

How to Create Your Own Curriculum Using

Fiddlesticks Education Bookshelf Curriculum

1. Start by filling out the Curriculum Planner page, having a clear view of the subjects and topics you wish to cover will help you when choosing books for your curriculum.
2. Decide on the age range of the children you are curating for (you can always print out additional book pages to create a matching book list for older or younger children too). As well as how long you wish to spend on the curriculum - my favourite format for read alouds is a 12 month plan.
3. Print out the book pages you need (either the 12 month plan, the 12 week plan or 3 copies of the 12 week plan). If you are using the 12 month plan you can write in the months where the numbers are starting at whatever month you start your school year.
4. Next, begin to browse the books on the bookshelf site. Each of the books I recommend have been read by me and come with a printable parent guide page, including topics, age range, length and parental considerations when choosing which books to use. The page also includes a 4 week scheduled reading guide and activity/learning opportunity suggestions.
5. When you have chosen the books that meet the criteria for your curriculum, double check your selection covers all the main topics you wished to teach and that your books offer diverse authors and a wide selection of view points.
6. Now schedule these books into your curriculum, each book includes a 12 week plan, so you can simply slot each book into a month box on your planner page. There is also space to make notes of anything else you wish to include alongside these books that are not covered on the parent pages.
7. Finally print out each of the pages for your curriculum and put them into a folder along with your planning pages - which become your scope and sequence.
8. I hope these resources make it easy for you to pull together and curate your own book based curriculums, completely tailored to your own home and children.

Book Based Curriculum Planner

Title of Curriculum	
Subject	
Age Range	
Book Types to Use	<input type="checkbox"/> [P] Picture Books <input type="checkbox"/> [M] Middle Grade Books <input type="checkbox"/> [T] Teen + Books
Curriculum Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> 3 X 12 week terms <input type="checkbox"/> 12 months
Main Topics	

Aims & Objectives of the Curriculum

12 Week Plan

Week	Book Choice	Extra Notes / Activities
1		
2		
3		
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12		

12 Month Plan

Week	Book Choice	Extra Notes / Activities
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