

K-1 Text Exemplars				
Informational Texts				
Author	Title	Publication Date	ATOS	Lexile
Bulla, Clyde Robert	<i>A Tree Is a Plant</i>	2001 (1960)	2.3	AD290L
Aliki	<i>My Five Senses</i>	1989 (1962)	2.0	AD400L
Hurd, Edith Thacher	<i>Starfish</i>	2000 (1962)	2.3	AD170L
Crews, Donald	<i>Truck</i>	1980 (1980)	N/A	N/A
Hoban, Tana	<i>I Read Signs</i>	1987 (1987)	N/A	N/A
Reid, Mary Ebeltoft	<i>Let's Find Out About Ice Cream</i>	1996 (1996)	1.8	500L
National Geographic Young Explorers	<i>"Garden Helpers"</i>	2009 (2009)	N/A	N/A
National Geographic Young Explorers	<i>"Wind Power"</i>	2009 (2009)	N/A	N/A
Read-Aloud Informational Texts				
Provenson, Alice and Martin	<i>The Year at Maple Hill Farm</i>	2001 (1978)	3.7	560L
Gibbons, Gail	<i>Fire! Fire!</i>	1987 (1984)	3.5	590L
Dorros, Arthur	<i>Follow the Water from Brook to Ocean</i>	1993 (1991)	3.6	600L
Rauzon, Mark, and Cynthia Overbeck Bix	<i>Water, Water Everywhere</i>	1994 (1994)	4.7	940L
Llewellyn, Claire	<i>Earthworms</i>	2002 (2002)	4.1	700L
Jenkins, Steve, and Robin Page	<i>What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?</i>	2003 (2003)	3.0	620L
Pfeffer, Wendy	<i>From Seed to Pumpkin</i>	2004 (2004)	3.3	640L
Thomson, Sarah L.	<i>Amazing Whales!</i>	2006 (2005)	3.3	630L
Hodgkins, Fran, and True Kelley	<i>How People Learned to Fly</i>	2007 (2007)	3.8	630L
Grades 2-3 Text Exemplars				
Informational Texts				
Author	Title	Publication Year	ATOS	Lexile
Aliki	<i>A Medieval Feast</i>	1986 (1983)	4.6	840L
Gibbons, Gail	<i>From Seed to Plant</i>	1993 (1991)	3.4	660L
Milton, Joyce	<i>Bats: Creatures of the Night</i>	1993 (1993)	2.9	510L
Beeler, Selby	<i>Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions Around the World</i>	2001 (1998)	4.2	AD770L

Leonard, Heather	<i>Art Around the World</i>	1998 (1998)	3.8	580L
Ruffin, Frances E.	<i>Martin Luther King and the March on Washington</i>	2000 (2000)	3.3	480L
St. George, Judith	<i>So You Want to Be President?</i>	2000 (2000)	4.8	
Einspruch, Andrew	<i>Crittercam</i>	2004 (2004)	N/A	720L
Kudlinski, Kathleen V.	<i>Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs</i>	2005 (2005)	5.0	AD900L
Davies, Nicola	<i>Bat Loves the Night</i>	2001 (2001)	3.4	AD560L
Floca, Brian	<i>Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11</i>	2009 (2009)	4.8	AD990L
Thomson, Sarah L.	<i>Where Do Polar Bears Live?</i>	2010 (2010)	4.0	710L
Read-Aloud Informational Texts				
Freedman, Russell	<i>Lincoln: A Photobiography</i>	1989 (1987)	7.7	NC1040L
Coles, Robert	<i>The Story of Ruby Bridges</i>	1995 (1995)	4.4	AD730L
Wick, Walter	<i>A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder</i>	1997 (1997)	5.8	870L
Smith, David J.	<i>If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World's People</i>	2002 (2002)	5.0	710L
Aliki	<i>Ah, Music!</i>	2005 (2003)	5.6	IG910L
Mark, Jan	<i>The Museum Book: A Guide to Strange and Wonderful Collections</i>	2007 (2007)	6.3	NC1060L
D'Aluisio, Faith	<i>What the World Eats</i>	2008 (2008)	N/A	1150L
Arnosky, Jim	<i>Wild Tracks! A Guide to Nature's Footprints</i>	2008 (2008)	5.5	IG1040L
Deedy, Carmen Agra	<i>14 Cows for America</i>	2009 (2009)	4.1	AD540L
Grades 4-5 Text Exemplars				
Informational Texts				
Author	Title	Publication Year	ATOS	Lexile
Berger, Martin	<i>Discovering Mars: The Amazing Story of the Red Planet</i>	1992 (1992)	5.1	670L
Carlisle, Madelyn Wood	<i>Let's Investigate Marvelously Meaningful Maps</i>	1992 (1992)	5.8	990L
Lauber, Patricia	<i>Hurricanes: Earth's Mightiest Storms</i>	1996 (1996)	6.0	930L
Otfinoski, Steve	<i>The Kid's Guide to Money: Earning It, Saving It, Spending It, Growing It, Sharing It</i>	1996 (1996)	7.2	980L
Wulffson, Don	<i>Toys! Amazing Stories Behind</i>	2000 (2000)	6.8	920L

