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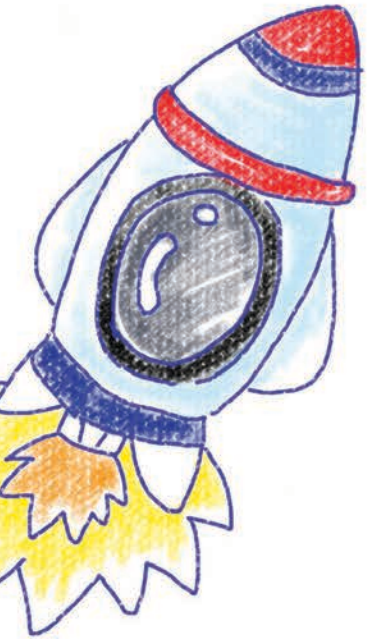
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# Authentic Trade Books at the Core of Instruction



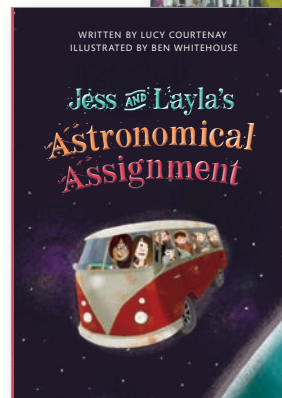
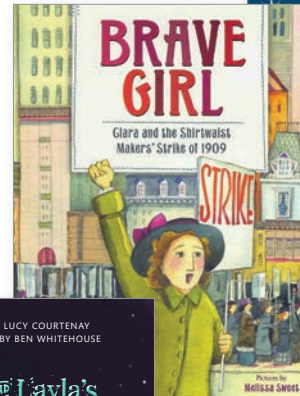
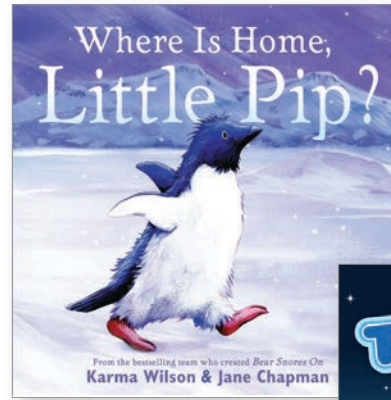
Each *ReadyGEN* Classroom Library offers a diverse selection of authentic texts to ensure that every student can see themselves represented positively through the pages that they read.

- Books, authors, and illustrators reflect a range of genders, cultures, and races
- Balance of male and female protagonists
- Storylines promote tolerance and acceptance of others
- Nonfiction and fiction texts meet heightened literacy expectations for today's students



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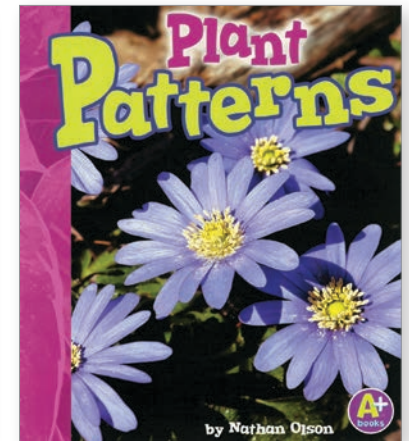
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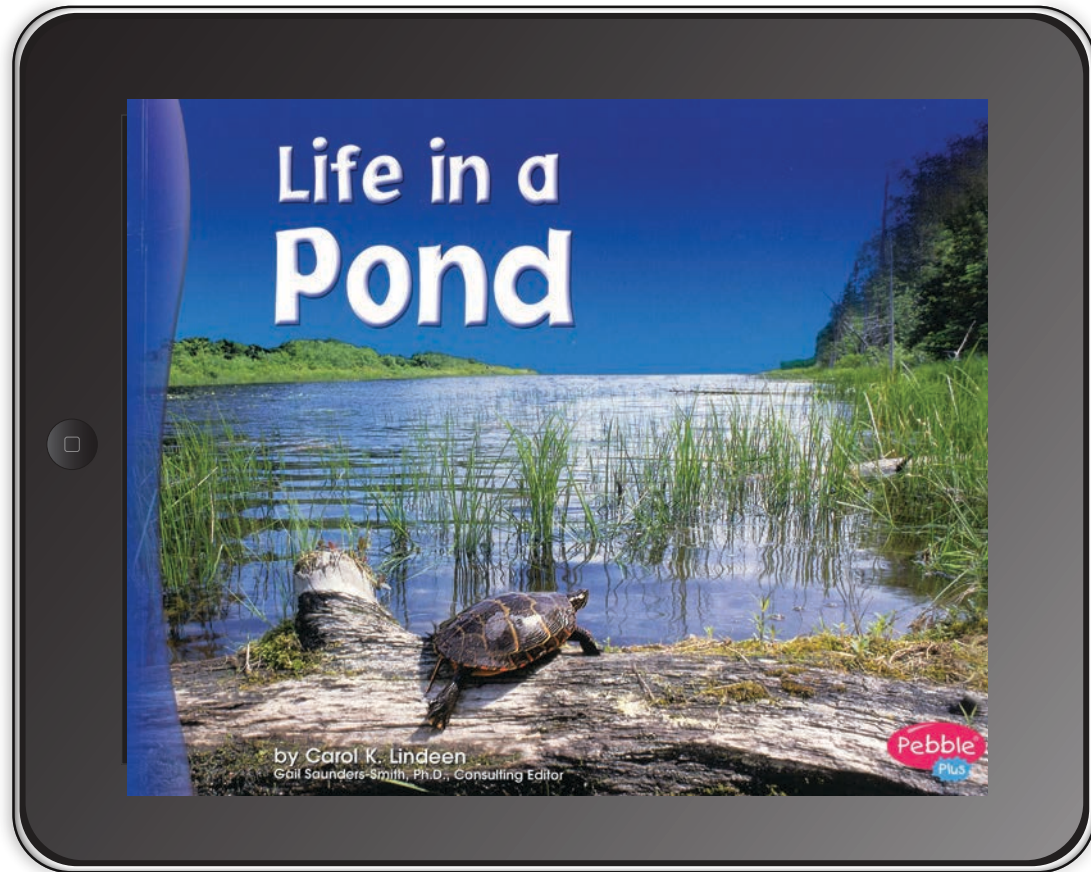
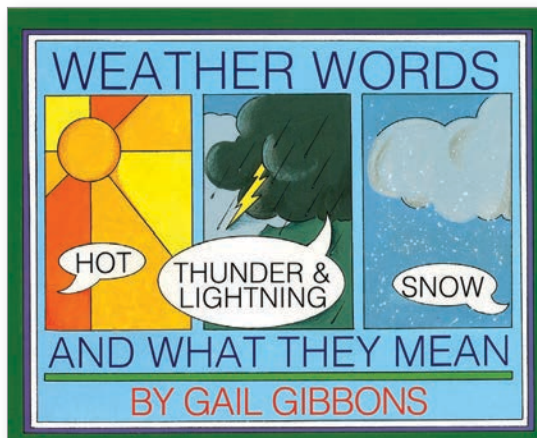
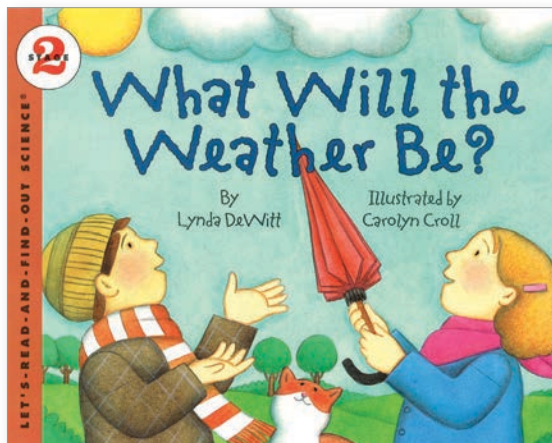
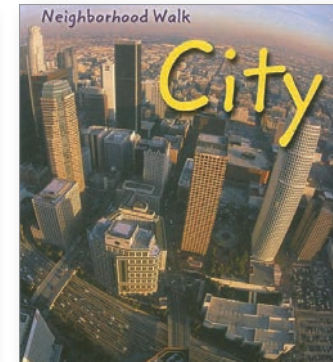
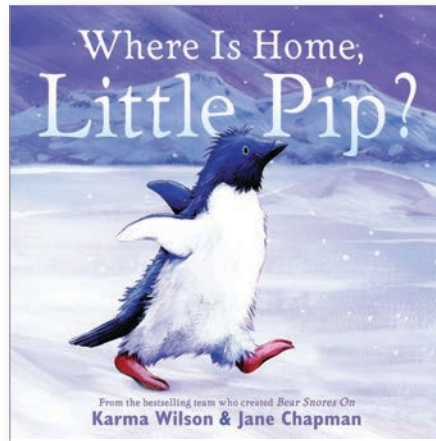


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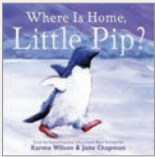
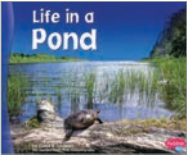



