



EXPEDITIONARY  
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# Grade 4: Module 3A: Unit 3:

## Recommended Texts



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Unit 3 focuses on simple machines and how those machines are used in modern life. The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile text measures on this topic. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge.

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
<b>Lexile text measures below band level (below 740L)</b>			
<i>Bicycle Book</i>	Gail Gibbons (author)	Informational	530
<i>Construction Toys</i>	Wendy Sadler (author)	Informational	670
<i>The Inventions of Eli Whitney: The Cotton Gin</i>	Holly Cefrey (author)	Informational	725*

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

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<b>Lexile text measures within band level (740-1010L)</b>			
<i>The History of Everyday Life</i>	Elaine Landau (author)	Informational	760*
<i>The Bicycle</i>	Larry Hills (author)	Informational	775*
<i>Household Inventions: From Toilets to Toasters</i>	Natalie Lunis (author)	Informational	840
<i>How Do Hybrid Cars Work?</i>	Richard Hantula (author)	Informational	840*
<i>So You Want to Be an Inventor?</i>	Judith St. George (author)	Informational	840
<i>Reinvent the Wheel: Make Classic Inventions, Discover Your Problem-Solving Genius, and Take the Inventor's Challenge</i>	Ruth Kassinger (author)	Informational	890*
<i>Inventors Who Changed the World</i>	Angela Royston (author)	Informational	900*
<i>The Chinese Thought of It: Amazing Inventions and Innovations</i>	Ting-xing Ye (author)	Informational	910*
<b>Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)</b>			
<i>Whose Idea Was That? Inventions that Changed Our Lives</i>	David Ellyard (author)	Informational	1010*
<i>Gadgets and Inventions</i>	Neil Morris (author)	Informational	1060
<i>Mighty Machines</i>	Ian Graham (author)	Informational	1080

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