

Copywork & Dictation

Grade 5

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2026-2027



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Week 1

☐ Geography: David Livingstone p.4-5

He liked the summer evenings, too. The sun did not set until well after the mill let out. With no school in session, David had time to roam the countryside around Blantyre. He scrambled across the steep hills and valleys. Along the way, he stopped to identify wildflowers, plants, and herbs. He collected those he did not recognize. Back home, he pored over reference books until he learned their names.

☐ Old Testament: Joshua 1:8-9

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

☐ Poetry: "Paper Boats" by Rabindranath Tagore

Day by day I float my paper boats one by one down
the running stream.

In big black letters I write my name on them
and the name of the village where I live.

I hope that someone in some strange land will find them
and know who I am.

I load my little boats with shiuli flowers from our garden,
and hope that these blooms of the dawn will be
carried safely to land in the night.

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Week 1

Tip: Students should study enough of a passage to contain 4–6 words they are unsure how to spell. If the students need more text to study than provided here for that to happen, please find additional text on the pages listed in each week's title.

*Study Tip: Notice when commas and semicolons are used.

*Etymology: Rendezvous (/ˈrændəˌvoʊ/) means an appointed place of meeting, and the word comes from the French *rendez-vous* which means “present yourselves.”

☐ Literature (Myth): Age of Fable p.207

We have followed one of the Grecian heroes, Ulysses, in his wanderings on his return home from Troy; and now we propose to share the fortunes of the remnant of the conquered people, under their chief Aeneas, in their search for a new home, after the ruin of their native city. On that fatal night when the wooden horse disgorged its contents of armed men, and the capture and conflagration of the city were the result, Aeneas made his escape from the scene of destruction, with his father, his wife, and his young son. The father, Anchises, was too old to walk with the speed required, and Aeneas took him upon his shoulders. Thus burdened, leading his son and followed by his wife, he made the best of his way out of the burning city; but, in the confusion, his wife was swept away and lost.

On arriving at the place of rendezvous, numerous fugitives, of both sexes, were found, who put themselves under the guidance of Aeneas. Some months were spent in preparation, and at length they embarked. They first landed on the neighboring shores of Thrace and were preparing to build a city, but Aeneas was deterred by a prodigy.