



Under the Home

Third-Fourth Grade Reading and Writing

McGuffey's Second Eclectic Reader Copywork, Narration, and Dictation

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Lesson 1: Evening at Home

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
newspaper	
cold	
order	
seem	
through	
stockings	
chat	
story	
light	
Harry	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
branches	
kiss	
burns	
Mrs.	
events	
another	
Mr.	
stool	
lamp	
mends	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Harry and Kate read a story in a new book. The father reads his newspaper, and the mother mends Harry's stockings.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 2: Bubbles

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
beautiful	
porch	
rainbow	
burst	
bubbling	
same	
biggest	
sneeze	
colors	
main	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
soap	
wash	
red	
many	

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 3: Willie's Letter

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
Christmas	
shoot	
throw	
parlor	
forget	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Papa is going to give me a Christmas tree, and he says that you will put nice things on it if I ask you.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 4: The Little Star

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
above	
world	
dark	
oft	
never	
spark	
dew	
till	
diamond	
twinkle	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
blazing	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*For you never shut your eye,
Till the sun is in the sky.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 5: Two Dogs

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
behind	
together	
noble	
Scotch	
Dodger	
minutes	
crib	
wagon	
terrier	
country	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
scold	
fellow	
shaggy	
friskily	
fits	
cellar	
guards	
Newfoundland	
yard	
harness	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

He is called Dodger because he jumps about so friskily. He is up on a chair, under the table, behind the door, down cellar, and out in the yard,--all in a minute.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 6: Afraid of the Dark

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
between	
bureau	
stairs	
needle	
afraid	
shadow	
held	
stir	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

'What is the dark?' asked mamma. 'See! It is nothing but a shadow.'

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 7: Baby Bye

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
spiders	
tickling	
stay	
neck	
nose	
secret	
crawls	
legs	
beck	
ope	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
goes	
toes	
speck	
choose	
dot	
nod	
shoes	
spread	
believe	
six	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Little fly,
Ope your eye;
Spiders are nearby.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 8: Puss and Her Kittens

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
servant	
suddenly	
longer	
returned	
lived	
tired	
since	
five	
anxious	
trouble	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
certain	
nearly	
dozen	
seven	
attic	
strange	
great	
proper	
coal	
seemed	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Puss was certain that she wanted them in the attic; so she carried them there again and again, a dozen times; for each time the servant took them back to the cellar.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 9: Kitty and Mouse

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
nine	
mousie	
fro	
frolic	
bit	
slipped	
spied	
crow	
teeth	
pearl	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
used	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*When the teeth bit little mousie,
Mousie cried out 'Oh!'
But she slipped away from kitty,
Long time ago.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 10: At Work

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
washed	
hours	
precious	
game	
harm	
any	
brushed	
end	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

But he knew that time is not all for play; that our minutes, hours, and days are very precious.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 11: What a Bird Taught

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
twit-twee	
bough	
twit-twit	
topmost	
lock	
spray	
mate	
closely	
rosy	
answer	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Why do you lock your rosy feet
So closely round the spray?
Twit-twit, twit-twit, twit-tweet!
That was all he would say.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 12: Susie Sunbeam

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
brightness	
pleasant	
learned	
dress	
playmates	
unkind	
ragged	
word	
questions	
smiling	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
crowed	
child	
Sunbeam	
cheered	
Susie	
gave	
gladness	
unless	
name	
gate	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

One day, a poor little girl with a very ragged dress was going by and Susie heard some children teasing her and making fun of her.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 13: If I were a Sunbeam

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
woodlands	
divine	
raised	
until	
drooping	
blessed	
seek	
upward	
hovels	
inner	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
steal	
heaven	
hearts	
lilies	
die	
roaming	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Are you not a sunbeam,
Child, whose life is glad
With an inner brightness
Sunshine never had?*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 14: Henry, the Bootblack

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
support	
along	
boots	
belong	
dollar	
years	
manage	
taught	
corner	
notice	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
money	
blacking	
gentlemen	
honest	
quite	
buy	
earned	
bootblack	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Henry might have kept all the money, for no one saw him when he found it. But his mother had taught him to be honest, and never to keep what did not belong to him.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 15: Don't Wake the Baby

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
tread	
whisper	
softly	
talk	
cheerful	
careful	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Baby sleeps, so we must tread
Softly round her little bed,
And be careful that our toys
Do not fall and make a noise.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 16: A Kind Brother

