**CCSS ELA TEXT EXEMPLARS**

**K–1**

**Stories**

Minarik, Else Holmelund. *Little Bear*

Eastman, P. D. *Are You My Mother?*

Seuss, Dr. *Green Eggs and Ham*

Lopshire, Robert. *Put Me in the Zoo*

Lobel, Arnold. *Frog and Toad Together*

Lobel, Arnold. *Owl at Home*

DePaola, Tomie. *Pancakes for Breakfast*

Arnold, Tedd. *Hi! Fly Guy*

**Poetry**

Anonymous. “As I Was Going to St. Ives.”

Rossetti, Christina. “Mix a Pancake.”

Fyleman, Rose. “Singing-Time.” Milne, A. A. “Halfway Down.” Chute, Marchette. “Drinking Fountain.”

Hughes, Langston. “Poem.”

Ciardi, John. “Wouldn’t You?”

Wright, Richard. “Laughing Boy.”

Greenfield, Eloise. “By Myself.”

Giovanni, Nikki. “Covers.”

Merriam, Eve. “It Fell in the City.”

Lopez, Alonzo. “Celebration.”

Agee, Jon. “Two Tree Toads.”

**Read-Aloud Stories**

Baum, L. Frank. *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

Wilder, Laura Ingalls. *Little House in the Big Woods*

Atwater, Richard and Florence. *Mr. Popper’s Penguins*

Jansson, Tove. *Finn Family Moomintroll*

Haley, Gail E. *A Story, A Story*.

Bang, Molly. *The Paper Crane*

Young, Ed. *Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China*

Garza, Carmen Lomas. *Family Pictures*

Mora, Pat. *Tomás and the Library Lady*

Henkes, Kevin. *Kitten’s First Full Moon*

**Read-Aloud Poetry**

Anonymous. “The Fox’s ForayLangstaff, John. Over in the Meadow

Lear, Edward. “The Owl and the Pussycat.”

Hughes, Langston. “April Rain Song.”

Moss, Lloyd. *Zin! Zin! Zin! a Violin*

**Informational Texts**

Bulla, Clyde Robert. *A Tree Is a Plant*

Aliki. *My Five Senses*

Hurd, Edith Thacher. *Starfish*

Aliki. *A Weed is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver*

Crews, Donald. *Truck*

Hoban, Tana. *I Read Signs*

Reid, Mary Ebeltoft. *Let’s Find Out About Ice Cream*

“Garden Helpers.” *National Geographic Young Explorers*

“Wind Power.” *National Geographic Young Explorers*

**Read-Aloud Informational Texts**

Provensen, Alice and Martin. *The Year at Maple Hill Farm*

Gibbons, Gail. *Fire! Fire!*

Dorros, Arthur. *Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean*

Rauzon, Mark, and Cynthia Overbeck Bix. *Water, Water Everywhere*

Llewellyn, Claire. *Earthworms*

Jenkins, Steve, and Robin Page. *What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?*

Pfeffer, Wendy. *From Seed to Pumpkin*

Thomson, Sarah L. *Amazing Whales!*

Hodgkins, Fran, and True Kelley. *How People Learned to Fly*

**Grades 2–3**

**Stories**

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. *My Father’s Dragon*

Averill, Esther. *The Fire Cat*

Steig, William. *Amos & Boris*

Shulevitz, Uri. *The Treasure*

Cameron, Ann. *The Stories Julian Tells*

MacLachlan, Patricia. *Sarah, Plain and Tall*

Rylant, Cynthia. *Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures*

Stevens, Janet. *Tops and Bottoms*

LaMarche, Jim. *The Raft*

Rylant, Cynthia. *Poppleton in Winter*

Rylant, Cynthia. *The Lighthouse Family: The Storm*

Osborne, Mary Pope. *The One-Eyed Giant*

*(Book One of Tales from the Odyssey)*

Silverman, Erica. *Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa*

**Poetry**

Dickinson, Emily. “Autumn

Rossetti, Christina. “Who Has Seen the Wind?”

Millay, Edna St. Vincent. “Afternoon on a Hill

Frost, Robert. “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening.”

