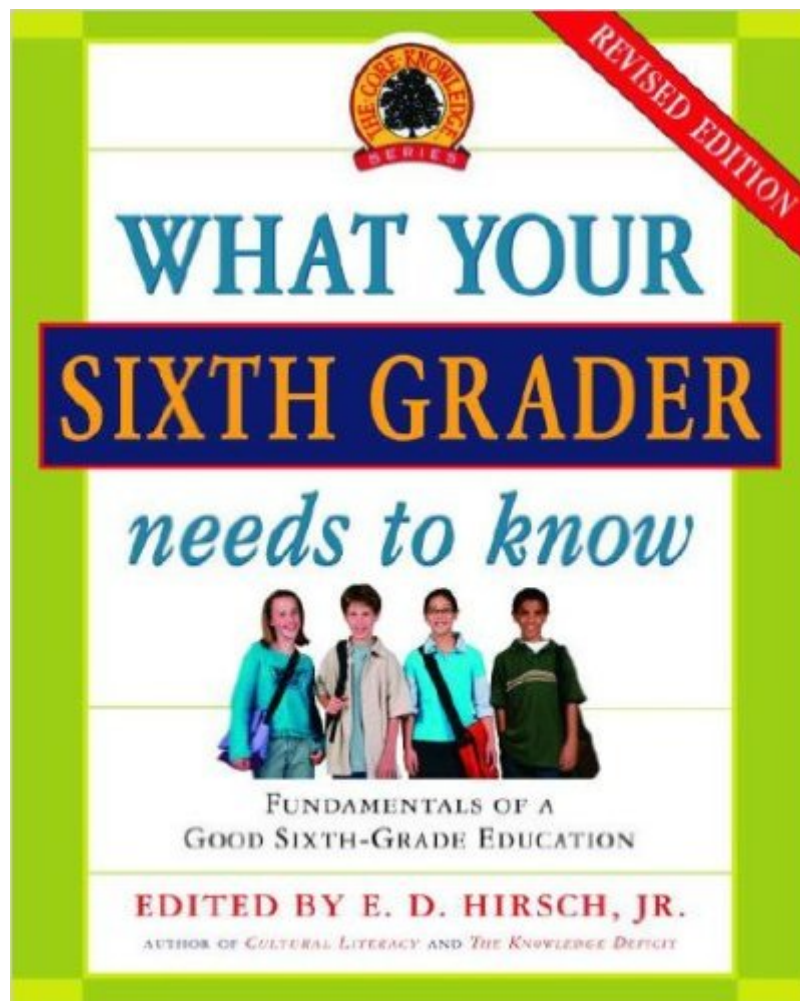


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# What Your Sixth Grader Needs To Know: Fundamentals Of A Good Sixth-Grade Education, Revised Edition (Core Knowledge Series)



## Synopsis

What should your child learn in the sixth grade? How can you help him or her at home? This book answers these important questions and more, offering the specific shared knowledge that thousands of parents and teachers across the nation have agreed upon for American sixth graders. Featuring sixteen pages of full-color illustrations, a bolder, easier-to-follow format, and a thoroughly updated curriculum, *What Your Sixth Grader Needs to Know, Revised Edition*, is designed for parents and teachers to enjoy with children. Hundreds of thousands of children have benefited from the Core Knowledge Series. This revised edition gives a new generation of sixth graders the advantage they need to make progress in school today, and to establish an approach to learning that will last a lifetime. Discover: • Favorite Poems • old and new, from Edgar Allan Poe's classic "The Raven" to Maya Angelou's "Woman Work" • Literature from around the world, including Homer's epics the Iliad and the Odyssey, Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, and Mark Twain's The Prince and the Pauper • Learning About Language • the rules of written English, including the four kinds of sentences, common English sayings and phrases, plus an introduction to Greek and Latin roots • History and Geography • world history from ancient Greece and the fall of the Roman Empire to the Enlightenment and the French Revolution; American history of the post-Civil War era, including the Industrial Revolution, immigration, urbanization, and reform • Visual Arts • a brief history of art, stretching from the classical period through the Renaissance, Baroque, and Romantic periods all the way to the age of realism, with full-color reproductions and discussions of great works by artists such as El Greco, Rembrandt, and Winslow Homer • Music • understanding and appreciating music, including musical notation, chords, and scales • plus biographies of great composers such as Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, and Chopin • Math • challenging lessons, ranging from probability and statistics, geometry, ratios and proportions to basic pre-algebra • Science • fascinating discussions of plate tectonics, oceans, astronomy, the environment, the human body, and the immune system • plus short biographies of great scientists such as Marie Curie

