



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 5: Module 4: Unit 1:

Recommended Texts



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This list below includes texts with a range of Lexile text measures about natural disasters. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic.

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.

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

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.

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in Grade 2–3 band level (below 740L)			
<i>Tornadoes</i>	Mari Schuh (author)	Informational	490
<i>Floods</i>	Matt Doeden (author)	Informational	500
<i>Earthquakes</i>	Joelle Riley (author)	Informational	560
<i>Hurricanes!</i>	Marcie Aboff (author)	Informational	600
<i>Hurricane Fury</i>	Molly Blaisdell (author)	Informational	600



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 band level (740–1010L)			
<i>Tsunamis and Floods</i>	Jayne Keedle (author)	Informational	810
<i>The Worst Tornadoes of All Time</i>	Terri Dougherty (author)	Informational	850
<i>Surviving Earthquakes</i>	Michael Burgan (author)	Informational	850
<i>Chasing the World’s Most Dangerous Storms</i>	Clive Clifford (author)	Informational	860
<i>Hurricanes</i>	Seymour Simon (author)	Informational	910
<i>Tornadoes</i>	S.L. Hamilton (author)	Informational	910*
<i>Shattering Earthquakes</i>	Louise Spilsbury (author)	Informational	930
<i>Natural Disasters</i>	Nicolas Brasch (author)	Informational	960
<i>Saving Animals from Hurricanes</i>	Stephen Person (author)	Informational	990
Lexile text measures within Grade 6–8 band level (1010–1185L)			
<i>Saving Animals After Floods</i>	Joyce Markovics (author)	Informational	1030
<i>Hurricanes</i>	Glenn Stout (author)	Informational	1040
<i>Forces of Nature: The Awesome Power of Volcanoes, Earthquakes, and Tornadoes</i>	Catherine O’Neill Grace (author)	Informational	1080
<i>Natural Disasters: Violent Weather</i>	Steve Parker (author)	Informational	1140
<i>Eyewitness: Natural Disasters</i>	Claire Watts (author)	Informational	No Lexile

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.

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