

Springboards for Writing and Using Children's Literature to Make Content Connections



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This document serves as a tool for teachers to use while selecting books as initial text for introducing genres of writing, elements of craft, and content. The following lists have been compiled using a variety of resources including titles from Strategies That Work by Stephanie Harvey and Anne Goudvis, Reading and Writing in the Nonfiction Genres by Kathleen Buss and Lee Karnowski, Craft Lessons and Non-Fiction Craft Lessons by Ralph Fletcher, and suggestions from Fayette County Cluster Leaders and Content Specialists.

Springboards for Writing

These lists provide examples of books that serve as models for introducing students to the different genres of writing mandated by Program of Studies and included in Core Content for Assessment. These lists include books that provide examples of awareness of audience and purpose, depth of idea development, coherent organization, controlled and varied sentences, and effective language strategies. They have been compiled to use as springboards for mini-lessons.

These books can be used during the Read Aloud or Shared Reading components of the Literacy Block. Through reading the story aloud or reading a common text, students learn to read like writers and identify elements of craft, language, and form to apply to their own writing. Picture Books provide students opportunities to experience complete texts that illustrate characteristics of form and literary elements.

Using Picture Books as a springboard for writing can be part of an instructional sequence within a Writing Workshop and can facilitate making explicit reading/ writing connections.

Before Reading

- I. Introduce the book (brief story introduction, picture walk, activate prior knowledge)
- II. Identify the purpose for selecting this text. (What is the purpose of this book? How does it relate to the genre or writing technique that is being studied?)
- III. Establish a context for listening (What should the students notice during reading that may be applied in their writing?)

During Reading

- I. Make explicit connections between the parallel processes of reading and writing
- II. Stop and point out examples of voice, language, effective transitions etc. the author has used in the text.

After Reading

- I. Discuss the author's writing strategies: conveying the purpose for writing; communicating with the audience; developing ideas; using organizational techniques; using appropriate voice; constructing effective sentences; and using acceptable language. Conversation and vocabulary used during these discussions should be tied to the Writing Criteria from Core Content and used to assess student writing through the Holistic Scoring Guide.
- II. Choose one technique or strategy to become the Mini-Lesson focus.
- III. Students will apply the technique or strategy in their own writing.
- IV. The teachers will conference with students as they work independently or in writing groups to monitor students and

determine the effectiveness of the mini-lesson. The teacher may use the book as a reference.

- V. Students will have the opportunity to share their writing.

Using Children's Literature to Make Content Connections

This document serves as a tool for using children's literature to make content connections. These resources may be used during the Read Aloud component of a Balanced Literacy Program or during Shared or Guided Reading if the text is at the students' assessed reading level and adequate copies of the text are available. These selections can be integrated into the literacy block if the text matches the standards, skills, or content being taught in Language Arts. They can be read in the appropriate Content Area block if the content of the text relates more closely to Science, Social Studies, Math etc. standards, concepts or content.

Using Children's Literature as a read aloud, to introduce or reinforce content affords students the opportunity to access text and content that may be above their readability level. Through reading expository text and literary works that include content, all students are provided access to the core curriculum. Using Children's Literature to make content connections not only engages students but also offers a short text resource that focuses on one concept or process.

Through read aloud or shared reading students will gain knowledge of text structure and strategies for anticipating organizational structures in expository text. Teaching strategic reading strategies using literature with content connections enhances students' understanding of content, concepts, and vocabulary specific to the content area.

Springboards for Writing

Conclusions	
Title	Author
Cloudland	Burmingham
Move Over!	Cowley
One Cold, Wet Night	Cowley
Strong to the Hoop	Coy
Possum Magic	Fox
Wilfred Gordon Mc-Donald Partridge	Fox
My Momma Had a Dancing Heart	Gray
Is Your Mamma A Llama?	Guarino
Don't Forget the Bacon	Hutchins
All The Places to Love	MacLachlan
The Paperboy	Pilkey
Hey Al	Yorinks
Surprise Endings	
Title	Author
Charlie Anderson	Abercrombie
Just Like Daddy	Ash
Wolf	Bloom
Koala Lou	Fox
The Night The Scary Beasties Popped Out of My Head	Kamish
Andrew's Loose Tooth	Munsch
Paper Bag Princess	Munsch
Stephanie's Ponytail	Munsch

Descriptive Language	
Title	Author
How A Book is Made	Aliki
When I Go Camping with Grandma	Bauer
Ghost's Hour, Spooks' Hour	Bunting
The Wall	Bunting
Smoky Nights	Bunting
The Wednesday Surprise	Bunting
When I Was Young in the Mountains	Bunting
Fireflies	Brinckloe
The Screaming Mean Machine	Cowley
How Does It Feel to Be Old	Farber
How My Parents Learned to Eat	Friedman
Lotus Seed	Garland
My Mama Had a Dancing Heart	Gray
Grandma's Joy	Greenfield
Grandpa's Face	Greenfield
In Coal Country	Hendershot
Amazing Grace	Hoffman
Under the Quilt of Night	Hopkinson
Swamp Angel	Isaacs
Brother Eagle, Sister Sky	Jeffers
Midnight in the Mountains	Lawson
Sky Tree	Locker
All the Places to Love	MacLachlan
Uncle Jed's Barber Shop	Mitchell
Harlem	Myers
My Ol' Man	Polacco

