

GROWING STRONG ROOT SYSTEMS IN THE HEART

16. 'The Beginning' of Learning
 15. Classic Lit., i.e., The Great Books
 14. Threads: Art, Music, Architecture, Religion, Science
 13. Moral Heroes
 12. Stories of Nations
 11. History like Landmarks, Signature Biographies, etc.
 10. Historical Fiction
 9. Short Picturesque Stories
 8. Epic and Legendary Heroes, i.e., King Arthur
- HEROIC**

7. Famous Childhoods, child life in far away lands
 6. Children's Classics, i.e., The Secret Garden, A Little Princess
 5. Fairy Tales, Mythology
- IMAGINATIVE**

4. Transitional Stories – part familiar, part imaginative, i.e., Raggedy Ann
 3. Short Repetitive Stories, i.e., The Three Bears, also family/nature
 2. Picture Books
 1. Mother Goose
 0. Lullabies
- FAMILIAR**

"In order to read the 'great' books of Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine and St. Thomas, we need to replenish the cultural soul that has been depleted and create a place where these works can thrive by cultivating an imaginative ground saturated with fable, fairy tale, stories, rhymes and adventures – the thousand books of Grimm, Andersen, Dickens, Scott, Dumas and the rest. The one thing a great books education will not do is create a moral imagination where there is none."

— John Senior