



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 3: Module 2B: Unit 3:

Recommended Texts



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about anthropologists, researchers, and writers. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic.

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.

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.

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

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 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 measures below band level (under 420L)			
<i>What Do Authors Do?</i>	Eileen Christelow (author)	Informational	340
Lexile measures within band level (420–820L)			
<i>Jane Goodall: Animal Scientist and Friend</i>	Connie Janowski (author)	Biography	530
<i>Uncommon Traveler: Mary Kingsley in Africa</i>	Don Brown (author)	Biography	550 (AD)

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<i>Pingpong Perry Experiences How a Book Is Made</i>	Sandy Donovan (author)	Informational	560
<i>Amazing Arctic Explorer: Matthew Henson</i>	Mary Dodson Wade (author)	Biography	575*
<i>Zora Hurston and the Chinaberry Tree</i>	William Miller (author)	Biography	640
<i>How to Write about Your Adventure</i>	Cecilia Minden (author)	Informational	650
<i>Mary Pope Osborne</i>	Jill Wheeler (author)	Informational	790*
Lexile measures above band level (over 820L)			
<i>If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World's People</i>	David J. Smith (author)	Informational	840
<i>Writers</i>	Shaun Hunter (author)	Informational	860
<i>Jane Goodall: Researcher Who Champions Chimps</i>	Mike Venezia (author)	Biography	960
<i>Eruption!: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives</i>	Elizabeth Rusch (author)	Informational	1000
<i>Women in Anthropology</i>	Shaina Indovino (author)	Informational	1075
<i>A Child's Introduction to the World: Geography, Culture and People—From the Grand Canyon to the Great Wall of China</i>	Heather Alexander (author)	Informational	No LXL

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