



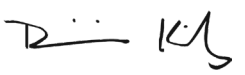
Reading Gives You Superpowers!

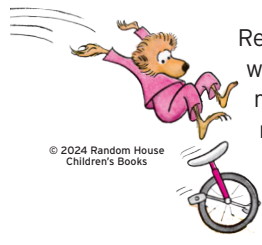
From Random House Children's Books, Step into Reading's leveling system recognizes different developmental stages of emergent readers and is designed to deliver a successful reading experience at each step. Each step (five in total) includes engaging stories and colorful art or photographs to give every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

Dear Educator,

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Step Into Reading program, 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](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/feedback-stepintoreading). We look forward to your comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,

 Dr. Dominic Kinsley
 Editor in Chief
 Young Minds Inspired



How to Use This Program

Use the program at the beginning of the school year to get students excited about reading. Revisit it throughout the year to explore new books. Make copies of the book list and activity sheet for the students. Send parents a copy of the booklist to support their children with their reading adventure.

ACTIVITY: Reading Gives You Superpowers!

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

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

Explain that genres are categories of books. For example, mystery, fiction, nonfiction, fantasy, fairy tales, and biographies. Show examples of books from different genres.

Also explain that 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.

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.



Extension Activities

- Have students work in peer groups to share what they have learned about the superpowers of reading. Review the benefits with the students and write them on the board.
- Create posters or a classroom mural emphasizing the benefits of reading and add book titles and pictures of the students' favorite characters.
- Have the students design bookmarks to recommend a favorite book title and list one benefit of reading.
- 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!
- See which students choose the same book for independent reading and have them form a "book club" to read it together. Then, have the students swap books.

Resources

- [ymiclassroom.com/stepintoreading](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/stepintoreading)
- Penguin Random House: [penguinrandomhouse.com/series/SR6/step-into-reading/](https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/series/SR6/step-into-reading/)



Target Audience

Grades 1-2

Program Components

- Available at [ymiclassroom.com/stepintoreading](https://www.ymiclassroom.com/stepintoreading):
- This teacher's guide and accompanying student activity
 - An interactive Step Into Reading book list
 - 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
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Reading Gives You Superpowers!

How will you get 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 _____



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