



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 5: Module 2A: Unit 2:

Recommended Texts



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In Unit 2, students explore a specific scientific researcher who studies rainforest ecosystems. The list below includes a wide range of texts to read about rainforest flora and fauna, as well as about how scientists research the natural world. 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. 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 to continue to build the academic vocabulary and fluency that the CCLS demand.

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Where possible, texts in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile ranges that correspond to Common Core Bands: below-grade band, within band, and above-grade 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 below band level (under 740L)			
<i>Rain Forest Plants</i>	Pamela Dell (author)	Informational	640
<i>Rain Forest Animals</i>	Francine Galko (author)	Informational	660
Lexile text measures within band level (740–1010L)			
<i>Morpha: A Rain Forest Story</i>	Michael Tennyson (author), Jennifer H. Yoswa (illustrator)	Literature	750*
<i>Encantado: Pink Dolphin of the Amazon</i>	Sy Montgomery (author), Dianne Taylor-Snow (photographer)	Informational	870*
<i>Up a Rainforest Tree</i>	Carole Telford and Rod Theodorou (authors)	Informational	870
<i>The Tarantula Scientist</i>	Sy Montgomery (author), Nic Bishop (photographer)	Informational	890

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (740–1010L)			
<i>Rain Forest Animals</i>	Carolyn Franklin (author)	Informational	960
Lexile text measures within Grade 6–8 band level (925–1185L)			
<i>Young Charles Darwin and the Voyage of the BEAGLE</i>	Ruth Ashby (author)	Informational	1020
<i>The Search for Cures from the Rainforest</i>	Carol Ballard (author)	Informational	1075*
<i>How Monkeys Make Chocolate: Unlocking the Mysteries of the Rainforest</i>	Adrian Forsyth (author)	Informational	1120
<i>The Case of the Monkeys That Fell from the Trees: And Other Mysteries in Tropical Nature</i>	Susan E. Quinlan (author)	Informational	1210

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