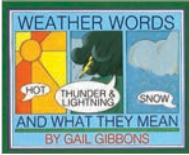












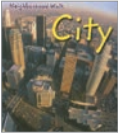
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UNIT	TITLE AND AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	LEXILE
<p><b>UNIT 1</b> Living Together: This is Home</p>	<p><i>Where Is Home, Little Pip?</i> 📖 Karma Wilson Jane Chapman</p> 	<p>For Little Pip, the baby penguin, home is a pebbly nest on the cold Antarctic shore. Mama and Papa always remind Pip not to wander far, and she never does...until one day a black, glittery feather leads Pip on a chase far, far from home. As she tries to find her way back to her parents, Pip encounters some friendly animals, a mighty blue whale, a gull, and even a sled dog. But, while these animals know where their home is, they do not know where Pip's home is. In her sadness, Pip begins to sing a song about home that her parents taught her, and the sound of her voice guides her parents straight to her!</p>	<p>520L</p>
<p><b>UNIT 1</b> Living Together: This is Home</p>	<p><i>Life in a Pond</i> 📖 Carol K. Lindeen</p> 	<p>Text and photographs introduce students to ponds. Students read about plants found in ponds, such as water lilies and cattails, as well as animals found in ponds, such as fish, frogs and ducks.</p>	<p>310L</p>
<p><b>UNIT 2</b> Understanding Then and Now</p>	<p><i>The Old Things</i> Diana Noonan</p> 	<p>Gran's new house is small. She offers Tom her old record player, camera, typewriter, and other objects. Does Tom want these old things? How will Gran get them to Tom?</p>	<p>60L</p>
<p><b>UNIT 2</b> Understanding Then and Now</p>	<p><i>Farming Then and Now</i> 📖 Charles R. Smith</p> 	<p>Imagine you could travel back in time. What would a farm be like one hundred years ago? How are farms different today? Let's step back in time to find out!</p>	<p>600L</p>
<p><b>UNIT 3</b> Predicting Change</p>	<p><i>What Will the Weather Be?</i> 📖 Lynda DeWitt</p> 	<p>Find out why the weather is so difficult to predict.</p>	<p>500L</p>
<p><b>UNIT 3</b> Predicting Change</p>	<p><i>Weather Words and What They Mean</i> Gail Gibbons</p> 	<p>This book introduces basic weather words and concepts to young readers.</p>	<p>450L</p>

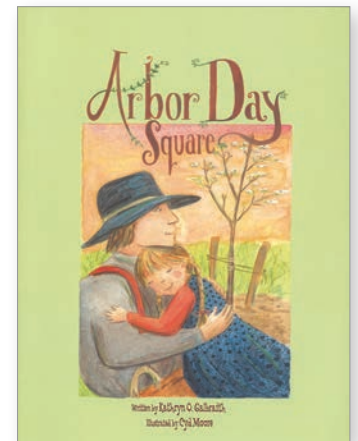
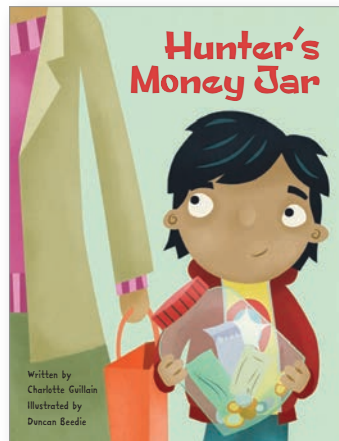
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<b>UNIT 4</b> Learning About Each Other and the World	<i>I Love Saturdays y Domingos</i>  Alma Flor Ada 	Saturdays and Sundays are very special days for the child in this story. On Saturdays, she visits Grandma and Grandpa, who come from a European-American background, and on Sundays—los domingos—she visits Abuelito y Abuelita, who are Mexican-American. While the two sets of grandparents are different in many ways, they also have a great deal in common—in particular, their love for their granddaughter.	510L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Learning About Each Other and the World	<i>Making Music</i>  Cameron Macintosh 	Music is an important part of our lives. It helps us learn, and it brings people together. What instruments do children around the world play? How can you have fun making music too?	390L
<b>UNIT 5</b> Knowing About Patterns and Structures	<i>The Tiny Seed</i>  Eric Carle 	Eric Carle’s classic story of the life cycle of a flower is told through the adventures of a tiny seed.	400L
<b>UNIT 5</b> Knowing About Patterns and Structures	<i>Plant Patterns</i>  Nathan Olson 	From tiny seeds to green leaves to blooming buds, plants have all kinds of patterns. Can you find patterns in tulip fields, cactus needles, and dandelion seeds? Check out <i>Plant Patterns</i> and see what patterns sprout up!	740L
<b>UNIT 6</b> Exploring Communities	<i>While I Am Sleeping</i> Malaika Rose Stanley 	Told in rhyme, this story explores a city at night while children are sleeping. Who knew that so much was going on and that so many people have night-time jobs?	NP
<b>UNIT 6</b> Exploring Communities	<i>Neighborhood Walk: City</i>  Peggy Pancella 	Some neighborhoods are parts of cities. A city is a very large community. It may have thousands or even millions of people. Most cities have a downtown with many tall buildings. Other neighborhoods have homes and businesses. A city and the communities around it make up a metropolitan area.	IG620L

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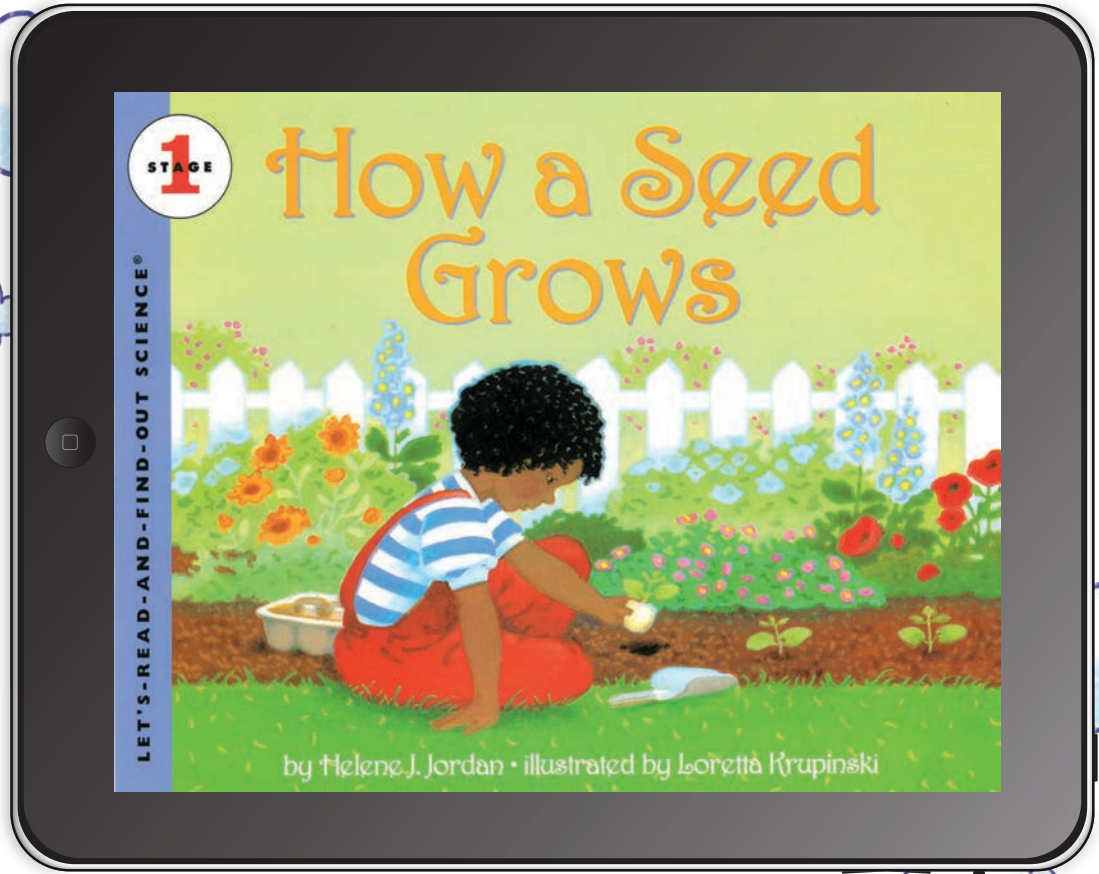
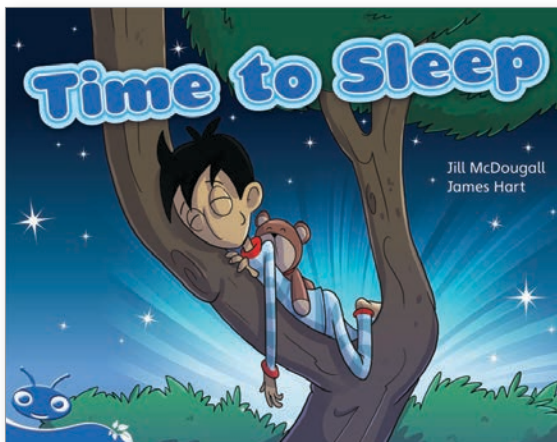
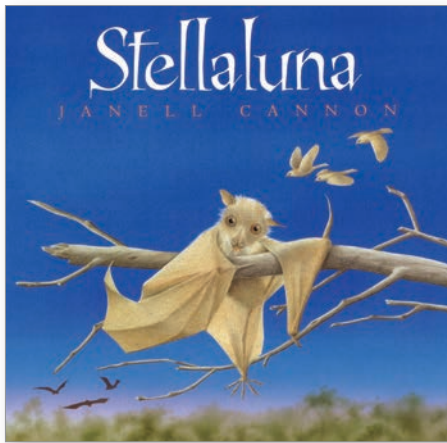
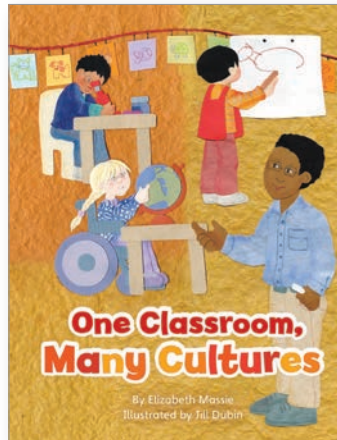


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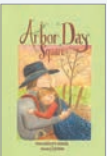















