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K-1 Text Exemplars—Stories
Minarik, Elise 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.

K-1 Text Exemplars—Poetry
Anonymous. “As I was Going to St. Ives.” The Real Mother Goose.
Agee, Jon. “Two Tree Toads.”

K-1 Text Exemplars—Read-Aloud Stories
Baum, L. Frank. The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.
Wilder, Laura Ingalls. Little House in the Big Woods.
Atwaters, 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.

K-1 Text Exemplars—Read-Aloud Poetry
Langstaff, John. “Over in the Meadow.”
Ed. Hall, Donald.
Moss, Lloyd. Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin
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K-1 Text Exemplars—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.

K-1 Text Exemplars—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.
Jenkins, Steve and Page, Robin. 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 Text Exemplars—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.

Grades 2-3 Text Exemplars—Poetry
Dickinson, Emily. “Autumn.”
Hughes, Langston. “Grandpa’s Stories.”
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Giovanni, Nikki. “Knoxville, Tennessee.”

Grades 2-3 Text Exemplars—Read-Aloud Stories
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.

Grades 2-3 Text Exemplars—Read-Aloud Poetry

Grades 2-3 Text Exemplars—Informational Texts
Aliki. A Medieval Feast.
Gibbons, Gail. From Seed to Plant.
Milton, Joyce. Bats: Creatures of the Night.
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.
Thomson, Sarah L. Where Do Polar Bears Live?

Grades 2-3 Text Exemplars—Read-Aloud Informational Texts
Freedman, Russell. Lincoln: A Photobiography.
Coles, Robert. The Story of Ruby Bridges.
Smith, David J. If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World’s People.
Aliki. Ah, Music!
D’Alusio, Faith. What the World Eats.
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Deedy, Carmen Agra. *14 Cows for America.*

**Grades 4-5—Stories**
Carroll, Lewis. *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland.*
Saint-Exupéry, Antoine de. *The Little Prince.*
Babbitt, Natalie. *Tuck Everlasting.*
Singer, Isaac Bashevis. “Zlateh the Goat.”
Hamilton, Virginia. *M.C. Higgins, the Great.*
Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Bud, Not Buddy.*
Lin, Grace. *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon.*

**Grades 4-5—Poetry**
Dickinson, Emily. “A Bird Came Down the Walk.”
Nichols, Grace. “They Were My People.”

**Grades 4-5—Informational Texts**
Lauber, Patricia. *Hurricanes: Earth’s Mightiest Storms.*
Wulfson, 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.*
Bantinn, Erinn. *England the Land.*
Hakin, Joy. *A History of the US.*
Simon, Seymour. *Horses.*
Montgomery, Sy. *Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Rainforest of New Guinea.*
Simon, Seymour. *Volcanoes.*
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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.*
Cooper, Susan. *The Dark is Rising.*
Yep, Laurence. *Dragonwings.*
Taylor, Mildred D. *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry.*

**Grades 6-8—Drama**
Fletcher, Louise. *Sorry, Wrong Number.*
Goodrich, Frances and Albert Hackett. *The Diary of Anne Frank: A Play.*

**Grades 6-8—Poetry**
Yeats, William Butler.

**Grades 6-8—Informational Texts: English Language Arts**
Douglass, Frederick. *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave, Written by Himself.*
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**Grades 6-8—Informational Texts: History/Social Studies**

United States. Preamble and First Amendment to the United States Constitution (1787, 1791).
Isaacson, Phillip. *A Short Walk through the Pyramids and through the World of Art.*
Murphy, Jim. *The Great Fire.*
Partridge, Elizabeth. *This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and songs of Woody Guthrie.*
Monk, Linda R. *Words We Live by: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution.*

**Grades 6-8—Informational Texts: Science, Mathematics and Technical Studies**

Mackay, Donald. *The Building of Manhattan.*
Katz, Jon. *Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet out of Idaho.*
“Geology.” *U*X*L Encyclopedia of Science.*
“Space Probe.” *Astronomy & Space: From the Big Bang to the Big Crunch.*
California Invasive Plant Council. *Invasive Plant Inventory.*

**Grades 9-10—Stories**

Homer. *The Odyssey.*
Ovid. *Metamorphoses.*
De Voltaire, F.A.M. *Candide, or The Optimist.*
Turgenev, Ivan. *Fathers and Sons.*
Henry, O. “The Gift of the Magi.”
Bradbury, Ray. *Fahrenheit 451.*
Olsen, Tillie. “I Stand Here Ironing.”
Tan, Amy. *The Joy Luck Club.*
Álvarez, Julia. *In the Time of the Butterflies.*
Zusak, Marcus. *The Book Thief.*