Warm As wool	Sanders
Nothing Ever Happens on 90 th Street	Schotter
The Memory Box	Shanley
A Quiet Place	Wood
Rotten Teeth	Simms
The Amazing Bone	Steig
The Polar Express	Van Allsburg
Our Granny	Wild
All Those Secrets of the World	Yolen
Letting Swift River Go	Yolen
Owl Moon	Yolen
The Seashore Book	Zolotow

Dialogue	
Title	Author
Happy Birthday Moon	Asch
Grandpa's Teeth	Clemet
Strong To The Hoop	Coy
Hooway for Wodney Wat	Lester
I Hate English	Levine
White Dynamite and Curly Kid	Martin
Bill Pickett Rodeo Ridin Cowboy	Pinkney
My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother	Polacco
Wayside School is Falling Down	Sachar
Glasses, Who Needs 'Em	Smith
Fourth Grade Rats	Spinelli
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	Step toe
Dr. DeSoto Goes To Africa	Steig
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day	Viorst
Ira Sleeps Over	Waber

Magazines	
Title	Publisher
Calliope: World History For Kids	Cobblestone
Click	The Cricket Magazine Group
Cobblestone	Cobblestone
Cricket	The Cricket Magazine Group
Disney Adventures	Disney
Faces: People, Places, Cultures	Cobblestone
Highlights for Children	
Junior Scholastic	Scholastic
Kids Discover	Kids Discover
Ladybug	
National Geographic World	National Geographic Society
Racing For Kids	
Ranger Rick	National Wildlife Federation
Scholastic News	Scholastic
Sports Illustrated for Kids	Time Inc.
Time For Kids	Time Inc.
Tomorrow's Morning: News Stories For Kids	
US Kids	
Weekly Reader	
Zillions	Consumers Union
Zoobooks	Wildlife Education Ltd.

Trade Books That Exhibit Characteristics of Feature Articles	
Title	Author
Animals and Their World	Kingfisher: David Glover
Batteries, Bulbs, and Wires	Kingfisher: David Glover
Butterflies, Bugs, and Worms	Kingfisher: David Glover
Energy and Power	Kingfisher: David Glover
Flowers, Trees, and Fruits	Kingfisher: David Glover
Flying and Floating	Kingfisher: David Glover
Garbage and Recycling	Kingfisher: David Glover
Maps and Mapping	Kingfisher: David Glover
Mountains and Volcanoes	Kingfisher: David Glover
Nature in Danger	Kingfisher: David Glover
Pollution and Waste	Kingfisher: David Glover
Rivers and Oceans	Kingfisher: David Glover
Solids and Liquids	Kingfisher: David Glover
Sounds and Light	Kingfisher: David Glover
The Human Body	Kingfisher: David Glover
Weather and Climate	Kingfisher: David Glover
The History News: Explorers	Michael Johnstone
The History News: Greeks	Michael Johnstone
The History News: Medicine	Michael Johnstone
The History News: Explorers	Michael Johnstone
Snakes	Resnick
World's Weirdest Bugs and Other Creepy Creatures	Roberts
Trade Books That Exhibit Characteristics of How-To Articles	
Title	Author
Bread and Jam for Frances	Hoban
Fifty Nifty Magic Tricks	Wood

Franklin Plants a Tree	Bourgeois
How a Book Is Made	Aliki
How Teddy Bears Are Made	Morris
Maisy Makes Gingerbread	Cousins
Planting a Rainbow	Ehlert
Snowballs	Ehlert
Three Days on A River In A Red Canoe	Williams
Waiting For Wings	Ehlert
How Is a Crayon Made?	Oz
Super Simple Origami	Kneissler
My First Book of How Things Are Made	Jones
Instructional Materials	
Title	Publisher
Fast Track Magazines	Wright Group
Newspaper in Education	Lexington Herald-Leader
Reading Safari	Mondo
Storypath	Everyday Learning
The Mini Page	Mini Page Publishing Company
Time For Kids: Exploring Nonfiction	Teacher Created Materials
Write Time For Kids	Teacher Created Materials

Title	Author
Song and Dance Man	Ackerman
Those Summers	Aliki
The Memory Box	Bahr
Where the Forest Meets the Sea	Baker
Secret Place	Bunting
Maybe Next Year	Carlisle
House on Mango Street	Cisneros
A Girl From Yamhill	Cleary
Hattie and the Wild Waves	Cooney
Roxaboxen	Cooney
Bigmamma's	Crews
Old Henry	Gammell
My Mama Has A Dancing Heart	Gray
William and the Good Old Days	Greenfield
In Coal Country	Hendershot
Aunt Flossie's Hats...and Crab Cakes Later	Howard
Yonder	Johnston
Midnight in the Mountains	Lawson
Uncle Jed's Barbershop	Mitchell
Mrs. Katz and Tush	Polacco
My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother	Polacco
Pink and Say	Polacco
Thank You Mr. Falker	Polacco
Uncle Vova's Tree	Polacco
The Chalk Doll	Pomerantz
An Angel For Solomon Singer	Rylant
Grandfather's Journey	Say
Three Days on a River in a Red Canoe	Williams
The Holocaust Lady	Sender
The Other Side	Woodson