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
full	
load	
heavy	
middle	
heavier	
slip	
wrong	
handle	
brother	
deceived	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Then he slipped the basket quite near his own end of the pole. His load was now heavier than that of his little brother. Yet he was happy; for he felt that he had done right.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 17: My Good-for-nothing

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
busy	
mischief	
looked	
unto	
glee	
contriving	
ringlets	
noddle	
drew	
nun	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
pressing	
fingers	
carpet	
wise	
lips	
embrace	
ponder	
lashes	
climb	
true	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*See if your wise little noddle can tell
What you are good for. Now ponder it well.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 18: The Kingbird

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
berries	
strikes	
robin	
eagle	
short	
king	
rid	
foe	
dart	
fails	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
sharp	
hawk	
worms	
active	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*If a hawk, a crow, or even an eagle comes near, he makes a dash at it.
Though he is so small, he is brave, and he is also very active.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 19: Evening Hymn

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
watching	
gathers	
angels	
begin	
darkness	
across	
lonely	
beasts	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Through the lonely darkness,
May the angels spread
Their white wings above me,
Watching round my bed.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 20: The Quarrel

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
divided	
quarrel	
agree	
thus	
settle	
settling	
kernel	
equal	
apt	
parts	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*"The kernel of the nut, I shall keep as my pay for settling the quarrel."
"This is the way," said he, laughing, "in which quarrels are very apt to end."*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 21: The Bee

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
creatures	
drones	
inside	
hive	
idle	
defense	
driven	
killed	
cells	
size	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
workers	
queen	
stings	
shape	
wax	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*How doth the little busy bee
Improve each shining hour.
And gather honey all the day
From every opening flower!*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 22: The Song of the Bee

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
blossoms	
dreary	
weary	
pinks	
smelling	
toiling	
levies	
buzz	
fragrant	
thistle	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
weeds	
scent	
treasure	
yellow	
meadow	
tax	
summer	
clover	
cloudy	
daisy	
daffodil	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
lies	
columbine	
humming	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Oh! we may get weary,
And think work is dreary;
'Tis harder by far
To have nothing to do.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 23: The Torn Doll

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
unhappy	
promised	
heedless	
became	
growing	
careless	
harshly	
leaving	
easily	
effects	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
annoy	
ma'am	
blame	
worse	
torn	
hardly	
nicest	
spend	
habit	
evil	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

She had often told Mary the evil effects of being so careless. Her books became spoiled, and her toys broken.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 24: Sheep-shearing

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
thoroughly	
month	
dried	
dyed	
cuts	
shearer	
sheep	
those	
spun	
dirt	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
other	
wise	
woven	
cloth	
wool	
rub	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*It is fine sport for those who look on, but not much fun for the sheep.
It is best for the sheep to have the wool taken off; otherwise they would suffer in the summer time.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 25: The Clouds

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
bearers	
earth	
warm	
sultry	
wander	
rays	
grain	
clouds	
o'er	
we're	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*We are bearers of the rain
To the grasses, and flowers, and grain;
We guard you from the sun's bright rays,
In the sultry summer days.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 26: Patty and the Squirrel

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
people	
forest	
squirrel	
cool	
nearest	
tame	
hollow	
snug	
shoulder	
miles	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
sticks	
gently	
though	
Patty	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Squirrels build for themselves summer houses. Those are made of leaves, and sticks, and moss. They are nice and cool for summer, but would never do for the winter cold and snow.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 27: The Sparrow

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
frightened	
intend	
wheat	
Thomas	
complains	
plums	
choose	
shocking	
sparrow	
ripest	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
robbing	
breakfast	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Shocking tales I hear of you;
Chirp, and tell me, are they true?
Robbing all the summer long;
Don't you think it very wrong?*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 28: Sam and Harry

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
afternoon	
supper	
deep	
length	
carriage	
threw	
hedge	
stood	
truly	
road	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
few	
sad	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

His mother gave him some cents. Harry did not put them into the man's hat. He threw them into the hedge as far as he could. The poor man could not find them, for he was blind.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 29: The Little Rill

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
rippling	
fringe	
stray	
thou	
mill	
village	
brink	
clear	
wild	
hill	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
course	
bathe	
tiny	
pool	
rill	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Sing to every child like me;
The birds will join you, full of glee:
And we will listen to the song
You sing, your rippling course along.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 30: The Boat Upset