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<b>UNIT 1</b> Connecting to Our World	<i>Stellaluna</i>  Janell Cannon 	Knocked from her mother's safe embrace by an attacking owl, Stellaluna lands headfirst in a bird's nest. This adorable baby fruit bat's world is literally turned upside down when she is adopted by the occupants of the nest and adapts to their peculiar bird habits.	AD550L
<b>UNIT 1</b> Connecting to Our World	<i>Time to Sleep</i>  Jill McDougall James Hart 	It is time to sleep. Animals sleep in all kinds of ways. Could you sleep like these animals? Where would you like to sleep?	I40L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Becoming a Classroom Citizen	<i>Going to School</i> Margaret Clyne, Rachel Griffiths, Cynthia Benjamin 	Find out what children in nine countries do at school.	590L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Becoming a Classroom Citizen	<i>Far from Home</i>  Sue Pickford 	Bryan lives in a nice neighborhood and does well in school. Then his mom gets a new job in China and Bryan's family has to move. School in China is very different. Will Bryan ever get used to it?	260L
<b>UNIT 3</b> Making Choices	<i>The Winners' Choice</i>  Ana Galan 	Set in Mexico: Patricia's school has won the soccer tournament and now the kids on the team get to decide how they spend the money they have won. They come up with a number of silly ideas but don't quite settle on one. But when an earthquake strikes their town and their rivals' field is damaged, they know exactly what they should do with the money.	370L
<b>UNIT 3</b> Making Choices	<i>Hunter's Money Jar</i> Charlotte Guillain 	Narrated by the coins who live in Hunter's money jar, this story follows Hunter as he saves for a skateboard, looking at the ways he earns and saves his money until he can afford the skateboard he really wants.	350L

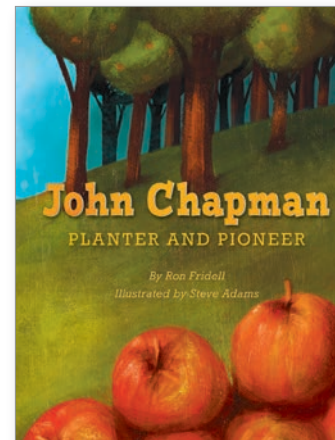
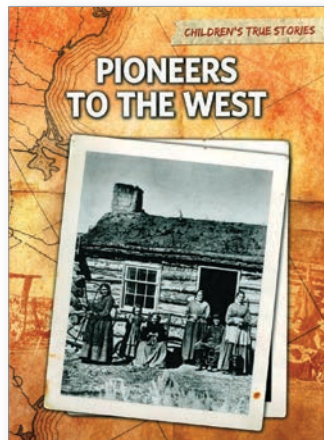
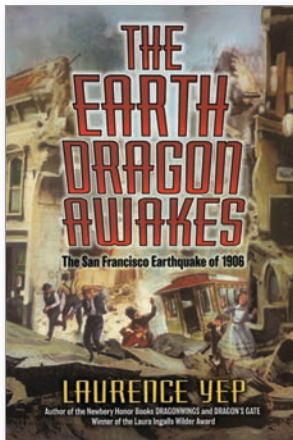
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<b>UNIT 4</b> Planting for the Future	<i>Arbor Day Square</i>  Kathryn O. Galbraith 	Katie and her papa are among a group of settlers building a town in the middle of the dusty, brown prairie. Every week the trains bring more people and more lumber to build houses, fences, and barns. New buildings are erected: a church with a steeple, a store with glass windows, even a schoolhouse with desks for seventeen children. But one thing is missing: trees	AD470L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Planting for the Future	<i>How a Seed Grows</i> Helene J. Jordan 	How does a tiny acorn grow into an enormous oak tree? With beautiful and accurate watercolor illustrations from Loretta Krupinski, this book by Helene Jordan traces the process of how a little seed grows into the plants and trees that surround us.	AD400
<b>UNIT 5</b> Observing the Messages of the Natural World	<i>King Kafu and the Moon</i>  Trish Cooke 	King Kafu is worried because the moon is disappearing and (shhh, it's a secret!) he's scared of the dark. He offers a thousand gold coins to anyone in the village who can capture the moon so he can keep it in his bedroom as a source of light. How will the villagers try to capture the moon? Will their plan work?	480L
<b>UNIT 5</b> Observing the Messages of the Natural World	<i>The Sun</i> Martha E. H. Rustad 	Engaging text and photographs introduce the Sun and its features.	370L
<b>UNIT 6</b> Celebrating Diversity	<i>One Classroom, Many Cultures</i>  Elizabeth Massie 	The children in Mr. Tucker's first-grade class have many things in common. They read and play together. They laugh at funny things. But many of their families come from different places. Let's meet six of the children and find out about their interesting cultures.	530L
<b>UNIT 6</b> Celebrating Diversity	<i>Whose Is This?</i>  Narinder Dhami 	Kimi and her friend Maria are going with Maria's parents to the culture fair. Everyone in the town is showcasing the food and activities of their own culture. The girls get bored at the information stand with Maria's parents, and they decide to return lost items from the lost and found box to their owners...but first they have to figure out what they are. This takes them on a cultural journey of learning.	490L

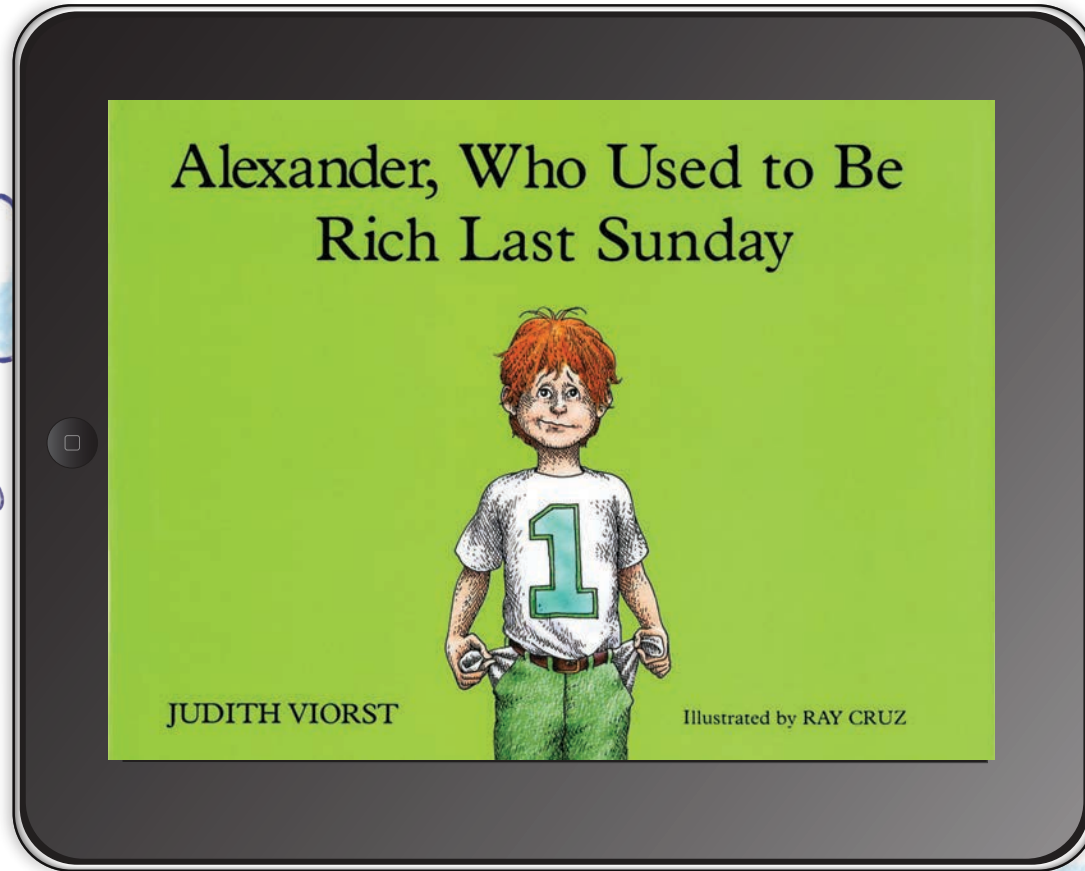
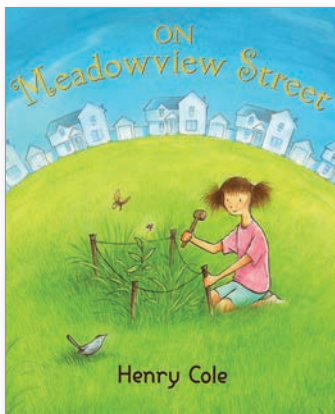
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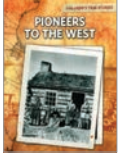



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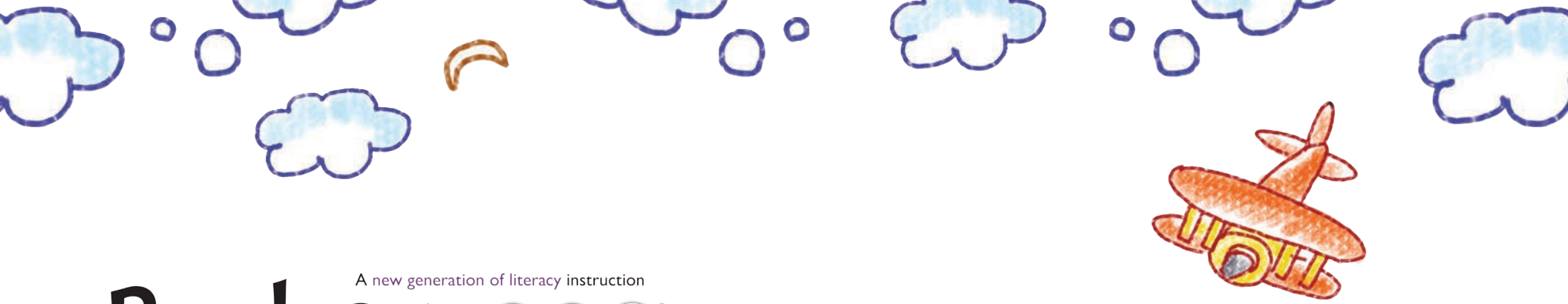


