



EXPEDITIONARY  
LEARNING

# Grade 5: Module 2B: Unit 2:

## Recommended Texts



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about the invention of the television. 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.

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.

**Common Core Band Level Text Difficulty Ranges:**

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

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

Where possible, texts in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile measures 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
<b>Lexile measures in grades 2–3 band level (below 740L)</b>			
<i>How Did That Get to My House? Television</i>	Gary Chmielewski (author)	Informational	500*
<i>Philo Farnsworth Invents TV</i>	Russell Roberts (author)	Biography	525*
<i>Who Invented Television? Philo Farnsworth</i>	Mary Kay Carson (author)	Informational	525*

\*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<b>Lexile measures within band level (740L–1010L)</b>			
<i>The Teen Who Invented Television: Philo Farnsworth and His Awesome Invention</i>	Edwin Brit Wyckoff (author)	Informational	750*
<i>The Television</i>	Marc Tyler Nobleman (author)	Informational	750*
<i>Televisions</i>	Kristin Petrie (author)	Informational	815*
<i>TV's Forgotten Hero: The Story of Philo Farnsworth</i>	Stephanie Sammartino McPherson (author)	Informational	910
<i>Philo T. Farnsworth: Visionary Inventor of Television</i>	Tim O'Shei (author)	Informational	940*
<b>Lexile measures above band level (over 1010L)</b>			
<i>The Television</i>	Richard Spilsbury (author)	Informational	1030
<i>Television</i>	John Grabowski (author)	Informational	1050*
<i>Inventing the Television</i>	Joanne Richter (author)	Informational	1050*
<i>Television</i>	Steven Otfinoski (author)	Informational	1100*

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