like table on chart paper. Label it "Book Bingo" and write a book title in each square. Mark the squares as each book is read and celebrate when students read a row of books – or even the whole list!
- Have students who choose the same book for independent reading form a "book club" to read it together. Then, have the groups swap books.

Resources

- ymiclassroom.com/stepintoreading
- Step Into Reading: rhcbbooks.com/brand/5336/step-into-reading

Activity 1

Reading Gives You Superpowers!

How will you get your superpowers? With books! Choose three books you want to read. Write the titles of the books on the lines. Under each title, write why you chose that book.



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★ 1. Title: _____

I chose this book because _____

★ 2. Title: _____

I chose this book because _____

★ 3. Title: _____

I chose this book because _____

★ **Rate the Book!**
Color the star next to your favorite book!



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Families: Find time to read each day, whether it's all of you reading independently in the same cozy room, reading aloud to a child at bedtime, listening to an audiobook in the car, or all three! Visit rhcbooks.com/brand/5336/step-into-reading to find a wide selection of engaging children's books for all readers.



Activity 2

Sharing My Reading Superpowers!

Create a bookmark to tell others about a book you read.

1. Write the book title and author on the lines. Check the correct box.
2. Draw and color a picture to show something you liked about the book.
3. Cut the bookmark on the dotted lines. Then fold on the solid line.
4. Glue or tape the folded bookmark together.
5. Share your bookmark with a friend!



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Draw your picture here.

Title:

Author:

Fiction Nonfiction



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With more than 700 titles in print, children are sure to find accessible books about topics that interest them – from books with favorite characters to fascinating nonfiction.

Ideas to Help Build Your Child's Reading Superpowers

At home, try these ideas to support your child's reading skills:



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Start a family book club - Have your child choose a book that you can read together. Your child can read the book aloud to you or you might take turns reading. For older children, you might each read the book on your own and then talk about it using the ideas below. Encourage your child to explore different genres when selecting books, including fiction and nonfiction.

Share book reviews - After your child finishes a book, encourage them to tell you about it. Ask them to describe the main character and setting, what happens in the story, their favorite part of the book, or something new they learned.

Search for written words - In addition to books, help your child build vocabulary and word recognition by reading words around them. For example, have them read signs, grocery lists, names on labels in stores, recipes, comics – anything you encounter.

Step Into Reading offers five steps to reading success:



Step 1: Ready to Read -
For preschool to Kindergarten



Step 2: Reading with Help -
For preschool to Grade 1



Step 3: Reading on Your Own -
For Grades 1-3



Step 4: Reading Paragraphs -
For Grades 2-3



Step 5: Ready for Chapters -
For Grades 2-4

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