Field, Rachel. “Something Told the Wild Geese.”

Hughes, Langston. “Grandpa’s Stories.”

Jarrell, Randall. “A Bat Is Born.”

Giovanni, Nikki. “Knoxville, Tennessee.”

Merriam, Eve. “Weather.”

Soto, Gary. “Eating While Reading.”

**Read-Aloud Stories**

Kipling, Rudyard. “How the Camel Got His Hump.”

Thurber, James. *The Thirteen Clocks*

White, E. B. *Charlotte’s Web*

Selden, George. *The Cricket in Times Square*

Babbitt, Natalie. *The Search for Delicious*

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy*

Say, Allen. *The Sign Painter*

**Read-Aloud Poetry**

Lear, Edward. “The Jumblies.”

Browning, Robert. *The Pied Piper of Hamelin*

Johnson, Georgia Douglas. “Your World.”

Eliot, T. S. “The Song of the Jellicles.”

Fleischman, Paul. “Fireflies.”

**Informational Texts**

Aliki. *A Medieval Feast*

Gibbons, Gail. *From Seed to Plant*

Milton, Joyce. *Bats: Creatures of the Night*

Beeler, Selby. *Throw Your Tooth on the Roof:*

*Tooth Traditions Around the World*

Leonard, Heather. *Art Around the World*

Ruffin, Frances E. *Martin Luther King and the March on Washington*

St. George, Judith. *So You Want to Be President?*

Einspruch, Andrew. *Crittercam*

Kudlinski, Kathleen V. *Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs*

Davies, Nicola. *Bat Loves the Night*

Floca, Brian. *Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11*

Thomson, Sarah L. *Where Do Polar Bears Live?*

**Read-Aloud Informational Texts**

Freedman, Russell. *Lincoln: A Photobiography*

Coles, Robert. *The Story of Ruby Bridges*

Wick, Walter. *A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder*

Smith, David J. *If the World Were a Village:*

*A Book about the World’s People*

Aliki. *Ah, Music!*

Mark, Jan. *The Museum Book:*

*A Guide to Strange and Wonderful Collections*

D’Aluisio, Faith. *What the World Eats*

Arnosky, Jim. *Wild Tracks! A Guide to Nature’s Footprints*

Deedy, Carmen Agra. *14 Cows for America*

**Grades 4–5**

**Stories**

Carroll, Lewis. *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*

Burnett, Frances Hodgson. *The Secret Garden*

Farley, Walter. *The Black Stallion*

Saint-Exupery, Antoine de. *The Little Prince*

Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting*

Singer, Isaac Bashevis. “Zlateh the Goat.”

Hamilton, Virginia. M. C. *Higgins, the Great*

Erdrich, Louise. *The Birchbark House*

Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy*

Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*

**Poetry**

Blake, William. “The Echoing Green

Lazarus, Emma. “The New Colossus.”

Thayer, Ernest Lawrence. “Casey at the Bat.”

Dickinson, Emily. “A Bird Came Down the Walk.”

Sandburg, Carl. “Fog

Frost, Robert. “Dust of Snow.”

Dahl, Roald. “Little Red Riding Hood and the Wolf.”

Nichols, Grace. “They Were My People.”

Mora, Pat. “Words Free As Confetti.”

**Informational Texts**

Berger, Melvin. *Discovering Mars: The Amazing Story of the Red Planet*

Carlisle, Madelyn Wood. *Let’s Investigate Marvelously Meaningful Maps*

Lauber, Patricia. *Hurricanes: Earth’s Mightiest Storms*

Otfinoski, Steve. *The Kid’s Guide to Money: Earning It,*

*Saving It, Spending It, Growing It, Sharing It*

Wulffson, Don. *Toys!: Amazing Stories Behind Some Great Inventions*

Schleichert, Elizabeth. “Good Pet, Bad Pet.”

Kavash, E. Barrie. “Ancient Mound Builders.”