Title	Author
More Than Anything Else	Bradley
Fly Away Home	Bunting
Ghosts Hour, Spooks Hour	Bunting
Night Tree	Bunting
Smoky Nights	Bunting
Sunshine Home	Bunting
The Wall	Bunting
The Moon and I	Byars
The Lost and Found House	Cadnum
Julian's Glorious Summer	Cameron
Only Opal	Cooney
Screaming Mean Machine	Cowley
Homesick: My Own Story	Fritz
We Had a Picnic This Sunday Past	Greenseid
A Little Excitement	Harshman
Sweet Clara and The Freedom Quilt	Hopkinson
Farmer's Market	Johnson
Lost	Johnson
Salt In His Shoes	Jordan
Night Ride to Nanna's	Koralek
I Rode The Red Horse	Libby
Black and White	Macauley
Sarah Plain and Tall	MacLachlan
Knots on a Counting Rope	Martin
Journey to Jo'burg: A South African Story	Naidoo
Operation: Dump the Chump	Park
Thundercake	Polacco
Tikvak Means Hope	Polacco
The Big Green Pocketbook	Ransom
Shiloh	Naylor
Going to the Wildcat Game	Shiver
When I Was Nine	Stevenson
Angel Child, Dragon Child	Surat

The Friendship and the <i>Gold Cadillac</i>	Taylor
The Well	Taylor
Owl Moon	Yolen

Leads	
Title	Author
Willy The Wimp	Browne
Feathers For Lunch	Ehlert
Wilfred Gordon Mc-Donald Partridge	Fox
My Momma Had a Dancing Heart	Gray
The Crack-of-Dawn Walkers	Hest
Best Friends	Kellogg
Wilma Unlimited	Kull
She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head	Lasky
There's A Nightmare In My Closet	Mayer
Sitti's Secrets	Nye
Thank You Mr. Falker	Polacco
Warm as Wool	Sanders
The Memory Box	Shanley
Shrek	Steig
The Mysteries of Harris Burdick	Van Allsburg
My Momma Says There Aren't Any Zombies	Viorst
King Bidgood's in the Bathroom	Wood
Owl Moon	Yolen
Hey Al	Yorinks
Louis the Fish	Yorinks

Voice	
Title	Author
More Than Anything Else	Bradby
All Over But The Shoutin'	Bragg
Going Home	Bunting
Julian...Series	Cameron
The Screaming Mean Machine	Cowley
Big Mama's	Crews
Shortcut	Crews
My Grandmother Is a Singing YaYa	D'Arc
Honey, I Love	Greenfield
Tight Times	Hazen
Amazing Grace	Hoffman
Boundless Grace	Hoffman
Julius, The Baby Of The World	Henkes
Near the Window Tree	Kuskin
The Night I Followed the Dog	Laden
My House Has Stars	McDonald
Uncle Jed's Barber Shop	Mitchell
My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother	Polacco
Pink and Say	Polacco
Tikvah Means Hope	Polacco
Chicken Sunday	Polacco
Officer Buckle and Gloria	Rathman
The Frog Prince Continued	Scieszka
Math Curse	Scieszka
The True story of the Three Little Pigs	Scieszka

How Dogs Really Work	Snow
You at the Airport	Sharmat
Glasses, Who Needs 'Em	Smith
For Sale, One Brother	Stren
When I Was Nine	Stevenson
Fun/ No Fun	Stevenson
Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Viorst
Alexander Who Use To Be Rich Last Sunday	Viorst
Earrings	Viorst
Ira Sleeps Over	Waber
Stringbean's Trip To The Shining Sea	Williams

Nouns	
Title	Author
A Cache of Jewels	Heller
Merry-Go-Round	Heller
Your Foot's On My Feet	Terban
Adjectives	
Title	Author
Guinea Pig ABC	Duke
Many Luscious Lollipops	Heller
Feet	Parnall
The Widow's Broom	Van Allsburg
Verbs	
Title	Author
The Night Thief	Allen
The Big Sneeze	Brown
Things I Like	Browne
Kites Sail High	Heller
Watch Me	Ann Mazer
Jiggle, Wiggle, Prance	Noll
Storm in the Desert	Lesser
John Henry	Lester
You Push, I Ride	Levine
Here Are My Hands	Martin
Old Devil wind	Martin
Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear	Martin
Have You Seen Birds?	Oppenheim
Brave Irene	Steig
Shrek!	Steig
The House That Jack Built	Stow

I Think I Thought	Terban
Possum Come a-Knockin'	Van Laan
Idioms	
Title	Author
In A Pickle and Other Funny Idioms	
Mad as a Wet Hen and Other Funny Idioms	
Who Let the Cat Out of the Bag?	Newcastle Avenue Elementary- Fourth Grade Students
Similes and Metaphors	
Title	Author
Fishing Sunday	Johnson
Chicken Sunday	Polacco
Mrs. Katz and Tush	Polacco
Quick as a Cricket	Wood
Transition Words and Phrases	
Title	Author
Yolanda's Genius	Fenner
Sing Down the Moon	O'Dell
My Brother Louis Measures Worms	Robinson

Primary Springboards	
Title	Author
Animals Should Definitely Not Wear Clothing	Barrett
The Great Kapok Tree	Cherry
Just This Once	Cowley
Can I Have A Stegosaurus, Mom? Can I? Please?	Grambling
Can I Have A Tyrannosaurus Rex, Dad? Can I? Please?	Grambling
Parks Are to Share	Hill
Can I Keep Him?	Kellogg
Be a Friend To Trees	Lauber
The True Story of the Three Little Pigs	Scieszka
Caps for sale	Slobodkina
Intermediate Springboards	
Title	Author
Should There Be Zoos?	Ballester
The Pain and the Great One	Blume
Can We Save Them?	Dobson
Brother Eagle Sister Sky	Jeffers
The Cow Who Wouldn't Come Down	Johnson
I Have A Dream	King
Glasses Who Needs 'Em	Smith
Grown-ups Get To Do All the Driving	Steig
Earrings!	Viorst
If I Were In Charge of the World	Viorst
The Good-Bye Book	Viorst
Letting Swift River Go	Yolen

