



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 5: Module 3B: Unit 1:

Recommended Texts



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about the Inuit and their resources and their natural environment, behaviors, and how they survive. 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 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.

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

Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures below band level (under 740L)			
<i>Arctic Dreams</i>	Carole Gerber (author) Marty Husted (illustrator)	Literature	420
<i>Living in Polar Regions</i>	Tea Benduhn (author)	Informational	600
<i>Spotlight on Canada</i>	Bobbie Kalman (author)	Informational	690
<i>Living in the Arctic</i>	Neil Morris (author)	Informational	710*

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (740L–1010L)			
<i>Caribou of the Arctic</i>	Sara Swan Miller (author)	Informational	750*
<i>Life on the Ice</i>	Susan E. Goodman (author) Michael J. Doolittle (illustrator)	Informational	840*
<i>Atlas of the Poles and Oceans</i>	Karen Foster (author)	Informational	860
<i>Frozen Land</i>	Jan Reynolds (author)	Informational	860*
<i>Arctic Peoples</i>	Robin S. Doak (author)	Informational	930
<i>Polar Worlds</i>	Rosalyn Wade (author)	Informational	960*
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>Daily Life of the Inuit</i>	Pamela R. Stern (author)	Informational	nolxl
<i>I, Matthew Henson: Polar Explorer</i>	Carole Boston Weatherford (author) Eric Velasquez (illustrator)	Informational	1070
<i>The West Is Calling</i>	Sarah N. Harvey and Leslie Buffam (authors) Dianna Bonder (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>The Earth under Sky Bear's Feet</i>	Joseph Bruchac (author)	Poetry	NP
<i>The Elders Are Watching</i>	David Bouchard (author) Roy Henry Vickers (illustrator)	Poetry	NP

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