Koscielniak, Bruce. *About Time: A First Look at Time and Clocks*

Banting, Erinn. *England the Land*Hakim, Joy. *A History of US*

Ruurs, Margriet. *My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books*

*Are Brought to Children Around the World*

Simon, Seymour. *Horses*

Montgomery, Sy. *Quest for the Tree Kangaroo:*

*An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea*

Simon, Seymour. *Volcanoes*

Nelson, Kadir. *We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*

Cutler, Nellie Gonzalez. “Kenya’s Long Dry Season.”

Hall, Leslie. “Seeing Eye to Eye.”

Ronan, Colin A. “Telescopes.”

Buckmaster, Henrietta. “Underground Railroad.”

**Grades 6–8**

**Stories**

Alcott, Louisa May. *Little Women*

Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

L’Engle, Madeleine. *A Wrinkle in Time*

Cooper, Susan. *The Dark Is Rising*

Yep, Laurence. *Dragonwings*

Taylor, Mildred D. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*

Hamilton, Virginia. “The People Could Fly.”

Paterson, Katherine. *The Tale of the Mandarin Ducks*

Cisneros, Sandra. “Eleven

Sutcliff, Rosemary. *Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad*

**Drama**

Fletcher, Louise. *Sorry, Wrong Number*

Goodrich, Frances and Albert Hackett. *The Diary of Anne Frank: A Play*

**Poetry**

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. “Paul Revere’s Ride.”

Whitman, Walt. “O Captain! My Captain

Carroll, Lewis. “Jabberwocky.”

Navajo tradition. “Twelfth Song of Thunder.”

Dickinson, Emily. “The Railway Train.”

Yeats, William Butler. “The Song of Wandering Aengus.”

Frost, Robert. “The Road Not Taken.”

Sandburg, Carl. “Chicago.”

Hughes, Langston. “I, Too, Sing America.”

Neruda, Pablo. “The Book of Questions.”

Soto, Gary. “Oranges.”

Giovanni, Nikki. “A Poem for My Librarian, Mrs. Long.”

**Informational Texts: English Language Arts**

Adams, John. “Letter on Thomas Jefferson.”

Douglass, Frederick. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*

*an American Slave, Written by Himself*

Churchill, Winston. “Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat:

Address to Parliament on May 13th, 1940.”

Petry, Ann. *Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad*

Steinbeck, John. *Travels with Charley: In Search of America*

**Grades 9–10**

**Stories**

Homer. *The Odyssey*

Ovid. *Metamorphoses*

Gogol, Nikolai. “The Nose.”

De Voltaire, F. A. M. *Candide, Or The Optimist*

Turgenev, Ivan. *Fathers and Sons*

Henry, O. “The Gift of the Magi.”

Kafka, Franz. *The Metamorphosis*

Steinbeck, John. *The Grapes of Wrath*

Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451*

Olsen, Tillie. “I Stand Here Ironing.”

Achebe, Chinua. *Things Fall Apart*

Lee, Harper. *To Kill A Mockingbird*

Shaara, Michael. *The Killer Angels*

Tan, Amy. *The Joy Luck Club*

Alvarez, Julia. *In the Time of the Butterflies*

Zusak, Marcus. *The Book Thief*

**Drama**

Sophocles. *Oedipus Rex*

Shakespeare, William. *The Tragedy of Macbeth*

Ibsen, Henrik. *A Doll’s House*

Williams, Tennessee. *The Glass Menagerie*

Ionesco, Eugene. *Rhinoceros*

Fugard, Athol. *“Master Harold”…and the boys*

Poetry

Shakespeare, William. “Sonnet 73.”

Donne, John. “Song.”

Shelley, Percy Bysshe. “Ozymandias.”

Poe, Edgar Allan. “The Raven.”

Dickinson, Emily. “We Grow Accustomed to the Dark.”

Houseman, A. E. “Loveliest of Trees

Johnson, James Weldon. “Lift Every Voice and Sing.”

Cullen, Countee. “Yet Do I Marvel.”

Auden, Wystan Hugh. ”Musee des Beaux Arts.”

Walker, Alice. “Women.”

Baca, Jimmy Santiago. “I Am Offering This Poem to You.”