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UNIT 1 Understanding Communities	<i>Trouble at the Sandbox</i> 📖 Phillip Simpson	 Trouble at the Sandbox	Theo and his friends love playing in the sandbox with their trucks. They are building a huge volcano. But when some bigger boys take the trucks away, what will Theo and his pals do?	370L
UNIT 1 Understanding Communities	<i>Friends Around the World</i> 📖 Ana Galan	 Friends Around the World	Isabel makes new friends with e-pals from all around the world. Find out what languages they speak, what their favorite foods are, and what life is like in the countries they live in.	480L
UNIT 2 Making Decisions	<i>Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday</i> 📖 Judith Viorst	 Alexander, Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday	Alexander grapples with money management in this beloved picture book from Judith Viorst, author of <i>Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day</i> .	AD570L
UNIT 2 Making Decisions	<i>Money Matters!</i> 📖 Nikki Tate	 Money Matters!	Why does money matter? Take a journey through the world of money, from trading cattle to making electronic transfers. Who were the first people to use money and how do we use money today?	650L
UNIT 3 Building Ideas	<i>Theodore Roosevelt: The Adventurous President</i> 📖 Lisa DeMauro	 TIME FOR KIDS THEODORE ROOSEVELT ADVENTUROUS PRESIDENT	Each day was an adventure for President Theodore Roosevelt. When he was a kid, he kept turtles in the bathtub and frogs under his cap. As an adult, he was a cowboy, a river explorer, and a big game hunter. Sometimes he would go on marches through deep puddles and icy rivers—just for fun! When Teddy became president, Americans were looking ahead with excitement to the 20th century. Teddy’s spirit and dreams helped make the United States one of the greatest countries in the world.	570L
UNIT 3 Building Ideas	<i>Change Makers</i> 📖 Libby Martinez	 Change Makers	Read about young people who have taken action to change their communities. The focus is on Girl Scouts who campaigned to get palm oil removed from Girl Scout cookies, a boy who made batteries and generators to help the lights stay on in his village in Sierra Leone, a kid who helped other kids after Hurricane Katrina, and community garden projects.	570L

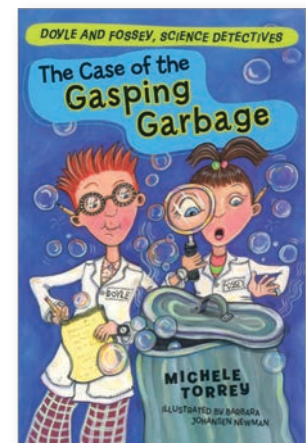
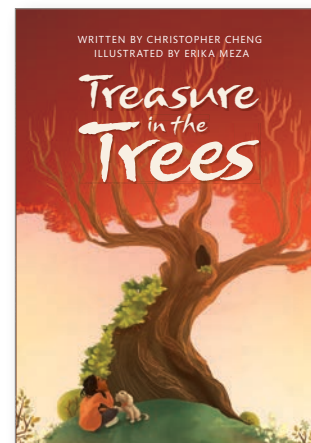
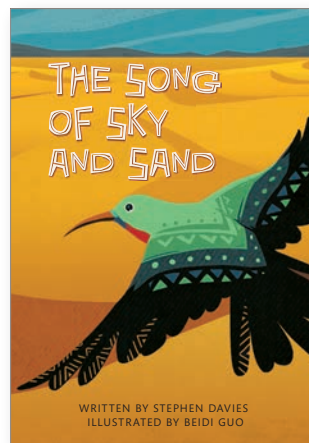
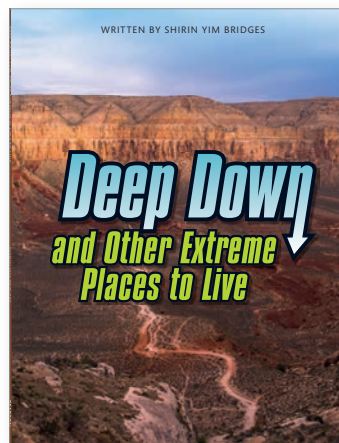
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<b>UNIT 4</b> Facing Challenges and Change	<i>The Earth Dragon Awakes</i>  Lawrence Yep 	Based on actual events of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and told from the alternating perspectives of two young friends, <i>The Earth Dragon Awakes</i> chronicles the thrilling story of the destruction of a city, and the heroes that emerge in its wake.	510L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Facing Challenges and Change	<i>Disaster Alert!</i>  Christine Taylor-Butler 	This book looks at natural disasters, how they are formed, and what you can do to stay safe. Read about sinkholes, floods, tornadoes, bushfires, and volcanoes.	570L
<b>UNIT 5</b> Pioneering New Ideas and New Worlds	<i>John Chapman: Planter and Pioneer</i>  Ron Fridell 	Who was the real man behind the legend of Johnny Appleseed? This modest yet determined frontiersman walked hundreds of miles to leave a gift in the wilderness for the settlers who followed. Are the many stories about John Chapman true? What is his legacy today?	550L
<b>UNIT 5</b> Pioneering New Ideas and New Worlds	<i>Pioneers to the West</i>  John Bliss 	<i>Pioneers to the West</i> follows the rural experiences of children traveling across America in search of land, gold, farms, and religious freedoms.	NC770
<b>UNIT 6</b> Changing the World	<i>On Meadowview Street</i> Henry Cole 	Caroline lives on Meadowview Street. But where's the meadow? Where's the view? There's nothing growing in her front yard except grass. Then she spots a flower and a butterfly and a bird and Caroline realizes that with her help, maybe Meadowview Street can have a meadow after all.	520L
<b>UNIT 6</b> Changing the World	<i>68 Ways to Save the Planet Before Bedtime</i>  Paul Mason 	Sweaters, socks, and spiders. Bikes and books. How can they help you save the Earth? All it takes are a few small steps. Here are 68 ways to get you started right now!	650L

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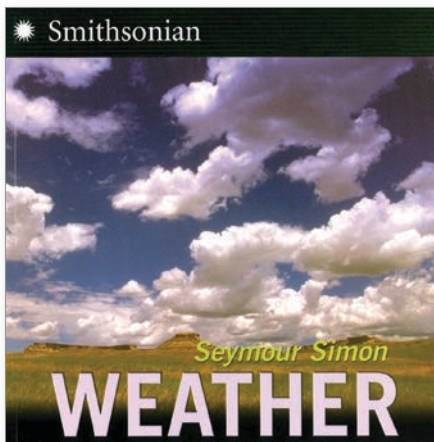
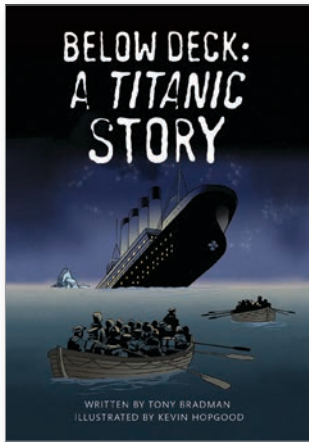
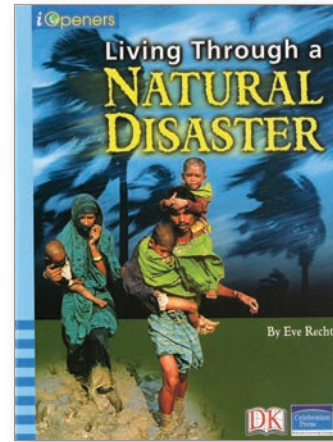
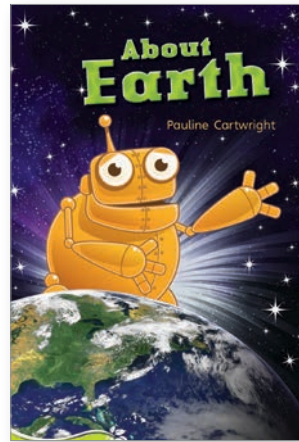
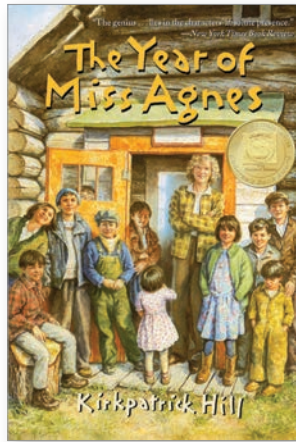
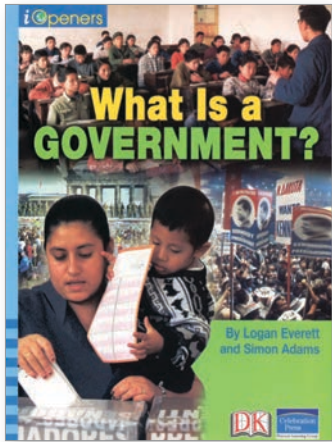


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# Grade 3





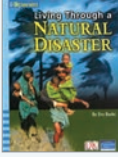












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<b>UNIT 1</b> Observing the World Around Us	<i>The Case of the Gasping Garbage</i>  Michele Torrey 	Doyle and Fossey are on a mission—a monster mission! It seems there’s a giant bloodsucking monster gasping and gurgling in their friend Gabby’s garbage can. Can they figure out what’s up before the creature gobbles Gabby for lunch?	460L
<b>UNIT 1</b> Observing the World Around Us	<i>Treasure in the Trees</i>  Christopher Cheng 	There’s something special about the trees in the grove. When Nisha discovers their secret, her busy parents don’t believe her. Nisha needs proof. Only then will she be able to stop the land from being sold. Will she be able to save the trees in time?	710L
<b>UNIT 1</b> Observing the World Around Us	<i>About Earth</i> Pauline Cartwright 	Where is the driest place on Earth? What causes wind and thunder? Join Zudu and his alien spaceship as they travel around our planet! Find out why the sky is blue, why we see rainbows, and so much more.	650L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Connecting Character, Culture, and Community	<i>The Year of Miss Agnes</i>  Kirkpatrick Hill 	Ten-year-old Frederika (Fred for short) doesn’t have much faith that the new teacher in town will last very long. Most teachers who come to their one-room schoolhouse in remote Alaska leave, claiming that life there is just too hard. Miss Agnes is different—she doesn’t get frustrated with her students, and she throws away old textbooks and reads Robin Hood instead! For the first time, Fred and her classmates begin to enjoy their lessons and learn to read and write—but will Miss Agnes be like all the rest and leave as quickly as she came?	790L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Connecting Character, Culture, and Community	<i>The Song of Sky and Sand</i> Stephen Davies 	Time is running out for the villagers of Simbi—they need to find a new source of water, and fast! One day, Ramata hears an old woman singing and realizes that the lyrics have a hidden meaning. Ramata bravely sets off into the desert with her grandmother, her cousin, and the very last bottle of water in the village. Will they be able to solve the riddle of the song and find water in time?	680L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Connecting Character, Culture, and Community	<i>Deep Down and Other Extreme Places to Live</i>  Shirin Yim Bridges 	Who lives 3,000 feet down at the bottom of a canyon? What is it like to live with reindeer in the Arctic Circle? Find out how some of the world’s most remote communities adapt to their extreme environments.	740L

