



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 4: Module 4: Unit 3:

Recommended Texts



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about the importance of voting. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic. Note that districts and schools should consider their own community standards when reviewing this list. Some texts in particular units or modules address emotionally difficult content.

It is imperative that students read a high volume of texts at their reading level in order to continue to build the academic vocabulary and fluency demanded by the CCLS

Where possible, texts in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile levels that correspond to Common Core Bands: below grade band, within band, and above band. Note, however, that Lexile® measures are just one indicator of text complexity, and teachers must use their professional judgment and consider qualitative factors as well. For more information, see Appendix 1 of the Common Core State Standards.

Common Core Band Level Text Difficulty Ranges:

(As provided in the NYSED Passage Selection Guidelines for Assessing CCSS ELA)

- Grade 2–3: 420–820L
- Grade 4–5: 740–1010L
- Grade 6–8: 925–1185L

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile* Measure
Lexile text measures in below band level (below 740L)			
<i>Nelson Mandela</i>	Kamira Grant (author)	Informational	350*
<i>Vote!</i>	Eileen Christelow (author)	Informational	420
<i>Who Really Created Democracy?</i>	Amie Jane Leavitt (author)	Informational	640
<i>Class President</i>	Johanna Hurwitz (author)	Literature	650
<i>Voting in Elections</i>	Terri DeGezelle (author)	Informational	650*
<i>The Ballot Box Battle</i>	Emily Arnold McCully (author)	Literature	690
<i>The Kid Who Ran for President</i>	Dan Gutman (author)	Literature	730

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level;



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (740–1010L)			
<i>The Day Gogo Went to Vote</i>	Elinor Batezat Sisulu (author)	Literature	780
<i>I Could Do That!: Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote</i>	Linda Arms White (author)	Informational	780
<i>Voting</i>	Sarah De Capua (author)	Informational	840
<i>Voting in an Election</i>	John Hamilton (author)	Informational	910*
<i>A History of Voting Rights</i>	Tamra Orr (author)	Informational	950*
<i>A Kid's Guide to the Voting Process</i>	Tammy Gagne (author)	Informational	960
<i>Nelson Mandela</i>	Kadir Nelson (author)	Informational	960
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>Voting and Elections</i>	Michael Burgan (author)	Informational	1050
<i>Selma and the Voting Rights Act</i>	David Aretha (author)	Informational	1140†

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