



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 5: Module 4: Unit 2:

Recommended Texts



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This list below includes text with a range of Lexile® text measures about literature related to 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>Hurricane</i>	David Wiesner (author)	Literature	460
<i>Hurricane!</i>	Jonathan London (author)	Literature	460
<i>The Earth Dragon Awakes: The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906</i>	Laurence Yep (author)	Literature	510
<i>I Survived Hurricane Katrina, 2005</i>	Lauren Tarshis (author)	Literature	590
<i>Earthquake Terror</i>	Peg Kehret (author)	Literature	690
<i>The Blizzard's Robe</i>	Robert Sabuda (author)	Literature	700
<i>Blown Away!</i>	Joan Hiatt Harlow (author)	Literature	730



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 band level (740–925L)			
<i>Escaping the Giant Wave</i>	Peg Kehret (author)	Literature	750
<i>Night of the Twisters</i>	Ivy Ruckman (author)	Literature	790
<i>Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival</i>	Kirby Larson (author)	Literature	810
<i>Earthquake at Dawn</i>	Kristiana Gregory (author)	Literature	840
<i>Storm Warriors</i>	Elisa Carbone (author)	Literature	890
<i>The Terrible Roar of Water</i>	Penny Draper (author)	Literature	890
Lexile text measures within Grade 6–8 band level (925–1185L)			
<i>Tales from the Gulf</i>	Martha Tannery Jones (author)	Literature	1010*
<i>Storm Surge: The Science of Hurricanes</i>	Don Nardo (author)	Informational	1110
<i>Earthshake: Poems from the Ground Up</i>	Lisa Westberg Peters (author)	Poetry	NP

* Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.

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