



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 5: Module 1: Unit 1

Recommended Texts



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Unit 1 builds students background about human rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The list below includes works with a range of Lexile® text measures on this topic. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge. 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 that the CCLS demand.

Where possible, materials 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.

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

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures band level (below 740L)			
<i>For Every Child: The Rights of the Child in Words and Pictures</i>	Caroline Castle (author)	Informational Text	510
<i>I Have the Right to Be a Child</i>	Alain Serres (author) Aurélia Fronty (illustrator) Helen Mixter (translator)	Informational Text	420
<i>The Color of Home</i>	Mary Hoffman (author), Karin Littlewood (illustrator)	Literature	540



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (740–1010L)			
<i>Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution</i>	Ji-Li Jiang (author)	Biography	780
<i>Ryan and Jimmy: And the Well in Africa That Brought Them Together</i>	Herb Shoveller (author)	Literature	810
<i>Giant Steps to Change the World</i>	Spike Lee and Tanya Lewis Lee (authors), Sean Qualls (illustrator)	Informational Text	870
<i>Shannen and the Dream for a School</i>	Janet Wilson (author)	Informational Text	840
<i>Stand Up, Speak Out: A Book about Children's Rights</i>	Selda Altun (editor)	Informational Text	850
<i>The Girl from Chimel</i>	Rigoberta Menchú (author), Domi (illustrator)	Literature	860
<i>Our World of Water: Children and Water around the World</i>	Beatrice Hollyer (author)	Informational Text	890
<i>Out of War: True Stories from the Frontlines of the Children's Movement for Peace in Colombia</i>	Sara Cameron (author) with UNICEF	Informational Text	910
<i>Kids on Strike!</i>	Susan Campbell Bartoletti (author)	Informational Text	920
<i>Gandhi</i>	Demi (author/illustrator)	Literature	980
<i>Human Rights Activist: Victory over Violence</i>	Ellen Rodger (author)	Informational Text	1000



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>This Child, Every Child: A Book about the World's Children</i>	David J. Smith (author) Shelagh Armstrong (illustrator)	Informational Text	1020
<i>Free the Children: A Young Man Fights against Child Labor and Proves That Children Can Change the World</i>	Craig Kielburger (author)	Informational Text	1020
<i>We Are All Born Free: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in Pictures</i>	Amnesty International (editor)	Informational Text	
<i>Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade against Child Labor</i>	Russell Freedman (author), Lewis Hine (photographer)	Informational Text	1140
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