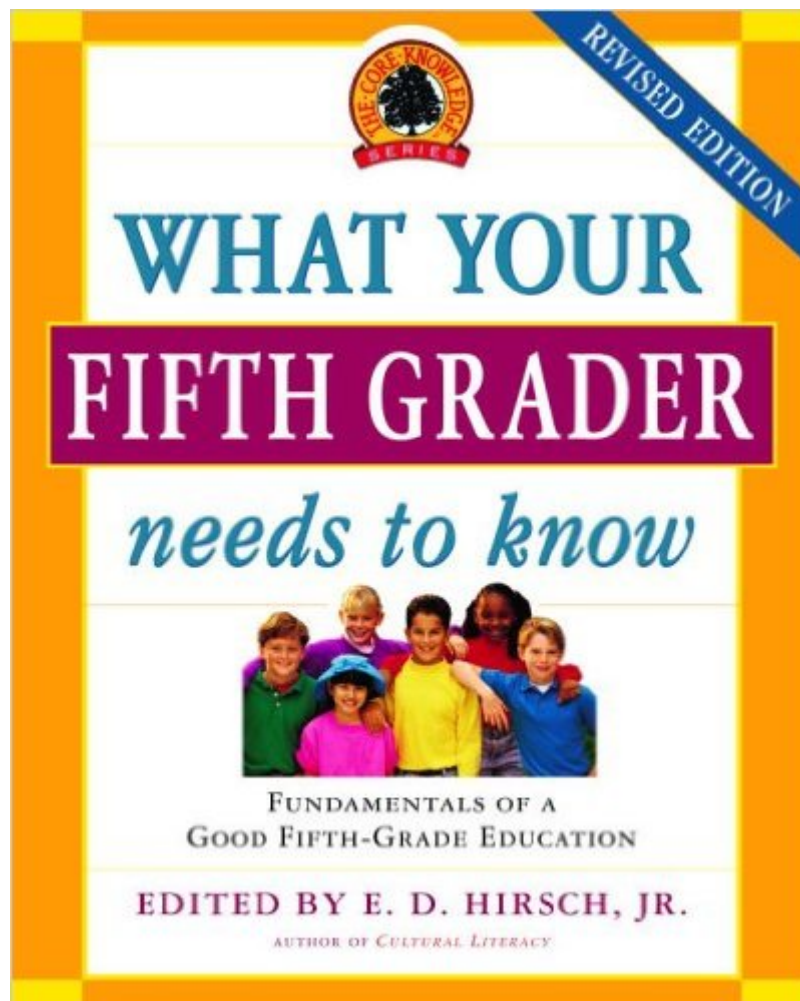


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# What Your Fifth Grader Needs To Know: Fundamentals Of A Good Fifth-Grade Education (Core Knowledge Series)



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This completely revised and attractively redesigned edition of one of the most popular volumes in the bestselling Core Knowledge Series features up-to-date ideas and information based on input from parents and teachers across the country. With sixteen pages of full-color illustrations, a bolder, easier-to-follow format, and a thoroughly updated curriculum, *What Your Fifth Grader Needs to Know, Revised Edition*, reflects the Core Knowledge Foundation's ongoing commitment to providing a solid educational foundation for today's elementary school students. *What Your Fifth Grader Needs to Know, Revised Edition*, covers the basics of language arts, history and geography, visual arts, music, math, and science. A collection of American speeches, tales from around the world, math problems, and biographies of famous scientists add to the book's usefulness and enhance the pleasure of both adult and child as they work together. Hundreds of thousands of children have benefited from the Core Knowledge Series. This revised edition gives a new generation of fifth graders the knowledge they need to make progress in school and establish an approach to learning that will last a lifetime.

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Not intended for use by itself, this book is a valuable addition to any 5th grade curriculum. It is best when used with the other books in the series, as certain portions of it - especially history - are intended to follow the earlier books in the series, and be followed by the 6th grade book. Language arts include stories and speeches (including excerpts from "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey", Lincoln's

Gettysburg Address and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer"), poetry (including "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "Ballad of John Henry"), some basic grammar, discussion of literature (such as alliteration, use of imagery and symbols) and the meanings of various common sayings. Geography and World Civilization cover latitude and longitude, and the formation of lakes, with emphasis on the Great Lakes. World Civilization covers the Incas, Aztecs and Mayas, the European exploration of the Americas, the colonies, the Renaissance in Europe, Feudal Japan, Russia from Ivan the Great through Catherine the Great, The Enlightenment and the French Revolution. There is a good look at the philosophical influence of Descartes and other Enlightenment thinkers on the founding of the United States. American Civilization covers the period of time from the Missouri Compromise through the Civil War and Reconstruction, the Impeachment of President Johnson (with a discussion of the government's form that permits this sort of thing), the "Wild West" and Transcontinental Railroad, Treatment of Native Americans, the Cuban War and Yellow Journalism, culminating in how the U.S. became a world power. This section is full of pictures, and I really like the scope of topics discussed here.

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