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
hastened	
possible	
balance	
Edgar	
save	
boatman	
danger	
quickly	
move	
trip	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
stretched	
several	
started	
folks	
fell	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

They kept quiet for a short time only. Edgar soon wanted a stick which Thomas held in his hand. He lost his balance in trying to get the stick, and fell into the water.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 31: Mary's Letter

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
Fanny	
rowing	
drowned	
upset (tipped)	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*The boat upset and how
we were all saved I can hardly
tell. A man in another boat
which was near, picked us up.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 32: The Tiger

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
lion	
body	
stripes	
delight	
English	
prey	
tiger	
collar	
tigress	
frightful	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
seize	
unlike	
swiftest	
animals	
roar	
giant	
slightest	
officers	
whiskers	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Whenever you find an animal with whiskers, you may be sure that animal steals softly among branches and thick bushes. By the slightest touch on the tiger's whiskers, he knows when there is anything in his road.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 33: The Fireside

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
then	
usual	
cousin	
fireside	
sewing	
Katie	
better	
crackle	
knitting	
perhaps	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
Jane	
reason	
tonight	
happier	
instructive	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

"My dears," said their mother, "it must be that you feel happier than usual tonight. Perhaps that is the reason why you think the fire better, and the light brighter."

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 34: Birdie's Morning Song

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
dewdrops	
hopping	
laziest	
bends	
sung	
patience	
instead	
darling	
ought	
rest	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
slumber	
myself	
reply	
miss	
lose	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Wake up, little darling, the birdies are out,
And here you are still in your nest!
The laziest birdie is hopping about;
You ought to be up with the rest.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 35: Willie and Bounce I

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
sent	
store	
Bounce	
floating	
load	
circle	
ripples	
catching	
cake	
blocks	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
strolled	
however	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Two fast friends were Willie Brown and his little dog Bounce. Willie could never think of taking a walk without Bounce. Cake and play were equally shared between them.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 36: Willie and Bounce II

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
yelp	
loudly	
against	
looking	
barking	
spring	
clothes	
opened	
distress	
scratched	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

He caught hold of Mr. Brown's clothes, then ran to the door, then back again, catching at him, barking, and jumping.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 37: The Kitchen Clock

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
talkative	
improve	
obliging	
written	
tick-tock	
clock	
truthful	
itself	
kitchen	
fear	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
reaches	
most	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*"I'm a very friendly clock;
For this truth to all I tell,
Life is short, improve it well;
Tick-tock-tick-tock"*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 38: The New Scales

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
Herbert	
orange	
find	
post	
inches	
thread	
beam	
thick	
pine	
next	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
groove	
scales	
hole	
peel	
gimlet (tool)	
ribbon	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

"Herbert, will you please peel my orange?" said Lucy.
"Shall I make a pair of scales, Lucy?"
"Oh yes!"
"First, we must take the peel off in two little cups."

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 39: The Bear and the Children

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
smelt	
hide	
crept	
laid	
floor	
inn	
bear	
fur	
youngest	
danced	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
joyful	
marched	
soldiers	
badly	
running	
eldest	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Stump! stump! stump! Someone was coming up the stairs.

The door flew open suddenly, and there stood the great, shaggy bear. He had got tired of waiting, and had found his way to the stairs.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 40: The Little Harebell

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
fair	
lady	
drear	
clinging	
harebell	
fled	
ne'er	
despair	
nodding	
blooming	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*"Clinging to this bit of earth,
As if in mid-air,
With your sweet face turned to me,
Looking strangely fair?"*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 41: The Fishhawk

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
rough	
often	
beneath	
fiercely	
seaside	
twenty	
timidly	
compels	
robber	
breast	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
spots	
mode	
osprey	
hooked	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

The eagle flies at him fiercely with his sharp bill and claws, and compels the hawk to drop the fish. Then the eagle catches the fish as it falls, before it reaches the ground, and carries it off.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 42: What the Leaf Said

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
leaf	
task	
twice	
sighing	
holidays	
gay	
twig	
meant	
stopped	
different	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
puff	
edge	
matter	
autumn	
hundreds	
lead	
grew	
rustled	
October	
trembling	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*When the tree heard it, it rustled all over, and sent word back to the trembling leaf.
"Do not be afraid," it said; "hold on tight, and you shall not go off till you are ready."*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 43: The Wind and the Leaves

