

Grade 5

Grade 5 Selections	Author's Name	Genre	Lexile Measure	Component
Module 1: Inventors at Work Essential Question: What kinds of circumstances push people to create new inventions?				
Artificial Intelligence Is A Great Invention	—	Persuasive Essay	940L	myBook
The Inventor's Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford	Suzanne Slade	Narrative Nonfiction	710L	myBook
Winds of Hope	Katy Duffield	Narrative Nonfiction	1020L	myBook
Wheelchair Sports: Hang Glider to Wheeler-Dealer	Simon Shapiro	Informational Text	930L	myBook
Captain Arsenio: Inventions and (Mis)Adventures in Flight	Pablo Bernasconi	Science Fiction/Fantasy	900L	myBook
Girls Think of Everything: Stories of Ingenious Inventions By Women	Catherine Thimmesh	Informational Text	960L	Focal Text
Module 2: What a Story Essential Question: How does genre affect the way a story is told?				
Many Ways to Tell a Story	—	Informational Text	1060L	myBook
Airborn	Kenneth Oppel	Fantasy/Adventure	820L	myBook
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson Burnett	Fiction/Fantasy	800L	myBook
The Miracle of Spring	Helen Hanna	Play	—	myBook
The Poem That Will Not End: Fun with Poetic Forms and Voices	Joan Bransfield Graham	Poetry	—	myBook
The Mesmer Menace	Kersten Hamilton	Science Fiction	770L	Focal Text

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Module 3: Natural Disasters Essential Question: How can learning about natural disasters make us safer?				
Who Studies Natural Disasters?	—	Narrative Nonfiction/Letter	850L	myBook
Eruption! Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives	Elizabeth Rusch	Narrative Nonfiction	870L	myBook
Between the Glacier and the Sea: The Alaska Earthquake	The Valdez Museum	Video (informational)	—	myBook
Quaking Earth, Racing Waves	Rachel Young	Informational Text	1060L	myBook
Hurricanes: The Science Behind Killer Storms	Alvin and Virginia Silverstein and Laura Silverstein Nunn	Informational Text	920L	myBook
Green City	Allan Drummond	Informational Text	910L	Focal Text
Module 4: Wild West Essential Question: What character traits were needed in people who settled the West?				
Why Go West?	—	Informational Text	990L	myBook
Losing the West	Joseph Bruchac	Informational Text	1040L	myBook
The Transcontinental Railroad	Bruce Watson	Informational Text	1110L	myBook
Homesteading	Prairie Public Broadcasting	Video (informational)	—	myBook
A Pioneer Sampler: The Daily Life of a Pioneer Family in 1840	Barbara Greenwood	Historical Fiction	860L	myBook
Along the Santa Fe Trail	Ginger Wadsworth	Informational Text	910L	Focal Text

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Module 5: Project Earth Essential Question: How can caring for Earth and its living things improve life now and in the future?				
he Protective Power of Nature Preserves	—	Informational Text	940L	myBook
Potatoes on Rooftops: Farming in the City	Hadley Dyer	Persuasive Text	1020L	myBook
Living Green	Doreen Beauregard	Play	—	myBook
The Good Garden: How One Family Went from Hunger to Having Enough	Katie Smith Milway	Realistic Fiction	820L	myBook
Parrots Over Puerto Rico	Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore	Informational Text	850L	myBook
The Elephant Keeper: Caring for Orphaned Elephants in Zambia	Margriet Ruurs	Fiction (based on a true story)	880L	Focal Text
Module 6: Art for Everyone Essential Question: How do different art forms impact people in different ways?				
Let's Get Creative	—	Infographic	930L	myBook
Christo and Jeanne-Claude: Through the Gates and Beyond	Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan	Informational Text	1010L	myBook
Rita Moreno	Juan Felipe Herrera	Biography	1020L	myBook
Play, Louis, Play! The True Story of a Boy and His Horn	Muriel Harris Weinstein	Fictionalized Biography	860L	myBook
Dream Builder: The Story of Architect Philip Freelon	Kelly Starling Lyons	Biography	AD810L	myBook
Miss Alaineus: A Vocabulary Disaster	Debra Frasier	Fiction	820L	Focal Text

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Module 7: Above, Below, and Beyond Essential Question: What role does curiosity play in exploration?				
A Few Who Dared	—	Biography	1090L	myBook
Into the Unknown: Above and Below	Stewart Ross	Informational Text	1040L	myBook
Great Discoveries and Amazing Adventures: Stories of Hidden Marvels and Lost Treasures	Claire Llewellyn	Informational Text	1020L	myBook
SpaceShipOne	Matthew Stinemetze (as told to Naomi Wallace)	Autobiography	950L	myBook
The Mighty Mars Rovers: The Incredible Adventures of Spirit and Opportunity	Elizabeth Rusch	Narrative Nonfiction	950L	myBook
The Day-Glo Brothers	Chris Barton	Biography	990L	Focal Text
Module 8: A New Home Essential Question: How do people adapt to new experiences and make a new place home?				
Moving to a New Country: A Survival Guide	—	Informational Text	960L	myBook
A Movie in My Pillow	Jorge Argueta	Poetry	—	myBook
From Scratch	Susie Castellano	Realistic Fiction	900L	myBook
Elisa's Diary	Doris Luisa Oronoz	Realistic Fiction	800L	myBook
Inside Out and Back Again	Thanhha Lai	Poetry	—	myBook
Love That Dog	Sharon Creech	Realistic Fiction	1010L	Focal Text

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Module 9: Unexpected, Unexplained Essential Question: What makes something mysterious, and what drives people to solve mysteries?				
Why People Love Mysteries	—	Informational Text	1070L	myBook
Mr. Linden's Library	Walter Dean Myers	Mystery	990L	myBook
The Loch Ness Monster	National Geographic	Video (informational)	—	myBook
Finding Bigfoot: Everything You Need to Know	Martha Brockenbrough	Informational/Persuasive Text	1050L	myBook
The Secret Keepers	Trenton Lee Stewart	Mystery	720L	myBook
The Egypt Game	Zilpha Keatley Snyder	Fiction	1010L	Focal Text
Module 10: The Lives of Animals Essential Question: What can we learn about ourselves by observing and interacting with animals?				
Why We Watch Animals	—	Informational Text	990L	myBook
Willie B.: A Story of Hope	Nancy Roe Pimm	Narrative Nonfiction	1020L	myBook
Dolphin Parenting	National Geographic	Video (informational)	—	myBook
Can We Be Friends?	Ellen R. Braaf	Informational Text	1040L	myBook
Winter Bees and Other Poems of the Cold	Joyce Sidman	Multigenre (Poetry and Informational Text)	1150L	myBook
The One and Only Ivan	Katherine Applegate	Fiction	570L	Focal Text

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Module 11: Informational Text Essential Questions: What are the characteristics of informational text? What are the characteristics of narrative nonfiction? What are the characteristics of persuasive text?				
Love, Amalia	Alma Flor Ada and Gabriel M. Zubizarreta	Fiction	940L	Focal Text
Module 12: Literary Text Essential Questions: What are the characteristics of realistic fiction? What are the characteristics of plays? What are the characteristics of mysteries?				
Words with Wings	Nikki Grimes	Fiction/Poetry	850L	Focal Text