

The Jake Maddox Package of Novels

The Jake Maddox series of novels is a valuable resource in helping elementary school students, particularly in the fourth and fifth grades, solidify genuine grade level reading comprehension skills.

Moreover, their high interest level makes this series an effective tool in helping older students (grade 6 and 7 generally) who are below grade level, reluctant readers, or English language learners.

Because our belief is the Jake Maddox novels can play such a powerful role, especially for struggling readers, we have greatly expanded this product line. We have added nine new novels to the package. Plus, we have added a vocabulary component for each novel and practice in writing complete sentences. While the price for each individual novel lesson has remained the same, our new bundle structure offers a very significant 35% discount beyond the unit prior pricing structure. In effect: product has been increased. Price discounts have been increased. Our goal is to encourage you to use this product line particularly for struggling readers at the junior high level.

This product is now available directly parents of public school students as well as homeschoolers.

We have three bundles now:

- The big bundle includes 26 of the novels.
- A bundle of 16 novels focusing upon sports/activities featuring male athletes or participants.
- A bundle of 10 novels focusing upon sports/activities featuring female athletes or participants

Our expansion of this product reflects our professional confidence in how the series can be used effectively.

Classroom teachers may want to consider incorporating the Jake Maddox series into an incentive-based and independent study opportunity for bonus or extra credit during the academic year that encourages students to read more of the novels than a normal classroom-only instructional approach would allow.

Struggling readers need:

- More practice in reading,
- Better vocabulary skills.
- Practice writing sentences correctly.

The reality is that the time allocated to classroom instruction needs to be supplemented for these students. That IS a challenge. That's why this whole package has been restructured and the costs reduced. We believe in this product and that it can be used over the course of a year without disrupting regular classroom instruction.

The novels have created stories that involve young students and others in a wide range of establishing goals, positive and negative interaction along the way, and confronting and overcoming obstacles to achieve success.

At the junior high level in particular, the novels' lower-level readability metrics combined with higher-level interest stories create a very effective teaching tool to help struggling students advance towards genuine grade level steadily. The role that Jake Maddox novels can play is extremely important given the harsh reality empirically documented that high percentages of students reach the middle school years with significantly deficient reading skills.

The Jake Maddox franchise has created a highly strategic and **effective** path to academic growth for multiple millions of students nationally that currently face a bleak academic future. That fact is **why** we have placed such importance on the brilliance of that strategy on behalf of struggling readers who are falling further and further behind – until it is too late from a practical standpoint. For today’s students, it is not yet too late. Jake Maddox can make a difference.

The empirical data is overwhelming. Left unaddressed without an effective strategy in junior high, the students’ skills gaps **will** increase. Potential success in high school can be literally sabotaged **BEFORE** the students even reach 9th grade. Our resource on Teacher Pay Teacher has selected 26 of the novels to present a series of lessons that can be used as primary assignments and assessments and/or discretionary or bonus assignments that create an incentive for a student to read voluntarily even more during the course of an academic year.

A directory of the 26 novels we use is provided later. First, here are the elements we provide with each novel:

- **A VERY BASIC 12-QUESTION TEST:** This will help you confirm that the student actually read the novel.
 - The first step in becoming a more effective reader is **READING**. The diversity of these books actually encourages students to want to read them. Our job as teachers is to ensure that they have.
 - There are no tricky, complex questions. If a student has read the book, it will be clear.

- **VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT:** This will help make a student’s reading even more effective going forward.
 - Each of the novels has suggestions for ‘thought or interpretative’ questions. Those can be useful to you. Each novel also provides a condensed list of 8-12 words that focuses upon improving a student’s vocabulary used in the context of telling the story.
 - We provide a basic “mix and match the word to the definition” quiz provided to help ensure that the student is actually learning the meaning of the words in the story to solidify growth in their vocabulary.

- **PRACTICE WRITING SENTENCES:** With each novel, we select four words from the author’s list. We write a sentence for one of the words and ask the student to write a complete sentence using correct sentence punctuation and capitalization for the other three. There’s no ‘overkill’ here. Steady practice at writing good sentences is one of the key elements in learning to be an effective reader.
 - Thus, the goal of this assignment is basic: we ask a student to use the vocabulary of the mini-novels they have just read to focus upon writing effective and accurate complete sentences.

We acknowledge that teaching 26 novels in an academic year is not feasible. That’s why we suggest the possibility that teachers incorporate a few novels of their choosing into their formal lessons. Beyond that, bonus assignments that give extra credit to students who choose to read and complete more of the novels could provide a true incentive and **COMMITMENT** for independent learning that could prove so valuable.

Jake Maddox Novel Titles Featured

The direct links below will guide you to the full inventory of instructional materials for Jake Maddox novels. This includes a more detailed description of the individual lessons. As well, discounts are available for the full bundle of products and two other bundles that group the novels with male and female leads. There is also a major profile on the crisis of significant below grade-level reading skills of millions of student AND why these and our TPT products can provide you support in both grade level recovery and advance performance by your students. Bundles represent a 35% discount as we introduce this new package of an expanded treatment of the Jake Maddox novels.

Cost	Title	Lead Character	Cost	Title	Lead Character
Free	About Our TPT Products/Index	Free	\$1.95	Hockey Meltdown	Male
Free	The Crisis in Reading COMING	Free	\$1.95	Hoop Dancer Determination	Male
Free	About Our Jake Maddox Product	Free	\$1.95	Horseback Hurdles	Female
\$32.95	Jake Maddox Big Sports Bundle	Tests & Vocab.	\$1.95	Linebacker Block	Male
\$12.50	Girls Sports Bundle (10)	Tests & Vocab.	\$1.95	Off the Bench	Male
\$19.95	Boys' Sports Bundle (16)	Tests & Vocab.	\$1.95	On Guard	Male
\$1.95	BMX Challenge	Male	\$1.95	Playing Forward	Male
\$1.95	Cheer Captain	Female	\$1.95	Quarterback Comeback	Male
\$1.95	Cowboy Up	Male	\$1.95	Rebound Time	Female
\$1.95	Cycling Champion	Male	\$1.95	Running Scared	Female
\$1.95	Dance Team Dilemma	Female	\$1.95	Skateboard Struggle	Male
\$1.95	Drive to the Hoop	Female	\$1.95	Skating Showdown	Female
\$1.95	Football Triple Threat	Male	\$1.95	Soccer Surprise	Female
\$1.95	Geocache Surprise	Male	\$1.95	Speed Receiver	Male
\$1.95	Gold Medal Swim	Male	\$1.95	Track and Field Takedown	Male
\$1.95	Gymnastic Jitters	Female	\$1.95	Volleyball Dreams	Female