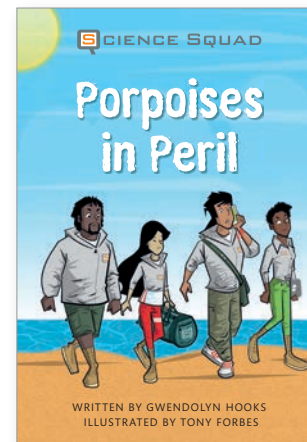
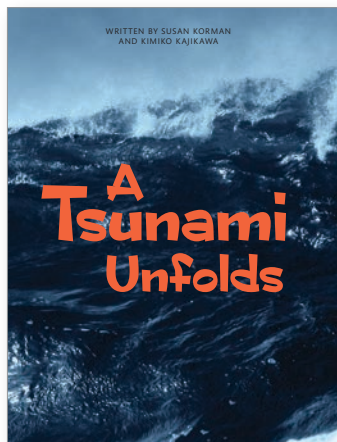
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<b>UNIT 3</b> Seeking Explanations	<i>Storm in the Night</i>  Mary Stolz 	Too early to go to bed, and with only flashes of lightning to see by, Thomas and his grandfather happily find themselves rediscovering the half-forgotten scents and sounds of their world, and having a wonderful time learning important, new things about each other in a spirited conversation sparked by darkness.	550L
<b>UNIT 3</b> Seeking Explanations	<i>Weather</i>  Seymour Simon 	Explore weather, a subject that changes every day, with award-winning science writer Seymour Simon.	AD1020
<b>UNIT 3</b> Seeking Explanations	<i>Living Through a Natural Disaster</i> Eve Recht 	Learn what it's like to live through natural phenomena.	940L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Becoming an Active Citizen	<i>Brave Girl</i>  Michelle Markel 	The true story of Clara Lemlich, a young Ukrainian immigrant who led the largest strike of women workers in U.S. history.	AD760
<b>UNIT 4</b> Becoming an Active Citizen	<i>Below Deck: A Titanic Story</i> Tony Bradman 	Grace is onboard the Titanic, on her way to a new life in America with her uncle. But Grace soon finds life on the ship troublesome as she is mistakenly accused by another girl, Catherine, of stealing from the first class dining car. When the ship strikes an iceberg, Grace finds Catherine stranded below deck, but she shows kindness and compassion by helping the child find her parents. In return, Catherine's parents help Grace onto a lifeboat, receiving safe passage to America.	750L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Becoming an Active Citizen	<i>What Is Government?</i>  Logan Everett Simon Adams 	This book explains that a government is a system that helps people live and work together in harmony, whether in a local community or as a nation.	950L

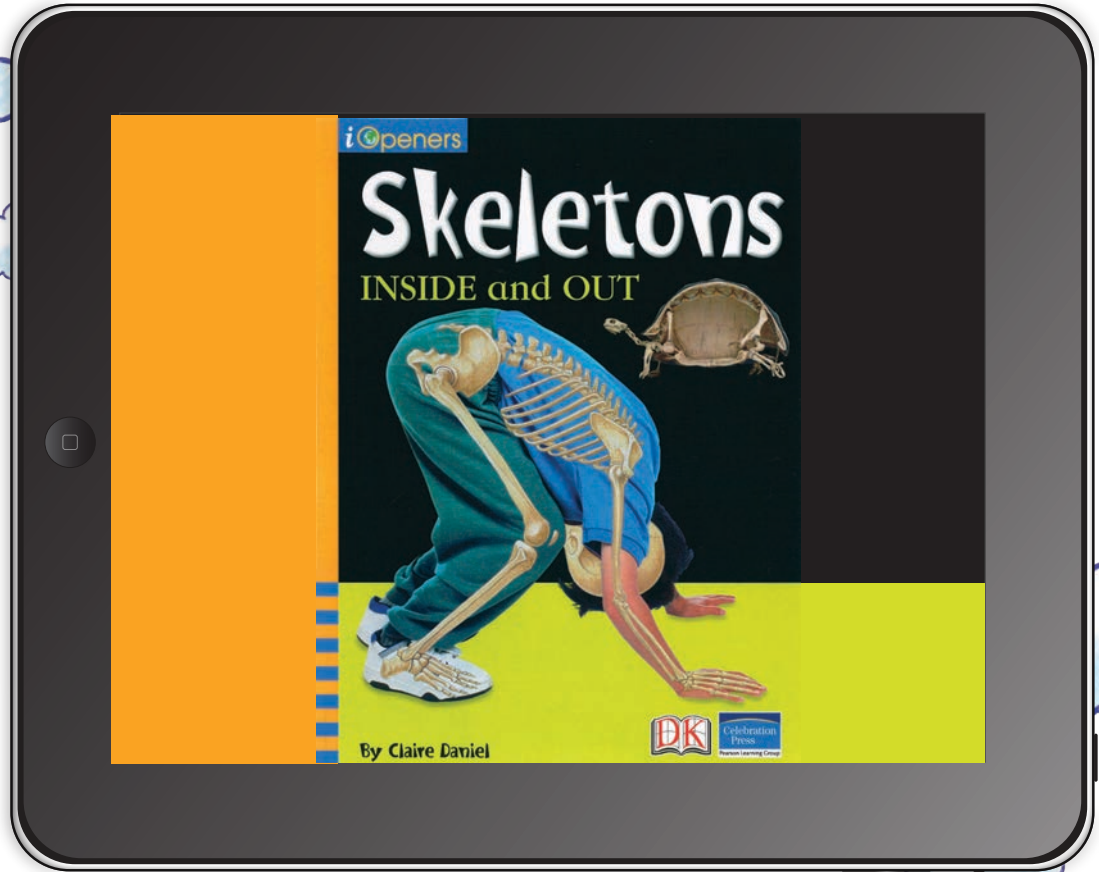
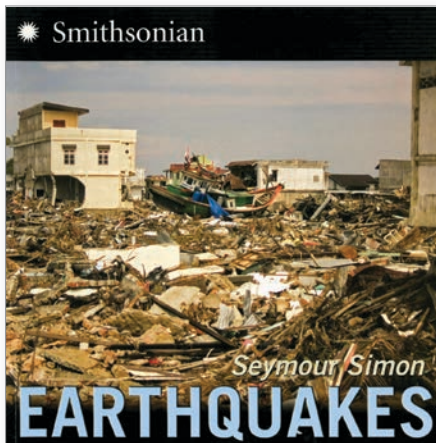
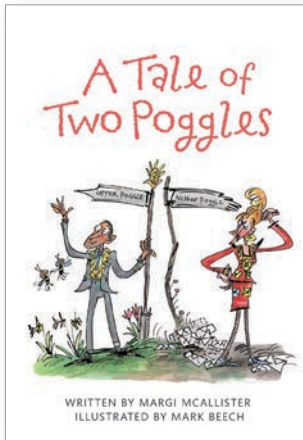
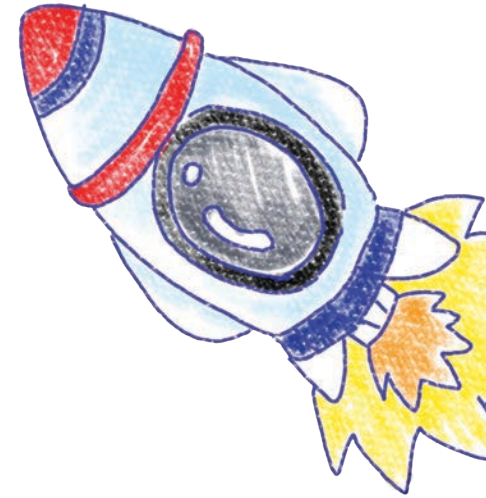
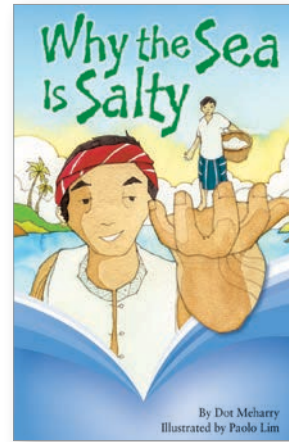
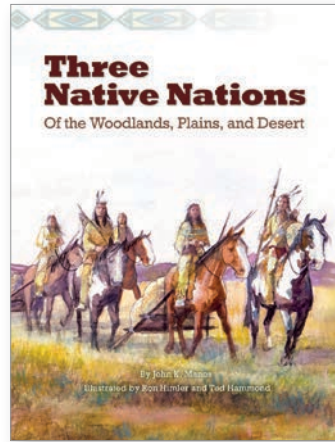
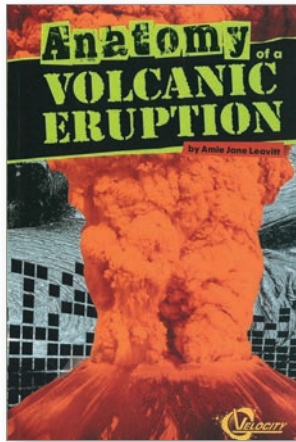
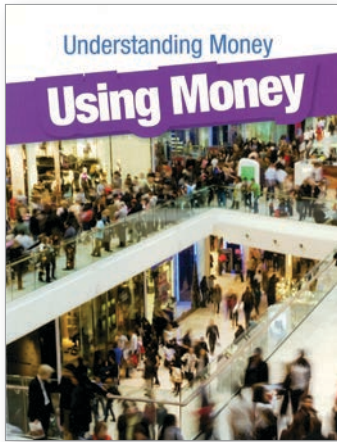
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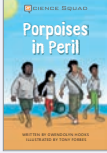