Poetry	
Title	Author
Street Music: City Poems	Adolff
Paddy Pig's Poems	Charles
Big Talk- Poems for Four Voices	Fleischman
Joyful Noise- Poems for Two Voices	Fleischman
Honey, I Love	Greenfield
Secret Places	Huck
Pass It On-African American Poetry for Children	Hudson
The Place My Words Are Looking For	Janeczko
The Music of What Happens: Poems that tell Stories	Janeczko
Near the Window Tree	Kuskin
The New Kid on the Block	Prelutsky
Something Big Has Been Here	Prelutsky
Winter Poems	Rogasky
A Light in the Attic	Silverstein
A Missing Piece	Silverstein
Where The Sidewalk Ends	Silverstein
All the Small Poems and Fourteen More	Worth
Poems for Children	Viorst

Primary Springboards	
Title	Author
Dear Peter Rabbit	Ada
With Love, Little Red Hen	Ada
Rosa's Diary	Benson
Arthur Goes To Camp	Brown
Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type	Cronin
Toot & Puddle	Hobbie
Dear Mr. Blueberry	James
Postcards From Pluto	Leedy
Nice Try Tooth Fairy	Olson
The Jolly Postman	Ahlberg
The Jolly Postman Christmas	Ahlberg
One Monster After Another	Mayer
A Book of Letters	Wilson-Max
Intermediate Springboards	
Title	Author
Flat Stanley	Brown
Dear Mr. Henshaw	Cleary
A Fine, Fine School	Creech
Letters from Rifka	Hesse
My New York	Jacobsen
Amelia Hits the Road	Moss
Lizard Meets Ivana the Terrible	Scott
I Hate Roland Roberts	Selway
Dear Mrs. LaRue	Teague
Stringbean's summer Vacation	Williams
Stringbean's Trip to The Shining Sea	Williams

Title	Author
The Song and Dance Man	Ackerman
Mandy	Booth
Fireflies	Brinkloe
Flower Garden	Bunting
Going Home	Bunting
Hairs	Cisneros
Miss Rumphius	Cooney
When I Was Little	Curtis
"My Grandmother Is A Singing YaYa"	D'Arc
Now One Foot, Now The Other	DePaola
The Art Lesson	DePaola
Tomie	DePaola
Shoes From Grandpa	Fox
Me and Nessie	Greenfield
One Afternoon	Heo
My Great Aunt Arizona	Houston
Daddy Makes The Best Spaghetti	Hines
When I was Five	Howard
The Leaving Morning	Johnson
My Mom Is My Show-And-Tell	Johnson
Papa's Stories	Johnson
Boodil, My Dog	Lindenbaum
Basket	Lyon
Come A Tide	Lyon
All the Places To Love	MacLachlan
Annie and The Old One	Miles
The Rag Coat	Mills
Family	Monk
Getting Dressed	Moore
Good Morning	Moore
The Sunday Outing	Pickney
Goin' Someplace Special	Pinkney
Babushka's Doll	Polacco
My Ol' Man	Polacco

The Keeping Quilt	Polacco
Too Many Tamales	Soto
Night Shift Daddy	Spinelli
Stevie	Stephoe
The Bracelet	Uchida
Rosie and Michael	Viorst
The Pain and the Great One	Viorst
I'll Always Love You	Wilhelm
"More, More, More" Said The Baby	Williams
The Moon Was Best	Zolotow

Title	Author
Dancing in the Wings	Allen
My Five Senses	Aliki
A Forever Family	Banish
The Best Town in The World	Baylor
Old Slippery	Belanger
The Wednesday Surprise	Bunting
Bigmamma's	Crews
Shortcut	Crews
Nana Upstairs, Nana Downstairs	DePaola
I'm the Big Sister Now	Emmert
Wilford Gordon McDonald Partridge	Fox
Today Was a Terrible Day	Giff
Jamaica's Find	Havill
Rosie's Fishing Trip	Hest
There's A Monster Under My Bed	Howe
Fishing Sunday	Johnson
On Monday When It Rained	Kachenmeister
In My Momma's Kitchen	Nolen
My Buddy	Osofsky
Coat of Many Colors	Parton
Chicken Sunday	Polacco
Some Birthday	Polacco
The Relatives Came	Rylant
Fun/ No Fun	Stevenson
I Meant to Tell You	Stevenson
Ira Sleeps Over	Waber
Alexander and The Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	Viorst
A Chair For My Mother	Williams

Primary Springboards	
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Rosie's Fishing Trip	Hest
Near the Window Tree	Kuskin
A Promise is a Promise	Munsch
Big Green Pocketbook	Ransom
Nothing Ever Happens on 90 th Street	Schotter
Intermediate Springboards	
Title	Author
How a Book is Made	Aliki
Raewyn's Got The Writing Bug Again	Caisley
A River Ran Wild	Cherry
A Girl From Yamhill	Cleary
On The Bus With Joanna Cole	Cole
Thank You, Mr. Falker	Polacco
Hooray For Diffendofer Day!	Seuss
A Fire in My Hands	Soto
Rise & Shine Mariko Chan	Tomioka

