

Bookfolio for **Bridge to Terabithia**

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Recommended for: [Grades 4-6](#)

Classification: Fiction

Genre: [Realistic Fiction](#)

Story Summary: This is the story of a friendship between two fifth-graders, Leslie and Jess, who create an imaginary world, Terabithia, in the countryside of Virginia. It is reachable only by a dangerous swing across the creek by rope. Leslie, a newcomer to the area, has a problem being accepted by her peers. She is very different from the other students; she chooses not to own a TV and always wears pants. Jess doesn't accept her at first, especially when she destroys his dream of being the fastest runner in the fifth grade by beating him and every other contender in a race meant only for boys. However, he becomes her friend in spite of the differences between them. Unusually talented and imaginative, Leslie creates her and Jess's roles and the script for their secret kingdom, deep in the forest. There, they take refuge from their real and imaginary foes with Prince Terrien, a dog which was a gift to Leslie from Jess. The friendship comes to an abrupt end with the untimely death of Leslie, who drowns while attempting to cross over to Terabithia during a storm. Jess experiences many emotions before he is able to come to terms with Leslie's death. He resolves to bring beauty and joy into the world, starting with building a BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA for May Belle and her successors.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Chapter 3, "The Fastest Kid in the Fifth Grade" pa

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

Bridge to Terabithia - Independent Activities	Skills
1. "I Just Wanted to Say..." (Writing a letter)	W
2. A View of Terabithia (Drawing a picture)	D
3. The Smithsonian Institute (Writing for information)	R , S , W
4. Free Verse (Writing a poem)	W
5. Best Contender (Researching a topic)	S , W
6. Save the Whale (Giving a report)	D , R , S
Bridge to Terabithia - Group Activities	Skills
1. Point of View (Retelling the story)	S , W
2. A Portfolio of Terabithia (Selecting scenes from the story)	D
3. Song of Terabithia (Writing a song)	W
4. Futures Unlimited (Predicting careers)	S
5. The Vietnam War (Writing a report)	R , S , W
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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