

English Language Arts

In fifth grade we use the New York State ELA Modules (www.engageny.org) which incorporate reading, writing, listening, and speaking experiences using a balance of authentic, high interest literature and informational texts.

The following are examples of text types that could be used in classroom instruction.

LITERATURE: stories, drama, poetry, fiction, fairytales, folk tales, tall tales, and other literary texts.

INFORMATIONAL TEXT: nonfiction, biographies, autobiographies, books and articles about science, art, history, social studies, and information displayed in charts, graphs, or maps, in both print and digital sources

★ Module 1: Stories of Human Rights

Focus – becoming a close reader and writing to learn

★ Module 2: Biodiversity in Rainforests of the Western Hemisphere

Focus – researching to build knowledge and teaching others

★ Module 3: Sports and Athletes' Impact on Culture

Focus – considering perspectives and supporting opinions

★ Module 4: Natural Disasters in the Western Hemisphere

Focus – gathering evidence and speaking to others