**Informational Texts: English Language Arts**

Henry, Patrick. “Speech to the Second Virginia Convention.”

Washington, George. “Farewell Address.”

Lincoln, Abraham. “Gettysburg Address.”

Lincoln, Abraham. “Second Inaugural Address.”

Roosevelt, Franklin Delano. “State of the Union Address.”

Hand, Learned. “I Am an American Day Address.”

Smith, Margaret Chase. “Remarks to the Senate in Support

of a Declaration of Conscience.”

King, Jr., Martin Luther. “Letter from Birmingham Jail.”

King, Jr., Martin Luther. “I Have a Dream: Address Delivered at the

March on Washington, D.C., for Civil Rights on August 28, 1963.”

Angelou, Maya. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Wiesel, Elie. “Hope, Despair and Memory.”

Reagan, Ronald. “Address to Students at Moscow State University.”

Quindlen, Anna. “A Quilt of a Country.”

**Grades 11**

**Stories**

Chaucer, Geoffrey. *The Canterbury Tales*

de Cervantes, Miguel. *Don Quixote*

Austen, Jane. *Pride and Prejudice*

Poe, Edgar Allan. “The Cask of Amontillado.”

Bronte, Charlotte. *Jane Eyre*

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. *The Scarlet Letter*

Dostoevsky, Fyodor. *Crime and Punishment*

Jewett, Sarah Orne. “A White Heron.”

Melville, Herman. *Billy Budd, Sailor*

Chekhov, Anton. “Home

Fitzgerald, F. Scott. *The Great Gatsby*

Faulkner, William. *As I Lay Dying*

Hemingway, Ernest. *A Farewell to*

Hurston, Zora Neale. *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

Borges, Jorge Luis. “The Garden of Forking Paths.”

Bellow, Saul. *The Adventures of Augie March*

Morrison, Toni. *The Bluest Eye*

Garcia, Cristina. *Dreaming in Cuban*

Lahiri, Jhumpa. *The Namesake*

**Drama**

Shakespeare, William. *The Tragedy of Hamlet*

Moliere, Jean-Baptiste Poquelin. *Tartuffe*

Wilde, Oscar. *The Importance of Being Earnest*

Wilder, Thornton. *Our Town: A Play in Three Acts*

Miller, Arthur. *Death of a Salesman*

Hansberry, Lorraine. *A Raisin in the Sun*

Soyinka, Wole. *Death and the King’s Horseman: A Play*

**Poetry**

Li Po. “A Poem of Changgan

Donne, John. “A Valediction Forbidding Mourning.”

Wheatley, Phyllis. “On Being Brought From Africa to America.”

Keats, John. “Ode on a Grecian Urn.”

Whitman, Walt. “Song of Myself.”

Dickinson, Emily. “Because I Could Not Stop for Death.”

Tagore, Rabindranath. “Song VII.”

Eliot, T. S. “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock.”

Pound, Ezra. “The River Merchant’s Wife: A Letter.”

Frost, Robert. “Mending Wall

Neruda, Pablo. “Ode to My Suit.”

Bishop, Elizabeth. “Sestina

Ortiz Cofer, Judith. “The Latin Deli: An Ars Poetica.”

Dove, Rita. “Demeter’s Prayer to Hades.”

Collins, Billy. “Man Listening to Disc.”

**Informational Texts: English Language Arts**

Paine, Thomas. *Common Sense*

Jefferson, Thomas. *The Declaration of Independence*

United States. The Bill of Rights (Amendments One through Ten

of the United States Constitution)

Thoreau, Henry David. *Walden*

Emerson, Ralph Waldo. “Society and Solitude.”

Porter, Horace. “Lee Surrenders to Grant, April 9th, 1865.”

Chesterton, G. K. “The Fallacy of Success.”

Mencken, H. L. *The American Language, 4th Edition*

Wright, Richard. *Black Boy*

Orwell, George. “Politics and the English Language.”

Hofstadter, Richard. “Abraham Lincoln and the Self-Made Myth.”

Tan, Amy. “Mother Tongue.”

Anaya, Rudolfo. “Take the Tortillas Out of Your Poetry