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## Customer Reviews

My oldest daughter is finishing fifth grade, and we have used The Core Knowledge books for every year up to this point. Because we are homeschooling, we feel that reading through these books gives us confidence that we are keeping up with what might be expected of a student of a particular grade. Wanting to get a jump on the next level, my daughter read through What Your Sixth Grader Needs to Know over the past two weeks. You might want to be aware of some errors. In the math section on page 269, an addition problem is written with a minus sign, and the wrong answer is given in Step 2. At the top of page 271, we read, "In the following diagram line ZC is parallel to line TS, or line ZC is parallel to line TS." There is also an error in an illustration in the science section on page 328. Two cans of soda are pictured on scales with an earthly landscape behind each with a caption indicating that the can of soda would weigh less on the moon than it does on earth. We are missing a picture of a lighter can of soda with a moonscape behind it. I don't think the editing of this book is any worse than what we find typically in educational material, and the series is useful; but perhaps they ought to hire kids to proofread.:)

This book was an excellent resource for me as I was studying for the MSAT (teachers will know what that is). I highly recommend this book for aiding in the preparation for any general knowledge test. It takes you all the way through iambic pentameter to Benito Juarez. The math and science sections are wonderful as well. It provides very complex information in a very user-friendly manner.

In preparing my son for sixth grade, I needed to have a basis for what he may be learning. This book gives an overall picture of what I need to concentrate on. Many books I found emphasized only math or reading. This book breaks down each topic (Social Studies, Language Arts, Fine Arts, Math, Natural Science) into chapters and makes it easy for me to follow. I liked the excerpts of

classic books such as "The Diary of Anne Frank", and classic poems so that I can expose my son to many different things without overwhelming him over the summer. This is more of a guide for parents and teachers than it is a simple text for kids so parents really need to be involved.

I bought this book to prepare my child for Beestar online tests for sixth graders. Due to the vast differences among schools and teachers in teaching science and social studies, students often receive a rather unbalanced treatment of the subjects in their classroom. This book comes as a rescue of the situation. It tells you clearly what your child needs to know as a sixth grader. My child studied several important chapters from this book that somehow were never taught by his teachers. And yes the knowledge is essential and is needed in state standardized tests. I highly recommend this book for aiding in the preparation for any general knowledge test. It takes you all the way through iambic pentameter to Benito Juarez. The math and science sections are wonderful as well. It provides very complex information in a very user-friendly manner. I'm very glad that we had this book.

This book has completely educated me on what my eleven-year old son needs to know for his 6th year. I have read the book and can say that if everyone in the country knew everything in this book we would all be better off. As a matter of fact, I know very few adults that know one quarter of what is in this book. This has motivated me to add this to my son's daily routine. We work it together and have wonderful mom-son time alone. A book you can't do without!

I have been homeschooling my youngest since he was in 3rd grade. Every year I use this series as part of our weekly curriculum. We take all school year to read through the book as we are in no rush. I don't depend on this book solely of course, but it is a great base to work from. I'm only sorry it doesn't extend through 8th grade.

I've recently started homeschooling my son and we are using this book for Language Arts, Science, Geography, and History. The information is well written and well organized and seems to appeal to this 11 year old. I am finding it difficult though to create the required lesson plans, discussion questions, and tests from the material provided.

What Your Sixth Grader needs to know is one of the books I've ever read. Education made easy is a better way to put it. It's divided into a couple sections. 1. Poetry and English 2. Mathematics.

3.Social Studies. 4.Life science and other sections. It's helped me achieve a lot. I'm proud I bought that book and look forward to completing it. I have learned poems, Social Studies, Science etc. I recommend this to everyone- a struggling or advanced student. Fun is the key word. Parent and kid approved!

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