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	<i>Some Great Inventions</i>			
Schleichert, Elizabeth	"Good Pet, Bad Pet"	2002 (2002)	N/A	N/A
Kavash, E. Barrie	"Ancient Mound Builders"	2003 (2003)	N/A	N/A
Koscielniak, Bruce	<i>About Time: A First Look at Time and Clocks</i>	2004 (2004)	6.7	1200L
Banting, Erinn	<i>England the Land</i>	2004 (2004)	7.5	IG1150L
Hakim, Joy	<i>A History of US</i>	2005 (2005)	N/A	810L
Ruurs, Margriet	<i>My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books Are Brought to Children Around the World</i>	2005 (2005)	6.3	980L
Simon, Seymour	<i>Horses</i>	2006 (2006)	5.2	930L
Montgomery, Sy	<i>Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea</i>	2006 (2006)	5.3	830L
Simon, Seymour	<i>Volcanoes</i>	2006 (2006)	5.1	880L
Nelson, Kadir	<i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i>	2008 (2008)	5.9	900L
Cutler, Nellie Gonzalez	"Kenya's Long Dry Season"	2009 (2009)	N/A	N/A
Hall, Leslie	"Seeing Eye to Eye"	2009 (2009)	N/A	N/A
Ronan, Colin A.	"Telescopes"	2010 (2010)	N/A	N/A
Buckmaster, Henrietta	"Underground Railroad"	2010 (2010)	N/A	N/A
Grades 6-8 Text Exemplars				
Informational Texts: English Language Arts				
Author	Title	Publication Year	ATOS	Lexile
Adams, John	"Letter on Thomas Jefferson"	2004 (1776)	N/A	N/A
Douglass, Frederick	<i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave, Written by Himself</i>	1845 (1845)	7.9	1080L
Churchill, Winston	"Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat: Address to Parliament on May 13 th , 1940"	2004 (1940)	N/A	N/A
Petry, Ann	<i>Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad</i>	1983 (1955)	6.6	1000L
Steinbeck, John	<i>Travels with Charley: In Search of America</i>	1997 (1962)	6.7	1010L
Informational Texts: History/Social Studies				
United States	Preamble and First Amendment to the United States Constitution (1787,	N/A	N/A	N/A