Using Children's Literature to Make Content Connections

Animals: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Do All Spiders Spin Webs?	Berger
Do Tarantulas Have Teeth?	Berger
How Animals Move	Byrne
Animal Clues	Drew
Which Habitat	Drew
The Book of Animal Records	Drew
Wild Animals	Sara Fletcher
All Kinds of Eyes	Gibbs (Discovery World)
Amazing Eggs	Llewellyn
Hands and Feet	Sally Markham-David
Our Amazing Animal Friends	Stuart
Watch Them Grow	Martin
Animals: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Little Wonders: Animal Babies and Their Families	Baillie
Side By Side: Animals Who Help Each Other	Baillie
Time To Eat: Animals who Hide and Save Their Food	Baillie
Wild Talk How Animals Talk To Each Other	Baillie
Look-Alike Animals	Bernard
Sea and Land Animals	Dawson
Chickens Aren't The Only Ones	Heller
When Winter Comes	Neuman

Keep Looking	Selsam
A Cat's Whiskers	Street
Guess Who?	Time Life for Children
Welcome to the Green House	Yolen
Animals: Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
Animals That...Fly, Crawl, Jump, & Swim	Atwater
Animals: Persuasive Reading	
Will We Miss Them?	Wright
Animals Eat The Weirdest Things	Swansen

Colonization: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Colonies (separate titles are available for each colony)	Fradin
Making Thirteen Colonies	Haskim
From Colonies to Country	Haskim
Mary Geddy's Day	Waters
On the Mayflower	Waters
Samuel Eaton's Day	Waters
Sarah Morton's Day	Waters
Colonization: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
The Jews of New Amsterdam	Costabel
Building a New Land African Americans in Colonial America	Haskins
On the Day Peter Stuyvesant Sailed Into Town	Lobel
If You Lived in Colonial Times	McGovern
If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620	McGovern
NC Wyeth's Pilgrims	San Souci
People of the Breaking Day	Sewall
Pilgrims of Plimouth	Sewell
Thunder From the Clear Sky	Sewall
Colonization: Practical Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
Mary Geddy's Day	Waters
Sarah Morton's Day	Waters

Constitution and the Young Republic: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
A Picture Book of Benjamin Franklin	Adler
Shh...We're Writing the Constitution	Fritz
What's the Big Idea Ben Franklin?	Fritz
If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution	Levy
We the People	Speir
Constitution and the Young Republic: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
A Picture Book of Benjamin Franklin	Adler
Shh...We're Writing the Constitution	Fritz
What's the Big Idea Ben Franklin?	Fritz
If You Were There When They Signed the Constitution	Levy
We the People	Speir

Drama: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Plays Around The Year	Scholastic
Drama: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Putting on a Concert and The Television News	Hall
Illustrated Tales From Shakespeare	Lamb
Drama: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
FX Faces	Snazaroo

Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Out Star The Sun	Atwater (Macmillan/ McGraw-Hill)
Changing Earth	Atwater (Macmillan/ McGraw-Hill)
Earth Changes Though Time	Atwater (Macmillan/ McGraw-Hill)
Solid Crust	Atwater (Macmillan/ McGraw-Hill)
The Visual Dictionary of the Earth	Dorling Kindersley
Caves	Klobuchar
Mountains	Simon
Rocks & Minerals	Symes
Mountains and Volcanoes	Taylor
Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Out Star The Sun	Atwater
Before You Came This Way	Byrd
The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth	Cole
Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
Out Star The Sun	Atwater

Economics: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Money, Money, Money	Gross
Work	Morris
Where Does This Come From?	Peeples
Look at Coin	Wright Group
Economics: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Bananas From Manolo to Margie	Anocona
Little Nino's Pizzeria	Barbour
The Berenstain Bears' Money Trouble	Berenstain
Round and Round the Money Goes	Berger
Benny's Pennies	Brisson
All the Money in the World	Brittain
Arthur's Pet Business	Brown
Pancakes, Pancakes	Carle
Markets	Chanko
Money Troubles	Cosby
A Job for Jenny Archer	
Charlie Needs a Cloak	De Paola
The Milkman's Boy	Hall
The Ox Cart Man	Hall
Arthur's Funny Money	Hoban
A Bargain for Frances	Hoban
Aunt Hilarity's Bustle	Ketteman
We Have Wants and Needs	Living and Working Together
Market Days: From Market To Market Around the World	Madhukr

The Toothpaste Millionaire	Merrill
The Tortilla Factory	Paulson
The Paperboy	Pilkey
Smart (a poem)	Silverstein
Alexander Who Used To Be Rich Last Sunday	Viorst
A Chair For My Mother	Williams
Something Special for Me	Williams
Economics: Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Zillions	Consumers Union
Coin County	Talbot

Electricity: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
The Science Book of Electricity	Ardley
All About Electricity	Berger
Electricity Experiments for Children	Reuben
Light Magic and Other Science Activities About Energy	Rising
Electricity: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Discovering Electricity	Bains
The Magic School Bus and the Electric Field Trip	Cole
Tom Edison's Bright Ideas	Keller
Young Ben Franklin	Santrey
Electricity: Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
The Science Book of Electricity	Ardley
All About Electricity	Berger
Light Magic and Other Science Activities About Energy	Rising
Electricity	VanCleave