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
gold	
lambs	
fondly	
cricket	
whirling	
fields	
leaves	
fleecy	
farewell	
coverlet	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
glade	
vale	
dream	
content	
fluttering	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Dancing and whirling, the little leaves went;
Winter had called them, and they were content.
Soon fast asleep in their earthy beds,
The snow laid a coverlet over their heads.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 44: Mamma's Present

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
wore	
green	
joke	
Jessie	
presents	
jolly	
deal	
trim	
expect	
leggings	

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 45: Mary's Story

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
purple	
plumes	
pail	
happened	
coat	
shallow	
waded	
Charles	
nap	
yesterday	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

We had a pail to put our seaweeds in. Some wore purple, some pink, and some brown. When they were spread out in the water, the purple ones looked like plumes, and the brown ones like little trees.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 46: Ralph Wick

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
bid	
sore	
smile	
Ralph	
forget	
hay	
stem	
shone	
Wick	
scream	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
tore	
point	
pluck	
thorns	
snatched	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Ralph Wick was seven years old. In most things he was a fine boy, but he was too apt to cry. When he could not have what he wanted, he would cry for it and say, "I will have it."

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 47: Coasting Down the Hill

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
slope	
voices	
rushing	
beaming	
track	
cheeks	
flooding	
laughter	
health	
aglow	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
coasting	
trudging	
frosty	
Isabel	
pleasure	
landscape	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Now I hear them shouting,
'Ready! Clear the track!'
Down the slope they're rushing,
Now they're trotting back.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 48: The Fox and the Ducks

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
heed	
sight	
slyly	
stream	
drifting	
flock	
flight	
snaps	
hidden	
circling	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

When the fox saw that the ducks were no longer afraid of the branches, he took a much larger branch and stretched himself upon it so as to be almost hidden. Then he set it afloat as he had the others.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 49: Pretty is that Pretty does

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
saint	
silken	
simple	
poverty	
plain	
sinner	
spinner	
splendor	
worth	
steady	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
murder	
planning	
silver	
tender	
proverb	
remember	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Remember the old proverb says
That pretty is which pretty does,
And that worth does not go nor stay
For poverty nor splendor.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 50: The Storyteller I

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
civil	
Peter	
Towser	
appear	
alone	
Pindar	
persons	
travelers	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

"There are men there who keep large dogs. These are taught to hunt for people lost in the snow. The dogs have so fine a scent, that they can find persons by that alone."

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 51: The Storyteller II

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
lain	
weak	
stiff	
shrill	
rode	
bleak	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

This gave the poor boy some hope, and he took hold of the dog. He drew himself out of the snow, but he could not stand or walk.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 52: The Owl I

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
oak	
dusk	
fight	
squeak	
ruffled	
bag	
Fred	
who	
awake	
creeping	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

He opened his great eyes, and ruffled up his feathers, and said, "Whoop! Whoop!" "Never mind who," Fred said, and slipped him into a bag.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 53: The Owl II

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
while	
bones	
scarcely	
mouser	
mice	
rolled	
surprised	
swallows	
winking	
comical	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
ducklings	
capture	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

"Let him go. He doesn't like this cage half so well as his old oak tree. A young owl can be tamed easily, but this one is too old to tame."

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 54: Grandfather's Story

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
broad	
knee	
fig	
fresh	
city	
trout	
underneath	
fought	
surprised	
clapping	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
garden	
carrying	
fighting	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

"The broad leaves were green and fresh. We looked up at the ripe, purple figs. And what do you think came down through the branches of the fig tree over our heads?"

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 55: God is Great and Good

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
flow	
wide	
steep	
lakes	
twinkling	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*He made the streams so wide,
That flow through wood and vale;
He made the rills so small,
That leap down hill and dale.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 56: A Good Old Man

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
hoe	
grave	
knock	
except	
droll	
hymn	
prayed	
cottage	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

In winter, as they were too poor to buy much wood or coal, they had little fire; so they used to sit close together to keep warm. Mary would sit on one of the old man's knees, and Jane on the other.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 57: The Greedy Girl

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
dined	
gayly	
doctor	
glutton	
needs	
lively	
acorns	
readers	
tastes	
Laura	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
greedy	
tempers	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Laura English is a greedy little girl. Indeed, she is quite a glutton. Do you know what a glutton is? A glutton is one who eats too much, because the food tastes well.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 58: A Place for Everything

