



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 4: Module 1B: Unit 1:

Recommended Texts



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Unit 1 focuses on poetry. The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about this topic. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge on and immerse him- or herself in poetry. 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 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

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-grade band level (below 740L)			
<i>Dogku</i>	Andrew Clements (author), Tim Bowers (illustrator)	Poetry	210
<i>A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems</i>	Paul B. Janeczko (author), Chris Raschka (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Thanks a Million</i>	Nikki Grimes (author), Cozbi A. Cabrera (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Pug: And Other Animal Poems</i>	Valerie Worth (author), Steve Jenkins (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Peaceful Pieces: Poems and Quilt about Peace</i>	Anna Grossnickle Hines (author)	Poetry	NP



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<i>Come with Me: Poems for a Journey</i>	Naomi Shihab Nye (author)	Poetry	480*
<i>Falling Down the Page: A Book of List Poems</i>	Georgia Heard (editor)	Poetry	NP
<i>If Not for the Cat</i>	Jack Prelutsky (author), Ted Rand (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Science Verse</i>	Jon Scieszka (author), Lane Smith (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Dinothesaurus: Prehistoric Poems and Paintings</i>	Douglas Florian (author)	Poetry	NP
<i>I Am the Book</i>	Lee Bennett Hopkins (selected by), Yayo (illustrator)	Poetry	690
<i>Talking with Mother Earth: Poems</i>	Jorge Argueta (author), Lucia Angela Perez (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
Lexile text measures within band level (740-1010L)			
<i>Love to Langston</i>	Tony Medina (author), R. Gregory Christie (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Poems to Dream Together</i>	Francisco X. Alarcón (author), Paula S. Barragán (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Falling Up</i>	Shel Silverstein (author)	Poetry	NP
<i>A Writing Kind of Day: Poems for Young Poets</i>	Ralph Fletcher (author)	Poetry	780*
<i>Joyful Noise: A Poem for Two Voices</i>	Paul Fleischman (author), Eric Beddows (illustrator)	Poetry	NP

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<i>Follow Follow: A Book of Reverso Poems</i>	Marilyn Singer (author), Josee Masse (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Guacamole: Un Poema Para Cocinar</i>	Jorge Argueta (author), Margarita Sada (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>EarthDance</i>	Joanne Ryder (author), Norman Gorbaty (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>The Dragons Are Singing Tonight</i>	Jack Prelutsky (author), Peter Sis (illustrator)	Poetry	870*
<i>19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East</i>	Naomi Shihab Nye (author)	Poetry	910
Lexile text measures above-grade band level (over 1010L)			
<i>Poetry for Young People: Emily Dickinson</i>	Frances Schoonmaker Bolin (editor), Chi Chung (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Amber Was Brave, Essie Was Smart: The Story of Amber and Essie Told Here in Poems and Pictures</i>	Vera B. Williams (author)	Poetry	NP
<i>Cool Salsa: Bilingual Poems on Growing Up Latino in the United States</i>	Lori M. Carlson (editor)	Poetry	NP
<i>Dark Emperor and other Poems of the Night</i>	Joyce Sidman (author), Rick Allen (illustrator)	Poetry	1020
<i>You Come Too: A Favorite Poem for Readers of All Ages</i>	Robert Frost (author)	Poetry	1120

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