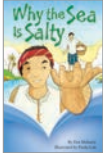
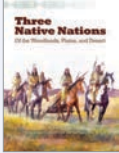

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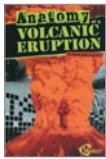
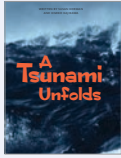





# Grade 4






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UNIT	TITLE AND AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	LEXILE
<b>UNIT 1</b> Becoming Researchers	<i>Science Squad: Porpoises in Peril</i> 📖 Gwendolyn Hooks 	When the islanders notice that the porpoises are getting sick, Professor immediately calls in the Science Squad! Can Jada, Kate, Cam, and Reggie use their scientific and observational skills to find out what—or who—is making the porpoises unwell?	850L
<b>UNIT 1</b> Becoming Researchers	<i>Mary Anning: The Girl Who Cracked Open the World</i> Debora Pearson 	As a young girl, Mary Anning loved to hunt for fossils by the sea. She wondered whether these rock creatures had ever been alive and resolved to learn all she could about what she found. As her discoveries became larger and more unusual, she earned the respect of scientists far and wide and changed the way we study Earth’s history forever.	810L
<b>UNIT 1</b> Becoming Researchers	<i>Skeletons Inside and Out</i> 📖 Claire Daniel 	Learn everything there is to know about skeletons in this informational text.	740L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Interactions in Nature and Culture	<i>Why the Sea Is Salty</i> 📖 Dot Meharry 	Long ago, the water in the sea was as fresh as rainwater. That is, until a boy, a giant, and some ants came together! This traditional tale from the Philippines will tell you how the sea became salty.	720L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Interactions in Nature and Culture	<i>Three Native Nations: Of the Woodlands, Plains, and Desert</i> John K. Manos 	The Haudenosaunee, the Sioux, the Pueblo: three native nations whose traditions and ways of life have faced many challenges through the centuries. Learn about the proud histories of these peoples and their rich cultures today.	810L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Interactions in Nature and Culture	<i>The Longest Night</i> 📖 Jacqueline Guest 	Wind Runner must complete his Vision Quest if he is to fulfill his dream of becoming a great warrior. He will need to learn the true value of trust and loyalty—how else will he survive for three long nights, alone on the mountain?	780L

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<b>UNIT 3</b> Exploring Impact and Effect	<i>Earthquakes</i>  Seymour Simon 	In <i>Earthquakes</i> , Seymour Simon introduces elementary-school readers to earthquakes through engaging descriptions and stunning full-color photographs. He teaches readers why and how earthquakes happen and the damage they can cause through pictures, diagrams, and maps. He also gives real-life examples of earthquakes that have occurred all over the world.	1010L
<b>UNIT 3</b> Exploring Impact and Effect	<i>Anatomy of a Volcanic Eruption</i>  Amie Jane Leavitt 	Explore the explosive workings of volcanoes, the techniques scientists use to study them, and how people live in the shadows of these explosive landforms.	890L
<b>UNIT 3</b> Exploring Impact and Effect	<i>A Tsunami Unfolds</i> Susan Korman 	This book follows the story of the 2011 Japanese Tsunami as it unfolded, looking at the impact it had and the destruction it caused as well as the lasting impacts and how Japan has recovered. Taking a timeline format, it includes survivor stories alongside statistics about the disaster.	890L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Creating Innovative Solutions	<i>Lunch Money</i>  Andrew Clements 	Greg Kenton has two obsessions—making money and his long-standing competition with his annoying neighbor, Maura Shaw. So when Greg discovers that Maura is cutting into his booming Chunky Comics business with her own original illustrated minibooks, he’s ready to declare war.	840L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Creating Innovative Solutions	<i>Using Money</i>  Gail Fay 	This book takes a look at checking and savings accounts and the various ways that people use their money.	920L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Creating Innovative Solutions	<i>A Tale of Two Poggles</i> Margi McAllister 	The town of Nether Poggle is dwindling because its main industry, envelopes, is failing and the town down the road, Upper Poggle, is far more appealing and modern. When Gabriela and Alejandro win an essay competition, they are awarded a day at the envelope factory. There they discover the factory has much more potential as an amusement park and set about putting plans in motion to make it happen.	850L

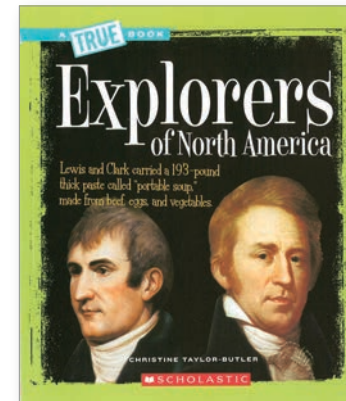
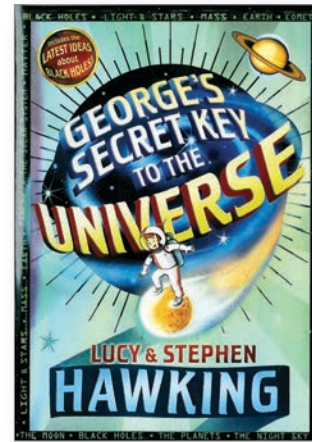
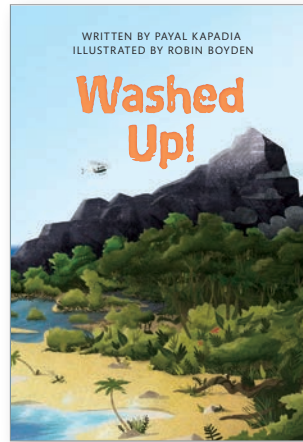
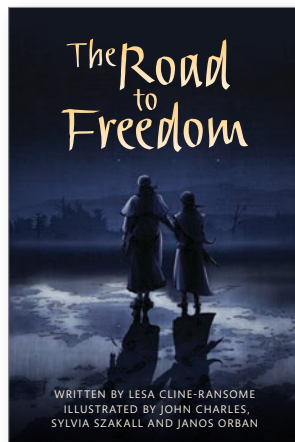
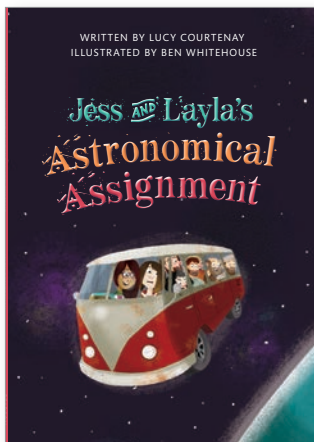
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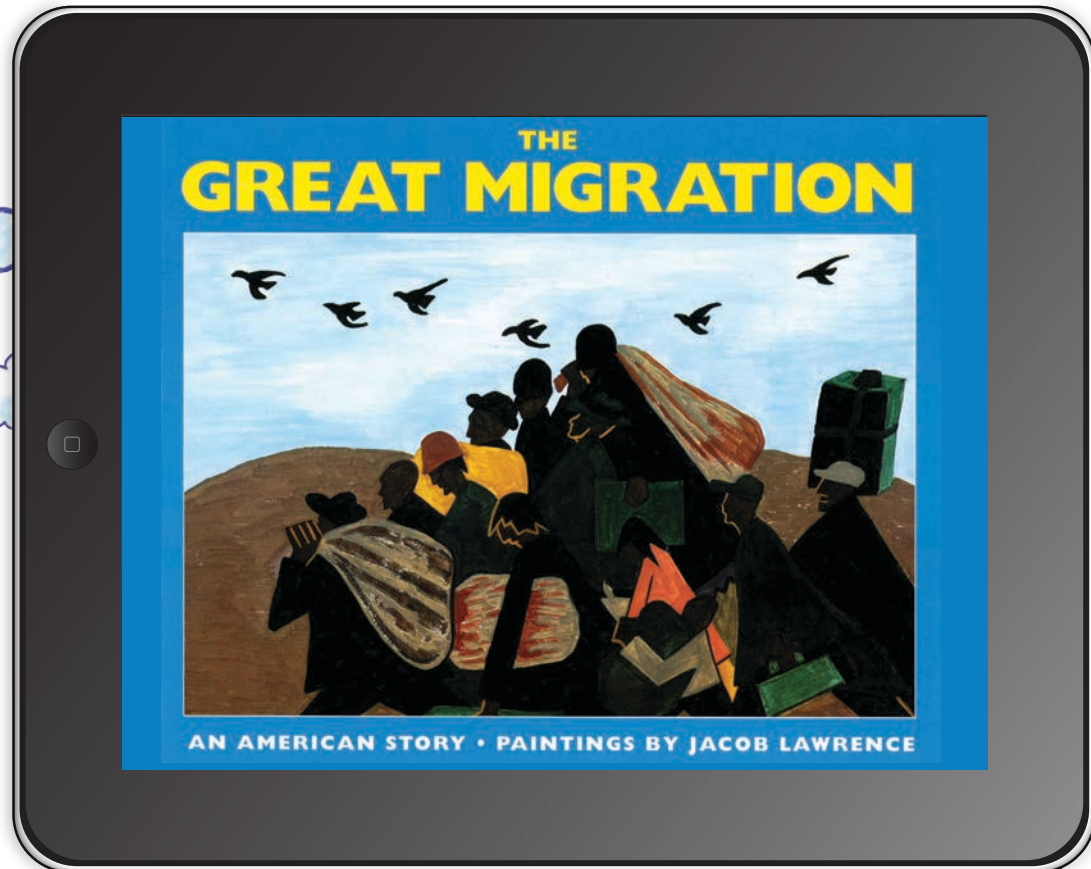
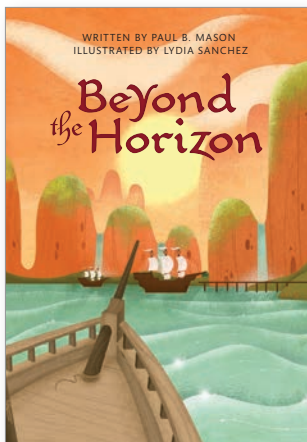
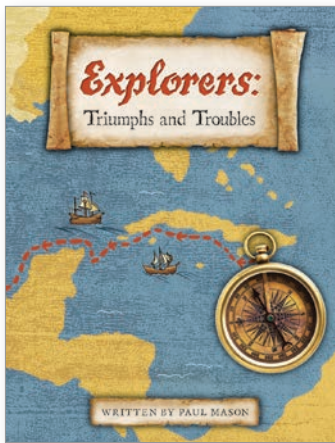
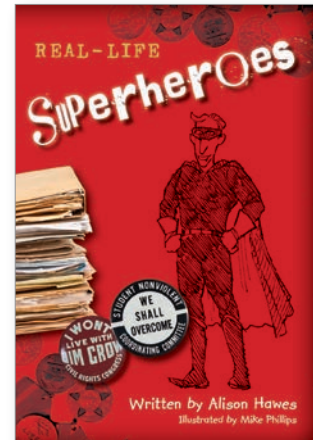
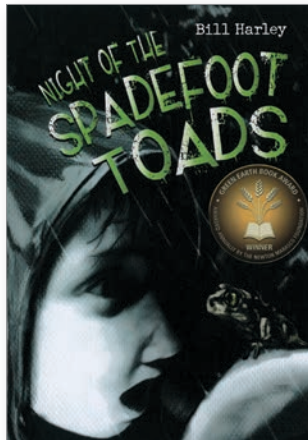
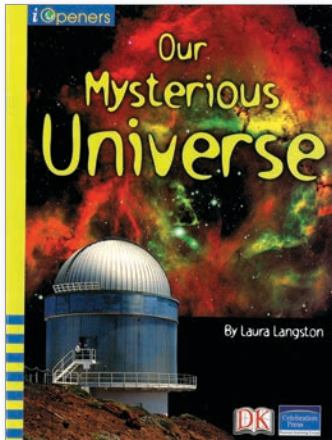
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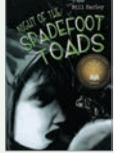