**Grades 9-10—Drama**

Sophocles. *Oedipus Rex.*
Ibsen, Henrik. *A Doll’s House*.
Williams, Tennessee. *The Glass Menagerie*.
Ionesco, Eugene. *Rhinoceros*.
Fugard, Athol. “*Master Harold*...and the Boys

**Grades 9-10—Poetry**

Dickinson, Emily. “We Grow Accustomed to the Dark.” *Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson*. Dickinson, Emily
Dickinson, Emily. “We Grow Accustomed to the Dark.” *Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson*. Dickinson, Emily

**Grades 9-10—Informational Texts: English Language Arts**

King, Jr., Martin Luther. “Letter from A Birmingham Jail.” *I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches that Changed the World*. King, Martin Luther, Jr.; Washington, James Melvin.
King, Jr., Martin Luther. “I Have a Dream: Address Delivered at the March on Washington, D.C., for Civil Rights on August 28, 1963.” *I Have a Dream: Writings and Speeches that Changed the World*. King, Martin Luther, Jr.; Washington, James Melvin.
Angelou, Maya. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*. 
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Quindlen, Anna. “A Quilt of a Country.”

Grades 9-10—Informational Texts: History/Social Studies
Brown, Dee. Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West.
Connell, Evan S. Son of the Morning Star: Custer and the Little Bighorn.
Kurlansky, Mark. Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World.
Haskins, Jim. Black, Blue and Gray: African Americans in the Civil War.
Dash, Joan. The Longitude Prize.
Thompson, Wendy. The Illustrated Book of Great Composers.
Mann, Charles C. Before Columbus: The Americas of 1491.

Grades 9-10—Informational Texts: Science, Mathematics, and Technical Subjects
Euclid. Elements
Walker, Jearl. “Amusement Park Physics.”
Devlin, Keith. Life by the Numbers.
Hoose, Phillip. The Race to Save Lord God Bird.
Hakim, Joy. The Story of Science: Newton at the Center.
Nicastro, Nicholas. Circumference: Eratosthenes and the Ancient Quest to Measure the Globe.

Grades 11-12—Stories
Chaucer, Geoffrey. The Canterbury Tales.
De Cervantes, Miguel. Don Quixote.
Hawthorne, Nathaniel. The Scarlett Letter.
Jewett, Sarah Orne. “A White Heron.”
Melville, Herman. Billy Budd, Sailor.
Chekhov, Anton. “Home.”
Faulkner, William. As I Lay Dying.
Hemingway, Ernest. A Farwell to Arms.
Hurston, Zora Neale. Their Eyes Were Watching God.
Bellow, Saul. The Adventures of Augie March.
García, Cristina. *Dreaming in Cuban.*

**Grades 11-12—Drama**
Molière, Jean-Baptiste Piquelin. *Tartuffe.*
Wilde, Oscar. *The Importance of Being Earnest.*
Miller, Arthur. *Death of a Salesman.*
Hansberry, Lorraine. *A Raisin in the Sun.*
Soyinka, Wole. *Death and the King’s Horseman: A Play.*

**Grades 11-12—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.”
Frost, Robert. “Mending Wall.”
Neruda, Pablo. “Ode to My Suit.”
Bishop, Elizabeth. “Sestina.”
Dove, Rita. “Demeter’s Prayer to Hades.”
Collins, Billy. “Man Listening to Disc.”

**Grades 11-12—Informational Texts: English Language Arts**
Paine, Thomas. *Common Sense.*
United States. The Bill of Rights (Amendments One through Ten of the United States Constitution).
Emerson, Ralph Waldo. “Society and Solitude.”
Porter, Horace. “Lee Surrenders to Grant, April 9th, 1865.”
Chesterton, G.K. “The Fallacy of Success.”
Wright, Richard. *Black Boy.*
Orwell, George. “Politics and the English Language.”
Tan, Amy. “Mother Tongue.”
Grades 11-12—Informational Texts: History/Social Studies

Tocqueville, Alexis de. *Democracy in America.*
*Declaration of Sentiments* by the Seneca Falls Conference.
Douglass, Frederick. “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?: An Address Delivered in Rochester, New York on 5 July 1852.” *An American Primer.* Ed. Boorstin, Daniel J.
Lagemann, Ellen Condliffe. “Education.”
McPherson, James M. *What They Fought For 1861-1865.*
McCullough, David. *1776.*
FedViews by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Grades 11-12—Informational Texts: Science, Mathematics and Technical Subjects

Paulos, John Allen. *Innumeracy: Mathematical Illiteracy and Its Consequences.*