	1791)			
Lord, Walter	<i>A Night to Remember</i>	1955 (1955)	7.0	950L
Isaacson, Philip	<i>A Short Walk Around the Pyramids and Through the World of Art</i>	1993 (1993)	6.7	1110L
Murphy, Jim	<i>The Great Fire</i>	1995 (1995)	7.6	1130L
Greenberg, Jan and Sandra Jordan	<i>Vincent Van Gogh: Portrait of an Artist</i>	2001 (2001)	7.6	1100L
Partridge, Elizabeth	<i>This Land Was Made for You and Me: The Life and Songs of Woody Guthrie</i>	2002 (2002)	7.0	1020L
Monk, Linda R.	<i>Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution</i>	2003 (2003)	N/A	N/A
Freedman, Russell	<i>Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott</i>	2006 (2006)	7.7	1110L
Informational Texts: Science, Mathematics, and Technical Subjects				
Macaulay, David	<i>Cathedral: The Story of Its Construction</i>	1973 (1973)	7.3	1120L
Mackay, Donald	<i>The Building Of Manhattan</i>	1987 (1987)	N/A	N/A
Enzensberger, Hans Magnus	<i>The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure</i>	1998 (1998)	4.4	580L
Peterson, Ivars and Nancy Henderson	<i>Math Trek: Adventures in the Math Zone</i>	2000 (2000)	N/A	N/A
Katz, John	<i>Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet out of Idaho</i>	2001 (2001)	8.3	1070L
Petroski, Henry	"The Evolution of the Grocery Bag"	2003 (2003)	N/A	N/A
"Geology"	<i>U*X*L Encyclopedia of Science</i>	2007 (2007)	N/A	N/A
"Space Probe"	<i>Astronomy & Space: From the Big Bang to the Big Crunch</i>	2009 (2009)	N/A	N/A
"Elementary Particles"	<i>New Book of Popular Science</i>	2010 (2010)	N/A	N/A
California Invasive Plant Council	<i>Invasive Plant Inventory</i>	2006-2010 (2010)	N/A	N/A
Grades 9-10 Text Exemplars				
Informational Texts: English Language Arts				
Author	Title	Publication Year	ATOS	Lexile
Henry, Patrick	"Speech to the Second Virginia Convention"	(1775)	N/A	N/A
Washington, George	"Farewell Address"	(1796)	N/A	N/A

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Lincoln, Abraham	"Gettysburg Address"	(1863)	N/A	N/A
Lincoln, Abraham	"Second Inaugural Address"	(1865)	N/A	N/A
Roosevelt, Franklin Delano	"State of the Union Address"	(1941)	N/A	N/A
Hand, Learned	"I Am an American Day Address"	(1944)	N/A	N/A
Smith, Margaret Chase	"Remarks to the Senate in Support of a Declaration of Conscience"	(1950)	N/A	N/A
King, Jr. Martin Luther	"Letter from Birmingham Jail"	2000 (1963)	10.4	N/A
King, Jr. Martin Luther	"I Have a Dream: Address Delivered at the March on Washington, D.C. for Civil Rights on August 28, 1963"	(1963)	N/A	N/A
Angelou, Maya	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	1970 (1969)	6.7	1070L
Wiesel, Eli	"Hope, Despair and Memory"	1997 (1986)	N/A	N/A
Reagan, Ronald	"Address to Students at Moscow State University"	2000 (1988)	N/A	N/A
Quindlen, Anna	"A Quilt of a Country"	(2001)	N/A	N/A
Informational Texts: History/Social Studies				
Brown, Dee	<i>Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West</i>	1970 (1970)	7.9	1080L
Connell, Evan S.	<i>Son of the Morning Star: Custer and the Little Bighorn</i>	1985 (1984)	8.9	N/A
Gombrich, E.H.	<i>The Story of Art, 16th Edition</i>	1995 (1995)	N/A	N/A
Kurlansky, Mark	<i>Cod: A Biography of the Fish that Changed the World</i>	1997 (1997)	8.8	N/A
Haskins, Jim	<i>Black, Blue and Gray: African Americans in the Civil War</i>	1998 (1998)	10.0	1280L
Dash, Joan	<i>The Longitude Prize</i>	2000 (2000)	8.6	1160L
Thompson, Wendy	<i>The Illustrated Book of Great Composers</i>	2004 (2004)	N/A	N/A
Mann, Charles C.	<i>Before Columbus: The Americas of 1492</i>	2009 (2009)	8.1	NC1080L
Informational Texts: Science, Mathematics, and Technical Subjects				
Euclid	<i>Elements</i>	2005 (300 BCE)	N/A	N/A
Cannon, Annie J.	"Classifying the Stars"	1926 (1926)	N/A	N/A
Walker, Jearl	"Amusement Park Physics"	1985 (1985)	N/A	N/A
Preston, Richard	<i>The Hot Zone: A Terrifying</i>	1995 (1995)	7.3	1030L

