



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 5: Module 4: Unit 3:

Recommended Texts



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about U.S. humanitarian efforts that take place when a natural disaster occurs. 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 below band level (under 740L)			
<i>Volunteering</i>	Amanda Rondeau (author)	Informational	350*
<i>Clara Barton: Angel of the Battlefield</i>	Tamara Hollingsworth (author)	Informational	430
<i>The Red Cross</i>	Anastasia Suen (author)	Informational	580*
<i>Disaster Relief</i>	Nick Hunter (author)	Informational	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>Disaster Relief</i>	Nick Hunter (author)	Informational	750*
<i>Kids Care! 75 Ways to Make a Difference for People, Animals, & the Environment</i>	Rebecca Olien (author)	Informational	750*
<i>The Haitian Earthquake</i>	Peter Benoit (author)	Informational	870
<i>Hurricane Katrina</i>	Peter Benoit (author)	Informational	880
<i>Earthquake in Haiti</i>	Miriam Aronin (author)	Informational	910
<i>Ways to Help after a Natural Disaster</i>	Laya Saul (author)	Informational	1000*
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>Clara Barton: Civil War Hero and American Red Cross Founder</i>	Susan E. Hamen (author)	Informational	1020*
<i>The International Red Cross</i>	Sean Connolly (author)	Informational	1020*
<i>The World Health Organization</i>	Sean Connolly (author)	Informational	1090*
<i>Disaster Relief Workers</i>	Greg Roza (author)	Informational	1160

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