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
lend	
Sarah	
comfort	
ashamed	
your	
willing	
thimble	
elsewhere	
using	
borrow	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
offended	
depended	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

I will tell you the secret. I have a place for everything, and I put everything in its place when I have done using it.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 59: My Mother

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
constant	
leading	
ear	
lull	
didst	
meek	
hark	
thee	
none	
mild	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
thine	
nurse	
ease	
thy	
rejoice	
fretful	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Didst thou not, in hours of pain,
Lull this head to ease again?
With the music of thy voice,
Bid my little heart rejoice?*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 60: The Broken Window I

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
skipping	
mean	
George	
gift	
engaged	
Mason	
Ellet	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

It was wrong to break the window, though I did not mean to do it. I will go and pay for it, if it takes all my money, I will try not to be sorry.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 61: The Broken Window II

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
merchant	
honestly	
rang	
mind	
partner	
without	
rich	
bell	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

When the man came out, George said, "Sir, I threw a snowball through your window. But I did not intend to do it. I am very sorry, and wish to pay you."

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 62: Frank and the Hourglass

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
line	
figure	
second	
perfectly	
grain	
verse	
advice	
impatient	
study	
busily	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
followed	
understand	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

Frank watched the little stream of sand. He was impatient, because it would not run faster. "Let me shake it, mother," said he; "it is lazy, and will never get through."

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 63: March

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
sleet	
cheerly	
cruel	
taps	
free	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*'Poor old Winter does not love you;
But his time is past;
Soon my birds shall sing above you;--
Set you free at last.'*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 64: Jenny's Call

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
late	
straw	
Jenny	
snorted	
Templar	
aunt	
rogue	
report	
grazing	
directly	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
ditch	
acted	
service	
suppose	
caressed	
hired	
erect	
pricked	
moment	
groceries	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

The moment Fanny heard the rustle of Jenny's dress, she pricked up her ears, snorted, and, with head erect, seemed ready to bound away again.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 65: Poor Davy

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
rung	
Davy	
violet	
recess	
arrange	
ferns	
maple	
dainty	
lingered	
prettiest	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

He was thinking of the cruel words that had been said about his ragged clothes. The tears stole out of his eyes, and ran down his cheeks.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 66: Alice's Supper

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
deep	
flour	
dough	
miller	
whether	
cook	
afar	
dusty	
cradles	
grinding	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
glow	
doth	
valley	
reapers	
a-kneading	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Far down in the valley the wheat grows deep,
And the reapers are making the cradles sweep
And this is the song that I hear them sing*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 67: A Snowstorm

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
tall	
hung	
storm	
picket	
firs	
north	
gowns	
sparked	
roof	
flakes	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
fairies	
captains	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

He must have been pleased with what he saw, for he smiled such a bright, sweet smile, that the whole white world sparkled as if it were made of little stars.

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 68: Bessie I

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
dug	
roots	
thump	
offense	
toad	
spool	
heaped	
smoothed	
forth	
apron	

MCGUFFEY'S SECOND ECLECTIC READER COPYWORK, NARRATION, AND DICTATION

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
closets	
dandelions	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

"Sure enough," said Bessie; "perhaps I'm making dear mother or auntie wait; and they are so good to me. I'd better let the basket wait. Take care of it, birdie; and don't jump on my flowers, Mr. Toad."

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 69: Bessie II

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
visit	
soaked	
obedient	
ruined	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

"This new, fresh, beautiful rain, Bessie! How it will make our flowers grow, and what a good time we can have together in the house!"

"I know it, auntie; but you will think me so careless!"

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 70: Cheerfulness

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
sought	
surely	
welcome	
lightsome	
lofty	
maiden	
cherished	
introduce	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Her face is like the May time,
Her voice is like the bird's;
The sweetest of all music
Is in her lightsome words.*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)

Lesson 71: Lullaby

Name: _____

Date: _____

Copy Each Featured Word	Write the Definition
western	
breathe	
dying	
moon	
babe	
sails	

Narrate the Lesson (Own Words)

Copy the Excerpt

*Over the rolling waters go,
Come from the dying moon, and blow,
Blow him again to me;*

Narrate the Excerpt (Own Words)

Dictate the Excerpt (Instructor Reads and Student Writes)