Exploration: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Around the World in 100 Years	Fritz
Five Brave Explores	Hudson
The History News Explorers	Johnstone
Christopher Columbus: How He Did It	Yue
Exploration: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Columbus	D'Aulaire
Where Do You Think You're Going, Christopher Columbus	Fritz
Explorers	Hacker
Columbus and the Renaissance Explorers	Hynson
Lewis and Clark Explorers of the New American West	Kroll
Discovering Christopher Columbus	Pelta
Aunty Dot's Incredible Adventure Atlas	Yildirim
Encounter	Yolen

Fine Art: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
The Great Art Adventure	Knox
Lives of the Artists	Krull
Famous Artists	Mason
Famous Artists: Cézanne	Mason
Famous Artists: Leonardo	Mason
Famous Artists: Michelangelo	Mason
Famous Artists: Monet	Mason
Famous Artists: Picasso	Mason
Famous Artists: Van Gogh	Mason
Fine Art: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
When Clay Sings	Baylor
Linnea in Monet's Garden	Bjork
Bonjour, Mr. Satie	De Paola
The Art Lesson	De Paola
The Little Painter of Sabana Grande	Markun
I Spy a Freight Train	Micklethwait
Lucy's Picture	Moon
All I See	Rylant
The Squiggle	Schaefer
Leonardo da Vinci	Stanley
Fine Art: Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author

Incredibly Awesome Crafts for Kids	Better Homes and Gardens
EcoArt: Earth-Friendly Art and Craft Experiences for 3 to 9 Year Olds	Carlson
Kids Create	Carlson
Crafts of Many Cultures	Gomez
Good Earth Art: Environmental Art For Kids	Kohl

Kentucky: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Kentucky Facts	Clements
From Sea To Shining Sea-Kentucky	Fradin
Kentucky	McNair
Frontier Kentucky	Powell
Kentucky: A Geographical and Historical Perspective	Powell
Kentucky: The Study of Her Heritage	Powell
This is Kentucky	Powell
Kentucky: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Shaker Home	Bail
Kentucky	Brown
Mama is a Miner	Catalanotto
A is for Appalachia	Riehle
B is for Bluegrass	Riehle
In Coal Country	Hendershot
Farmer's Market	Johnson
I Rode The Red Horse	Libby
Appalachia	Rylant
When I Was Young in the Mountains	Rylant
Kentucky Bicentennial Bookshelf	
Kentucky Nature Series	
Kentucky in Words and Pictures	

Land Before Columbus: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Indian Chiefs	Freedman
Land Before Columbus: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Corn is Maize	Aliki
Where the Buffaloes Begin	Baker
Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back	Bruchac
If You Lived With the Sioux Indians	McGovern
The Legend of the Bluebonnet	dePaola
The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush	dePaola
The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses	Goble
If You Lived With the Indians on the Northwest Coast	Kamma
Children of the Earth and Sky	Krensky
Children of the Wind and Water	Krensky
If You Lived With the Iroquois	Levine
If You Lived With the Cherokee	Roop
Giving Thanks	Swamp
The New Americans	Maestro
The Rough-Faced Girl	Martin
Ribbon Rescue	Munsch
Tapenum's Day	Waters
Encounter	Yolen

Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Keeping Tadpoles Alive	Foster
From Caterpillar to Butterfly	Heilgman
A Hummingbird's Life	Himmelman
The Life Cycle of a Bird	Kalman
A Log's Life	Pfeffer
From Chick to Chicken	Powell
An Extraordinary Life	Pringle
The Life Cycle of A Salmon	Trumbauer
Literary Reading	
Title	Author
The Tiny Seed	Eric Carle
The Very Hungry Caterpillar	Eric Carle
Tadpoles	James
Backyard Sunflower	King
Fish is Fish	Lionni
The Life and Times of the Apple	Micucci
Animal-Go-Round	Morris
Log Hotel	Schreiber
What Did I Look Like When I Was A Baby?	Willis

Light: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Sound and Light	Altwater
Sound, Heat, and Light: Energy at Work	Berger
Energy and Light	Lafferty
Sound and Light	Glover
Light Magic and Other Science Activities About Energy	Rising
Light: Exploring the Energy You See	Scholastic
Light	Taylor
Light: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
The Magic School Bus Gets a Bright Idea	White
Light: Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
Sound and Light	Altwater
Sound and Light	Glover
Light Magic and Other Science Activities About Energy	Rising
Light	Taylor

Magnetism: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Junior Science Book of Magnets	Feravolo
Magnets	Henriques
Junior Science Magnets	Jennings
All About Magnets	Krensky
Electricity and Magnetism	Whyman
Magnetism: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Marta's Magnets	Pfeffer
Magnetism: Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
Experiments With Magnets	Challand
All About Magnets	Krensky
Marta's Magnets	Pfeffer
Magnets	VanCleave

Music: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Musical Instruments from A to Z	Kalman
Lives of the Musicians	Krull
Music: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Reach for the Moon	Abeel
Mozart: Scenes From the Childhood of the Great Composer	Brighton
Summertime	Gershwin
Little Lil and The Swing-Singing Sax	Gray
Georgia Music	Griffith
If I Only Had A Horn: Young Louis Armstrong	Orgill
Duke Ellington The Piano Prince and His Orchestra	Pinkney
Charlie Parker Played Be Bop	Raschka
Just the Two of Us	Smith
What A Wonderful World	Weiss