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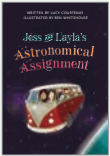


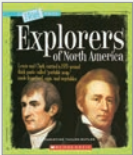








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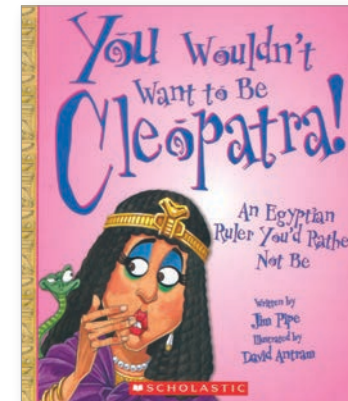
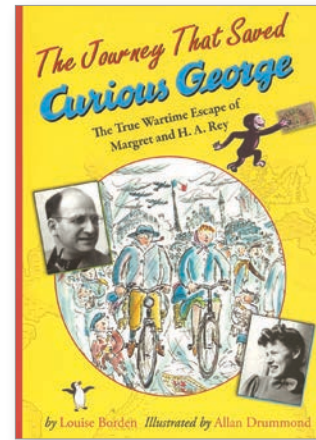
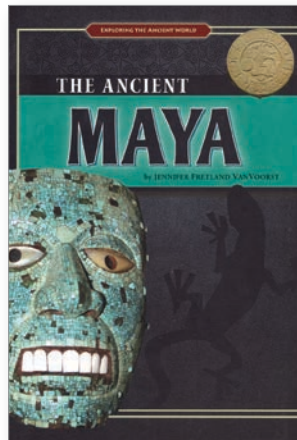
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<b>UNIT 1</b> Depending on Each Other	<i>Night of the Spadefoot Toads</i>  Bill Harley 	When his father takes a new job in Massachusetts, Ben Moroney must leave behind his best friend Tony, a western banded gecko named Lenny, and worst of all, the desert home he has loved and explored.	610L
<b>UNIT 1</b> Depending on Each Other	<i>Washed Up!</i>  Payal Kapadia 	On a remote island in the middle of the ocean, three families compete to win “Washed Up!”—the biggest, baddest reality TV show on the planet! How will the families adapt and survive in such hostile conditions? Which family will gain the most viewer votes and win the competition?	910L
<b>UNIT 1</b> Depending on Each Other	<i>Rain Forest Food Chains</i> Heidi Moore 	This book explores the species and food chains within a rain forest habitat, and discusses why these food chains need to be protected.	800L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Finding Courage	<i>The Road to Freedom</i>  Lesa Cline Ransome 	Emma and her mother know that their only hope of staying together is to run away from their slave master. Their journey will be brutal, but if they are ever to be free, they must place their lives in the hands of people they have never met. Do they have enough courage and strength to evade the unforgiving slave catchers and reach safety?	780L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Finding Courage	<i>The Great Migration</i> Jacob Lawrence 	This stirring picture book brings together the sixty panels of Jacob Lawrence’s epic narrative Migration series, which he created in 1940-1941. They tell of the journey of African-Americans who left their homes in the South around World War I and traveled in search of better lives in the northern industrial cities.	830L
<b>UNIT 2</b> Finding Courage	<i>Real-Life Superheroes</i>  Alison Hawes 	Comic-book superheroes may be able to fly, but real-life superheroes have amazing powers of their own. Using inner strength and bravery, they stand up for their beliefs even when facing danger or abuse. Explore the efforts of four courageous crusaders who made a difference in the lives of countless others.	1030L

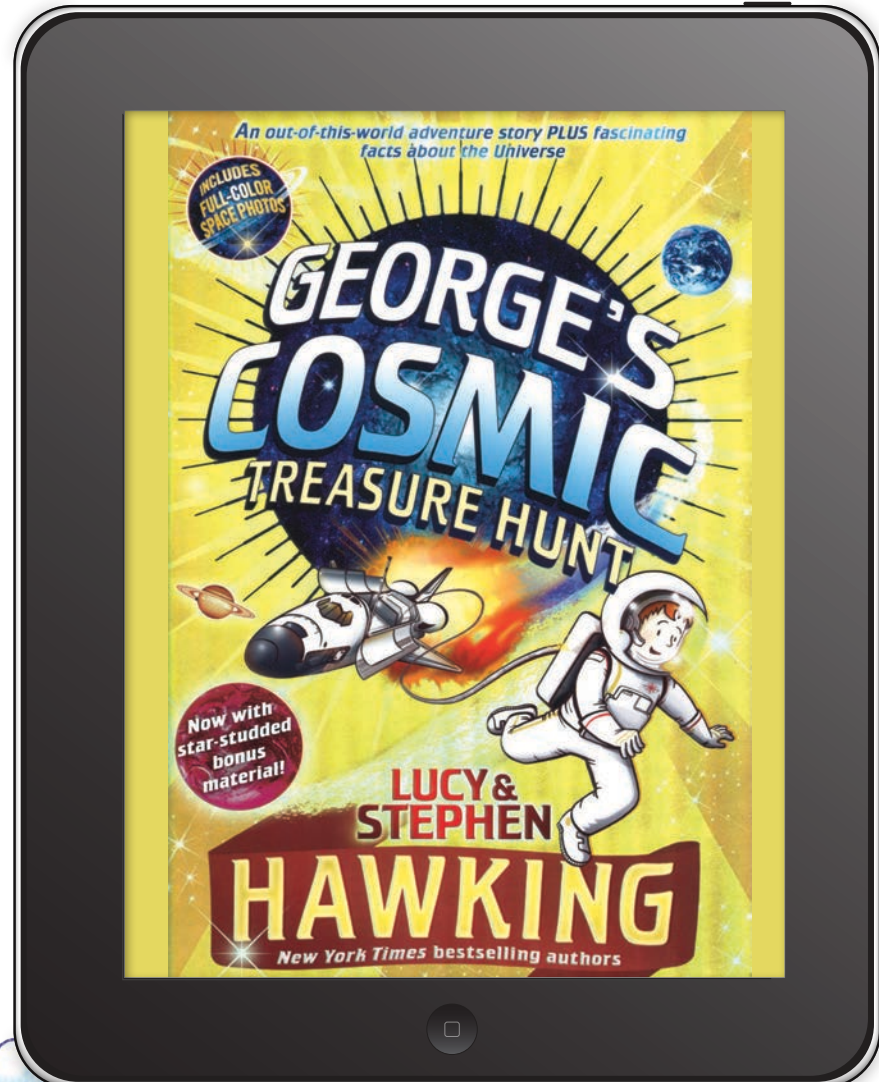
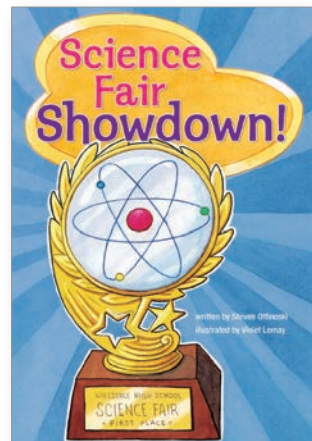
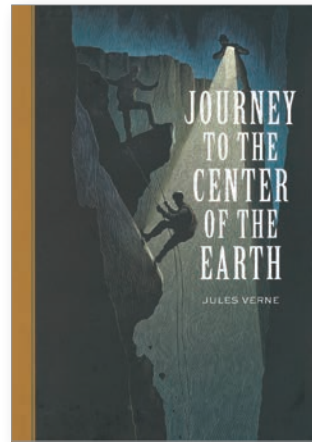
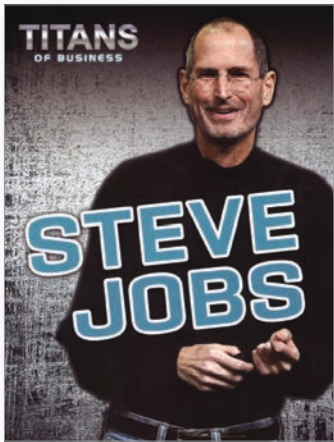
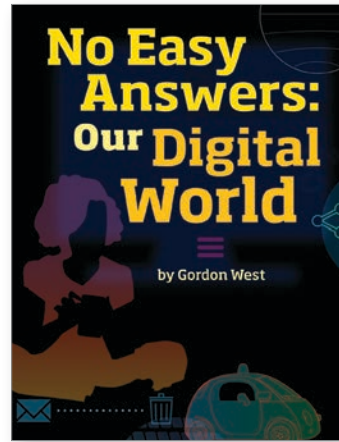
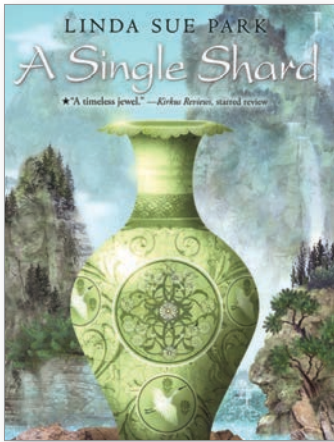
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<b>UNIT 3</b> Understanding the Universe	<i>George's Secret Key to the Universe</i>  Lucy Hawking Stephen Hawking 	This is the story of George, who's taken through the vastness of space by a scientist, his daughter, and their super-computer named Cosmos.	850L
<b>UNIT 3</b> Understanding the Universe	<i>Our Mysterious Universe</i> Laura Langston 	This book looks to uncover the many mysteries that reside in our universe.	980L
<b>UNIT 3</b> Understanding the Universe	<i>Jess and Layla's Astronomical Assignment</i>  Laura Langston 	Jess and Layla are given a school assignment to imagine what would happen if the astronomers of the past were all in one room. What would they say? Would they disagree with one another? While contemplating their assignment, Layla's dad's van gets turned into a time machine by a meteorite. They decide to go back in time and see the astronomers, right their wrongs, and ultimately answer the question set by their school assignment.	910L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Exploring New Worlds	<i>Explorers: Triumphs and Troubles</i>  Paul Mason 	This book looks at the explorers who visited Asia (Marco Polo), the Americas (Cortes and the Aztecs, search for El Dorado), Antarctica (race to the Poles) and Australia (First Fleet, Burke and Willis) and looks at ...whether the explorers... in general were triumphant or troublesome based on their successes and failures.	1000L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Exploring New Worlds	<i>Explorers of North America</i> Christine Taylor-Butler 	This book is full of information and summaries on explorers through the ages, beginning with the Vikings and moving through Lewis and Clark.	1010L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Exploring New Worlds	<i>Beyond the Horizon</i>  Paul B. Mason 	Defying her father, Sarah disguises herself as a cook's boy and gets a job aboard ...her father's ship, which is bound for India. When they stop in a port, Sarah follows the ship's cat off the ship but gets lost and cannot find her way back. An Indian family takes her in, but when her father threatens to destroy their home to set up a trading post, she has to reveal herself and stand up to him.	890L