	<i>True Story</i>			
Devlin, Keith	<i>Life by the Numbers</i>	1999 (1999)	9.7	N/A
Hoose, Phillip	<i>The Race to Save Lord God Bird</i>	2004 (2004)	7.9	1160L
Hakim, Joy	<i>The Story of Science: Newton at the Center</i>	2005 (2005)	N/A	N/A
Nicastro, Nicholas	<i>Circumference: Eratosthenes and the Ancient Quest to Measure the Globe</i>	2008 (2008)	11.2	N/A
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/U.S. Department of Energy	<i>Recommended Levels of Insulation</i>	2010 (2010)	N/A	N/A
Grades 11-CCR Text Exemplars				
Informational Texts: English Language Arts				
Paine, Thomas	<i>Common Sense</i>	2005 (1776)	N/A	1330L
Jefferson, Thomas	<i>The Declaration of Independence</i>	(1776)	N/A	N/A
United States	The Bill of Rights (Amendments One through Ten of the United States Constitution)	(1791)	N/A	N/A
Thoreau, Henry David	<i>Walden</i>	1893 (1854)	8.7	1340L
Emerson, Ralph Waldo	"Society and Solitude"	1996 (1857)	N/A	N/A
Porter, Horace	"Lee Surrenders to Grant, April 9 th , 1865"	1998 (1865)	N/A	N/A
Chesterton, G.K.	"The Fallacy of Success"	1949 (1909)	N/A	N/A
Mencken, H.L.	<i>The American Language, 4th Edition</i>	1938 (1938)	N/A	N/A
Wright, Richard	<i>Black Boy</i>	1998 (1945)	7.4	950L
Orwell, George	"Politics and the English Language"	2009 (1946)	N/A	N/A
Hofstadter, Richard	"Abraham Lincoln and the Self-Made Myth"	1974 (1948)	N/A	N/A
Tan, Amy	"Mother Tongue"	2003 (1990)	N/A	N/A
Anaya, Rudolfo	"Take the Tortillas Out of Your Poetry"	1995 (1995)	N/A	N/A
Informational Texts: History/Social Studies				
Tocqueville, Alexis de	<i>Democracy in America</i>	(1835)	13.4	1310L
Seneca Falls Conference	<i>Declaration of Sentiments</i>	1966 (1848)	N/A	N/A
Douglass, Frederick	"What to the Slave is the Fourth of July? An Address"	1996 (1852)	N/A	N/A

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	Delivered in Rochester, New York, on 5 July 1852”			
Edited by Daniel J. Boorstin	<i>An American Primer</i>	1966 (1966)	N/A	N/A
Lagemann, Ellen Condliffe	“Education”	1991 (1991)	N/A	N/A
McPherson, James M.	<i>What They Fought For 1861-1865</i>	1995 (1994)	9.7	N/A
N/A	<i>The American Reader: Words that Moved a Nation, 2nd Edition</i>	2000 (2000)	N/A	1260L
Amar, Akhil Reed	<i>America’s Constitution: A Biography</i>	2005 (2005)	N/A	NC1480L
McCullough, David	<i>1776</i>	2005 (2005)	9.1	1300L
Bell, Julian	<i>Mirror of the World: A New History of Art</i>	2007 (2007)	N/A	N/A
Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco	<i>FedViews</i>	(2009)	N/A	N/A
Informational Texts: Science, Mathematics, and Technical Subjects				
Paulos, John Allen	<i>Innumeracy: Mathematical Illiteracy and Its Consequences</i>	1988 (1988)	11.0	N/A
Gladwell, Malcolm	<i>The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference</i>	2002 (2002)	9.1	1160L
Tyson, Neil deGrasse	“Gravity in Reverse: The Tale of Albert Einstein’s ‘Greatest Blunder’”	2003 (2003)	N/A	N/A
Calishain, Tara, and Rael Dornfest	<i>Google Hacks: Tips & Tools for Smarter Searching, 2nd Edition</i>	2004 (2004)	N/A	N/A
Kane, Gordon	“The Mysteries of Mass”	2005 (2005)	N/A	N/A
Fischetti, Mark	“Working Knowledge: Electronic Stability Control”	2007 (2007)	N/A	N/A
U.S. General Services Administration	<i>Executive Order 13423: Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kurzweil, Ray	“The Coming Merger of Mind and Machine”	2008 (2008)	N/A	N/A
Gibbs, W. Wayt	“Untangling the Roots of Cancer”	2008 (2008)	N/A	N/A
Gawande, Atul	“The Cost Conundrum: Health Care Costs in McAllen, Texas”	2009 (2009)	N/A	N/A