

Grade 4

Grade 4 Selections	Author's Name	Genre	Lexile Measure	Component
Module 1: What Makes Us Who We Are? Essential Question: How do your experiences help shape your identity?				
The Story of You	—	Informational Text/Photo Essay	660L	myBook
Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures	Kate DiCamillo	Fantasy	580L	myBook
“Jammin”, “Sandwich,” “No Bounds,” “Bus Ride,” and “Stream” from Lend a Hand: Poems about Giving	John Frank	Poetry	NP	myBook
The Year of the Rat	Grace Lin	Realistic Fiction	680L	myBook
Kitoto the Mighty	Tololwa M. Mollel	Folktale	610L	myBook
La Mariposa	Francisco Jimenez	Realistic Fiction	750L	Focal Text
Module 2: Come to Your Senses Essential Question: How do people and animals use their senses to navigate the world?				
What Are the Five Senses?	—	Informational Text	900L	myBook
The Science Behind Sight	Louise Spilsbury	Informational Text	600L	myBook
Animal Senses (video)	Animal Atlas	Media: Informational Video	—	myBook
Blind Ambition (from Nat. Geo. Kids magazine)	Matthew Cooper and Rachel Buchholz	Personal Narrative	760L	myBook
The Game of Silence	Louise Erdrich	Historical Fiction	770L	myBook
Apex Predators	Steve Jenkins	Informational Text	1020L	Focal Text
The Man Who Climbed Everest	—	Informational Text	—	Read Aloud

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Module 3: Rise to the Occasion Essential Question: What does it take to meet a challenge?				
Never Give Up!	—	Argumentative Text	780L	myBook
Rent Party Jazz	William Miller	Historical Fiction	730L	myBook
Hurricanes: A Force of Nature	—	—	—	myBook
Catch Me If You Can	Carol Schaffner	Play	NP	myBook
My Diary from Here to There	Amada Irma Pérez	—	820L	myBook
Kite Fighters	Linda Sue Park	Historical Fiction	880L	Focal Text
Module 4: Heroic Feats Essential Question: What makes someone a hero?				
Who's a Hero?	—	Informational Text	820L	myBook
Prince Charming Misplaces His Bride	Christopher Healy	Fairy Tale	830L	myBook
Smokejumpers to the Rescue!	Claire Daniel	Narrative Nonfiction	790L	myBook
Perseus and the Fall of Medusa	Laurie R. King	Myth/Play	NP	myBook
Mario and the Hole in the Sky: How a Chemist Saved Our Planet	Elizabeth Rusch	Biography	730L	myBook
Love Will See You Through	Angela Farris Watkins	Biography	AD970L	Focal Text

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Module 5: Art Everywhere Essential Question: How far can your talents take you?				
Why Art Centers Matter	—	Argumentative Text	890L	myBook
The Beatles Were Fab (and They Were Funny)	Kathleen Krull and Paul Brewer	Biography	860L	myBook
How Can Photos Take Us Back in Time?	#MetKids	Video	—	myBook
Let's Dance Around the World (from Appleseeds magazine)	Leticia Ann Kimura and Annabel Wildrick	Informational Text	970L	myBook
The Art of Poetry “Necessary Gardens” “Eating Alphabet Soup” “The Big-Word Girl” “Balloon” “The Arrow and the Song” “Quiet Water” “Better Fun”	J. Patrick Lewis, Bob Raczka, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Francisco Alarcón	Poetry: Acrostic, Limerick, Lyric/Classic, Concrete	—	myBook
Mr Ferris and His Wheel	Kathryn Gibbs Davis	Biography	900L	Focal Text
Module 6: Marvels of Nature Essential Question: What makes Earth’s natural wonders exciting and unique?				
Seven Natural Wonders	—	Informational Text	920L	myBook
The Mariana Trench (from Seven Natural Wonders of the Arctic, Antarctica, and the Oceans)	Michael Woods and Mary Woods	Informational Text	900L	myBook
Weird and Wondrous Rocks	April Pulley Sayre	Informational Text	870L	myBook
Nature’s Wonders (poetry collection) “The Great Barrier Reef”, “The Mariana Trench”, “Aurora Borealis”, “Mount Everest”	Robert Schechter, X.J. Kennedy, Steven Withrow	Poetry and Informational Text	1040L (for info text only)	myBook
Grand Canyon: A Trail Through Time (text) and Grand Canyon (video)	Linda Vieira	Literary Nonfiction	1140L	myBook
Coral Reefs	Jason Chin	Informational Text	1010L	Focal Text

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Module 7: Tricksters and Tall Tales Essential Question: What lessons can you learn from characters in traditional tales?				
A Tale of Traditional Tales	—	Informational Text	920L	myBook
Thunder Rose	Jerdine Nolen	Tall Tale	950L	myBook
In the Days of King Adobe (from Watch Out for Clever Women)	Joe Hayes	Folktale	660L	myBook
A Pair of Tricksters	John and Caitlín Matthews; Aesop	Fable/Trickster Tale	760L	myBook
Ten Suns: A Chinese Legend (text and video)	Eric A. Kimmel	Legend; Media: Video	780L	myBook
The Luck of the Loch Ness Monste	A.W. Flaherty	Fantasy	930L	Focal Text
Module 8: Food for Thought Essential Question: What can we do to make more healthful food choices?				
To Your Health!	—	Informational Text	860L	myBook
Eco-Friendly Food (from A Teen Guide to Being Eco in Your Community)	Cath Senker	Informational Text	980L	myBook
Kids Rock Nutrition in the Kitchen (video)	nutrition.gov	Media: Recipe	—	myBook
Bug Bites	Ask magazine	Informational/ Argumentative Text	890L	myBook
Now You're Cooking!	René Saldaña Jr.	Realistic Fiction	750L	myBook
It's Disgusting and We Ate It!	James Solheim	Informational Text	1010L	Focal Text

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Module 9: Global Guardians Essential Question: What can people do to care for our planet?				
The Eco Guardians	—	Letters	870L	myBook
Luz Sees the Light	Claudia Dávila	Graphic Novel	640L	myBook
On Sea Turtle Patrol (text) & Saving the Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle (video)	Nancy Dawson	Realistic Fiction; Media: Video	670L	myBook
How Can We Reduce Household Waste?	Mary K. Pratt	Informational Text	780L	myBook
Seeds of Change	Jen Cullerton Johnson	Biography	810L	myBook
The Case of the Vanishing Honeybees	Sandra Markle	Informational Text	980L	Focal Text
Module 10: Communication Nation Essential Question: What forms can communication take?				
How Technology Has Changed Communication	—	Informational Text/Timeline	880L	myBook
The History of Communication	—	Informational Text	1070L	myBook
A New Language—Invented by Kids!	Charnan Simon	Narrative	910L	myBook
Dolphin Dinner (video)	NatGeo Kids	Nonfiction Media: Video	—	myBook
Cooper's Lesson	Sun Yung Shin	Realistic Fiction	620L	myBook
The Museum Book	Jan Mark	Informational Text	1070L	Focal Text

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Module 11: Genre Study: Nonfiction Essential Questions: What are the characteristics of informational text? What are the characteristics of a biography? What are the characteristics of argumentative text?				
A Strange Place to Call Home	Marilyn Singer	Poetry	NP	Focal Text
Module 12: Genre Study: Literary Texts Essential Questions: What are the characteristics of realistic fiction? What are the characteristics of traditional tales? What are the characteristics of historical fiction?				
City Chickens	Christine Heppermann	Narrative Nonfiction	1080L	Focal Text