My Community: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Up Goes the Skyscraper	Gibbons
My Community: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
When I am Big	Aye
The Best Town in the World	Baylor
Town Mouse, Country Mouse	Brett
The Little House	Burton
I'm Going to Be a Police Officer	Davis
Prarie Town	Geisert
Emergency	Gibbons
The Post Office: Mail and How it Moves	Gibbons
C is for City	Grimes
One Afternoon	Heo
My New York	Jakobsen
Alphabet City	Johnson
Community Helpers From A to Z	Kalman
Open Wide Tooth School Inside	Keller
A Trip to the Doctor	Linn
Firefighters	Mass
Officer Buckle and Gloria	Rathmann
Farmers	Ready
My Fire Engine	Rex
Career Day	Rockwell
The Little Band	Sage
Busy People	Scary

My Family: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Charlie Anderson	Abercrombie
By Dawn's Early Light	Ackerman
Amelia's Road	Altman
The Table Where Rich People Sit	Baylor
Bigmamma's	Crews
Just Like My Dad	Gardella
All of the Colors of the Earth	Hamanaka
When We Married Gary	Hines
Yonder	Johnston
The Color of Us	Karen Katz
Family	Monk
Families Are Different	Pellegrini
The Relatives Came	Rylant
In Daddy's Arms I Am Tall	Step toe

Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Oil Spills	Anderson
Hidden Animals	Drew
Which Habitat	Drew
Who Eats What	Lauber
Desert	Macquitty
Life Along the Sea	Miles
Polar Lands	Palmer
Pond and River	Parker (Eyewitness Books)
Wild Wild West	Perenyi
Deserts: A New True Book	Posell
Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Rumble in the Jungle	Andreae
A Walk In The Desert	Arnold
Who Comes Out To The Water Hole?	Bare
Desert Voices	Baylor
The Desert is Theirs	Baylor
A River Ran Wild	Cherry
The Great Kapok Tree	Cherry
Imagine Living Here: This Place Is Dry	Cobb
Antarctica	Cowcher
Rain Forest	Cowcher
Wonders of the Rain Forest	Craig
Rain Forest Secrets	Dorros
The Empty Lot	Fife

Spoonbill Swamp	Guiberson
My River	Halpern
Squish! A Wetland Walk	Luenn
And Still the Turtle Watched	MacGill-Callahan
Washing the Willow Tree Loon	Martin
Who Lives in the Woods?	Meyers
The Wump World	Peet
The Magic School Bus Hops Home	Relf
The People Who Hugged the Trees	Rose
Log Hotel	Schreiber
African Savanna	Silver
Welcome to the Greenhouse	Yolen
Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
What Can You Make of It?	Bradenberg
The Green Casebook	Drew
Persuasive Reading	
Oil Spill!	Berger
A River Dream	Say
Just a Dream	Van Allsburg
Letting Swift River Go	Yolen

Our Country: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
America A Patriotic Primer	Cheney
Capital: Washington DC From A to Z	Melonce
The Race For President	Wood
Our Country: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Anno's USA	Anno
House Mouse Senate Mouse	Barnes
Woodrow the White House Mouse	Barnes
The Children's Book of America	Bennett
Arthur Meets the President	Brown
Eleanor	Cooney
This Land is Your Land	Guthrie
Celebrating President's Day: What is a President	Jordano
Home	Locker
Coming to America	Maestro
The Story of the Statue of Liberty	Maestro
Capital: Washington DC From A to Z	Melonce
The Flag We Love	Ryan
A is for America	Scillian
Hiking in the USA	Traynor
Betsy Ross	Wallner

Our Country: Persuasive Reading	
Title	Author
Who Said That?	Burleigh
Words That Built A Nation	Miller

Plants: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Plant	Burnie
A Maple Tree	Curriculum Associates
How Do Plants Get Food?	Goldish
Five Trees	Howes
Leaves	Kirkpatrick
Trees	Kirkpatrick
Wonders of Plants and Flowers	Kirkpatrick
How Does a Plant Grow	Lowery
Plants: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
George Washington Carver	Benitez
Truax	Birkett
Flower Garden	Bunting
The Tiny Seed	Carle
The Magic School Bus Gets Planted	Cole
Growing Vegetable Soup	Ehlert
From Seed to Plant	Gibbons
Green Fun	Gjersvik
It's Pumpkin Time	Hall
The Surprise Garden	Hall
The Reason For A Flower	Heller
The Carrot Seed	Kraus
Plants Do Amazing Things	Nussbaum
Dandelions: Stars in the Grass	Posada
The Magic School Bus Plants Seeds	Relf

Apples and Pumpkins	Rockwell
A Tree Is Nice	Simont
Plants: Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
All About Seeds	Berger
First Field Guide to Trees	National Audubon Society

Revolutionary War: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
And Then What Happened Paul Revere?	Fritz
George Washington's Breakfast	Fritz
Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29 th of May?	Fritz
Why Don't You Get a Horse Sam Adams?	Fritz
Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?	Fritz
The War for Independence	Marrin
Revolutionary War: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Sam the Minuteman	Benchley
Sleds on Boston Common	Borden
And Then What Happened Paul Revere?	Fritz
George Washington's Breakfast	Fritz
Where Was Patrick Henry on the 29 th of May?	Fritz
Why Don't You Get a Horse Sam Adams?	Fritz
Will You Sign Here, John Hancock?	Fritz
George Washington	Giblin
Katie's Trunk	Himler
Redcoats and Petticoats	Kirkpatrick
The Boston Tea Party	Kroll
Paul Revere's Ride	Longfellow