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# Grade 6
















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UNIT	TITLE AND AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	LEXILE
UNIT 1 Treasuring History	<i>The Egypt Game</i>  Zilpha Keatley Snyder 	In this Newbery Honor Book, Melanie Ross meets April Hall and they soon learn that they both have a love of Egypt. Their interest in all things Egyptian prompts them to create the Egypt Game in an old storage yard. Melanie and April read all they can about Egypt and then meet in the yard to create an Egyptian world. They dress in costumes, hold ceremonies, and create a secret code and soon there are unusual adventures.	1010L
UNIT 1 Treasuring History	<i>The Ancient Maya</i>  Jenny Fretland VanVoorst 	Discover the world of the Ancient Maya. In this informational text with five chapters, readers will learn about the Mayan culture, including their customs, intellectual achievements, and their daily life. The text is supported with photographs and illustrations of Mayan artifacts. Includes maps, a timeline, glossary, a list of resources, and an index.	990L
UNIT 1 Treasuring History	<i>You Wouldn't Want to Be Cleopatra!</i>  Jim Pipe 	A biography of Cleopatra enhanced with mosaic-like paintings and maps. A brief preface helps to set the stage for text, emphasizing that much of what is known about Cleopatra is based on legend. The book describes Cleopatra's life as the young eighteen-year-old Queen of Egypt, her marriages to Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, and her rise and fall as the Queen.	IG930L
UNIT 2 Exploring Earth and Its Forces	<i>Ocean Storm Alert!</i>  Carrie Gleason 	According to Greek mythology, two sea-monsters named Charybdis and Scylla created treacherous whirlpools by spewing out the water of the sea. Charybdis and Scylla waited on either side of the narrow Strait of Messina between Sicily and Italy, and satisfied their hunger by swallowing passing ships. Today, meteorologists know that extreme ocean storms are caused by weather patterns and conditions. <i>Ocean Storm Alert!</i> explores how whirlpools, tidal waves, and tsunamis begin, and their effect on people at sea and in coastal areas.	1080L
UNIT 2 Exploring Earth and Its Forces	<i>Journey to the Center of the Earth</i>  Jules Verne 	In this classic science fiction novel, a professor discovers an old note with directions to the center of the Earth. The professor then sets out on an adventure with his nephew and a guide to Iceland, a dormant volcano, and underground worlds.	960L
UNIT 2 Exploring Earth and Its Forces	<i>Science Fair Showdown</i> Steven Otfinoski 	The school science fair is quickly approaching and friends Albert, Diya, and Sofia can't agree on a winning project idea! If every idea they have turns into a failure, how can they compete with the brainy Espinoza twins? With a little teamwork, the three friends just might come out on top and help their school community in the process.	970L

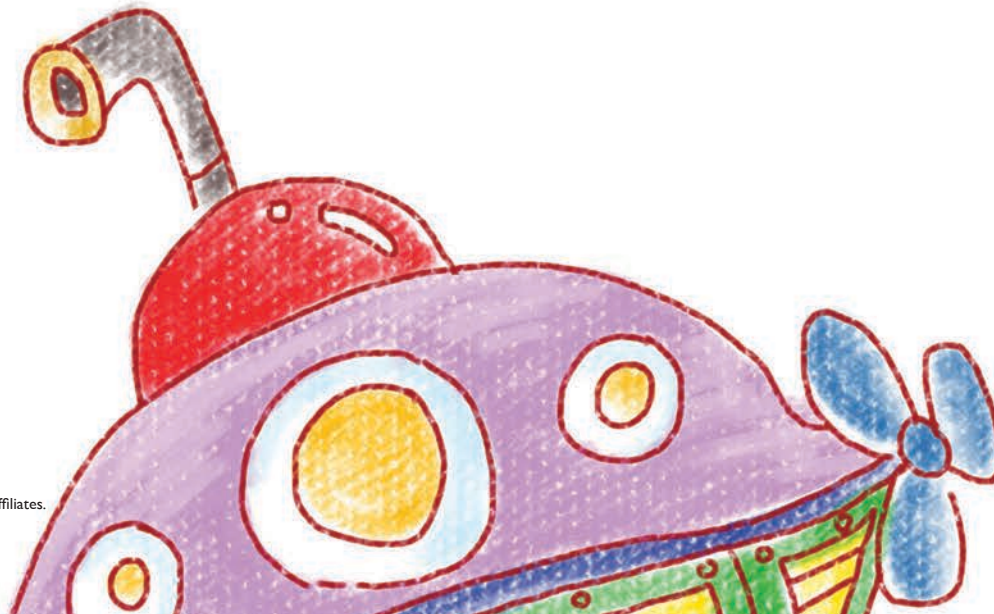
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UNIT	TITLE AND AUTHOR	SYNOPSIS	LEXILE
<b>UNIT 3</b> Defining Courage and Freedom	<i>The Journey That Saved Curious George</i>  Louise Borden 	Many people are familiar with the author and illustrator team of Margaret and H.A. Rey, creators of the beloved Curious George series of picture books. However, few know that they were involved in a real-life adventure of their own during World War II. The Reys escaped the German Army as they invaded Paris and fled to Southern France on bicycles. This beautifully illustrated text in the style of the Reys' work is interspersed with primary documents including their diaries, photographs, manuscript, and sketches.	950L
<b>UNIT 3</b> Defining Courage and Freedom	<i>A Single Shard</i>  Linda Sue Park 	Set in 12th Century Korea, 13 year-old orphan Tree-ear watches and admires the work of a master potter. Tree-ear wants to learn the potter's craft and sets out to do so by becoming his apprentice. Winner of the Newberry Medal.	920L
<b>UNIT 3</b> Defining Courage and Freedom	<i>Nelson Mandela</i>  Laura Langston 	This powerful biography of South Africa's first black president, Nelson Mandela is told through free verse and realistic paintings that hold the reader's attention. Mandela's story spans from his life as a young child to when he became a lawyer as a young man and eventually fought apartheid. His struggles for freedom in South Africa through the time he becomes the leader of South Africa are captured in poetic-like verse. The book closes with a detailed author's note about Mandela's life.	960L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Innovating for the Future	<i>Steve Jobs</i>  Nick Hunter 	Learn about Apple CEO Steve Jobs through this biography that describes his childhood and how interest in computers developed at a young age. Discover how Jobs created Apple, his successes and pitfalls, and how he became a strong influence on the world of technology.	1010L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Innovating for the Future	<i>George's Cosmic Treasure Hunt</i>  Lucy Hawking Stephen Hawking 	In this fun and engaging novel, middle-schoolers George and Annie go to the U.S. on a cosmic mission. The pair embarks on an adventure to repair the Cosmos after Annie receives a coded message. Comic-like illustrations and photographs are interspersed throughout the text. The book also includes essays by Professor Hawking and other leading scientists about the latest research on space travel.	940L
<b>UNIT 4</b> Innovating for the Future	<i>No Easy Answers: Our Digital World</i> Gordon West 	With advances in technology occurring at a mile a minute, who's to say what direction we're actually headed? It's possible the progress we've made might actually lead to decline. Is social media destroying our social skills? Are smartphones making us less smart? Are video games bad for you? This book poses some difficult questions, and there may be no easy answers.	1100L



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