

# English Language Arts

In fifth grade we use the New York State ELA Modules ([www.engageny.org](http://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, fairy tales, 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 (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