If You Grew Up With George Washington	McGovern
If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution	McGovern
Emma's Journal: The Story of a Colonial Girl	Moss
Crossing the Delaware	Peacock
The Story of the Boston Tea Party	Stein
Revolutionary War: Persuasive Reading	
Title	Author
Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?	Fritz

Rights and Responsibilities: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
The Race For President	Scholastic
Rights and Responsibilities: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Arthur's Computer Disaster	Brown
The Meanest Thing to Say	Cosby
Spoiled Rotten	De Clements
The Wacky Rulebook	Ewers
The Wacky Rulebook	Ewers
Believing Sophie	Hutchins
Joe's Cafe	Impey
Cool Rules For School Rules	Kelley
Herman the Helper	Kraus

Sound: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Sound and Light	Altwater
The Science Book of Sound	Ardley
Sound, Heat, and Light: Energy at Work	Berger
Sound and Light	Glover
Sound	Scholastic
Sound: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
The Magic School Bus in the Haunted Museum	Beech
Sound: Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
Sound and Light	Altwater
The Science Book of Sound	Ardley
Sound and Light	Glover

States of Matter: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Air, Air All Around	Barkan
Air is All Around You	Branley
Why You Can't Unscramble an Egg and Other Not Such Dumb Questions About Matter	Cobb
Matter	Cooper
Matter	Newbridge
Sink or Float	Newbridge
Solids, Liquids, and Gasses and How They Change	Scholastic
States of Matter: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
It Could Still Be Water	Fowler
Amy Likes the Wind	Hoban
Bartholemew and the Oobleck	Seuss
States of Matter: Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
What is Everything Made Of?	Macmillan / McGraw-Hill

The 20th Century: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
If You Lived 100 Years Ago	McGovern
The 20th Century: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott	Celci
Sadako	Coerr
The Story of Ruby Bridges	Coles
Out of the Dust	Hesse
Ballot Box Battle	McCully
If You Lived 100 Years Ago	McGovern
Richard Wright and the Library Card	Miller
Young Martin's Promise	Myers
Elizabeth	Nivola
Martin's Big Words	Rappaport
Dinner at Aunt Connie's House	Ringgold
Something Permanent	Rylant
The Bracelet	Uchida
All the Secrets of the World	Yolen
The 20th Century: Persuasive Reading	
Title	Author
I Have A Dream	King

The American Civil War: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Abe Lincoln Goes to Washington	Harness
If You Grew Up With Abraham Lincoln	McGovern
If You Lived at the Time of the Civil War	Moore
The American Civil War: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
A Picture Book of Harriet Tubman	Adler
Bull Run	Fleischman
Escape	Gayle
Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt	Hopkinson
If You Traveled on the Underground Railroad	Levine
Cecil's Story	Lyon
If You Grew Up With Abraham Lincoln	McGovern
Wanted Dead or Alive	McGovern
If You Lived at the Time of the Civil War	Moore
The Drinking Gourd	Monjo
Pink and Say	Polacco
Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky	Ringgold
Grace's Letter to Lincoln	Roop
Abe Lincoln Grows Up	Sandberg
Minty: A Story of Young Harriet Tubman	Schroeder

Ballad of the Civil War	Stolz
Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers	Winnick

Weather: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
The Science Book of Weather	Ardley
What Makes a Shadow?	Bulla
Extreme Weather Series: I. Hail II. Tropical Storms and Hurricanes III. Tornadoes IV. Heat Waves and Droughts V. Blizzards	Burby
What Causes It? A Beginning Book About Weather	Children's Press
Eyewitness Books: Weather	Cosgrove
Can It Rain Cats and Dogs?	Garcia
The Reasons for the Seasons	Gibbons
Weather Words and What They Mean	Gibbons
Weather	Kids Discover
Lightning	Kramer
Storms	Leslie
Wild, Wet, and Windy	Llewellyn
Weather Report	Merk
Watch The Sky	National Geographic
Weather Today	National Geographic
Rain	Palmer
Rain, Snow, and Hail	Sharp
Weather Experiments	Webster
Weather: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain	Aardema

How's the Weather	Barden
Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs	Barrett
Carlita Ropes the Twister	Canetti
The Magic School Bus Inside a Hurricane	Cole
The Cloud Book	DePaola
The Big Storm	Hiscock
Amy Loves the Sun	Hoban
Amy Loves the Wind	Hoban
Hurricane	McNulty
What Makes The Weather?	Palazzo
The Sun, the Wind, and the Rain	Peters
What Will the Weather Be Like Today?	Rogers
Thunderstorm	Tripp
What's the Weather Like Today?	Williams
Weather: Practical/ Workplace Reading	
Title	Author
Dear Amy	Macmillan/ McGraw Hill
Weather	Newspaper

Westward Movement: Informational Reading	
Title	Author
Black Heroes of the Wild West	Peltz
California Gold Rush	Roop
Westward Movement: Literary Reading	
Title	Author
Wagon Wheels	Brenner
Dandelion	Bunting
Children of the Wild West	Freedman
Cassie's Journey	Harvey
My Prairie Year	Harvey
Boom Town	Levitin
Rachel's Journal	Moss
Black Heroes of the Wild West	Peltz
Lottie's Dream	Pryor
Warm as Wool	Sanders
Purple Mountain Majesties	Younger
Going West	Van Leeuwen
Nothing Here But Trees	Van Leeuwen
Wagon Train: A Family Goes West in 1865	Wright