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to support instruction for
NCSCoS Level 6



Unit 1 Captain Seagull

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Rickenbacker, an Autobiography</i> – Edward V. Rickenbacker	
<i>Seven Came Through, Rickenbacker's Full Story, Including His Message to America</i> – Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker	
<i>Enduring Courage: Ace Pilot Eddie Rickenbacker and the Dawn of the Age of Speed</i> – John F. Ross	
<i>Fighting the Flying Circus</i> – Eddie Rickenbacker	
<i>Rickenbacker: His Own Story</i> – Captain Edward V. Rickenbacker	
<i>Simple History: A Simple Guide to World War I</i> – Daniel Turner	
<i>Everything World War I</i> – Karen L. Kenney	
<i>World War I: True Stories</i> – Clive Gifford	
<i>Seagull</i> – Laura Stefano	
<i>Douglas MacArthur: What Greater Honor</i> – Janet & Geoff Bengé	
<i>Frontline General: Douglas MacArthur: America's Most Controversial Hero</i> – Jules Archer	
<i>15 Stars: Eisenhower, MacArthur, Marshall: Three Generals Who Saved the American Century</i> – Stanley Weintraub	
<i>Douglas MacArthur</i> – Jean Darby 820L 	
<i>World War II Pilots: An Interactive History Adventure</i> – Michael Burgan 730L 	
<i>World War II for Kids: A History with 21 Activities</i> – Richard Panchyk	
<i>The War That Saved My Life</i> – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley 580L 	
<i>Lost in the Pacific, 1942</i> – Tod Olson	

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Unit 2 Singing in a Soundless World and A Vision for Success

Title — Author

My Notes

Seeing Home: The Ed Lucas Story –Ed Lucas & Christopher Lucas

Freak the Mighty –Rodman Philbrick

El Deafo –Cece Bell

The Keeper: The Unguarded Story of Tim Howard –Tim Howard

Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus –Dusty Bowling 700L



Wonder –R. J. Palacio 790L



Soul Surfer –Bethany Hamilton 960L



Paperboy –Vince Vawter 940L



Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille –Jen Bryant 590L



Who Is Stevie Wonder? –Jim Gigliotti 980L



Who Was Helen Keller? –Gare Thompson 570L



Silent Star: The Story of Deaf Major Leaguer William Hoy –Bill Wise 840L



Uncommon Champions –Marty Kaminsky 1090L




Rising Above: How 11 Athletes Overcame Challenges in Their Youth to Become Stars
– Gregory Zuckerman with Elijah and Gabriel Zuckerman 1010L



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Unit 3 Bivouac on a Mountain Side

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>You Wouldn't Want to Be a Civil War Soldier</i> –Thomas Ratliff	
<i>DK Eyewitness Books: Civil War</i> –DK Publishing	
<i>Spies of the Civil War</i> –Michael Burgan	
<i>Poetry for Kids: Walt Whitman</i> –Edited by Karen Karbiener, Ph.D	
<i>Great Battles for Boys</i> –Joe Giorello	
<i>When I Grow Up I Want to Be in the U.S. Army</i> –Wigu Publishing	
<i>Treaties, Trenches, Mud, and Blood</i> –Nathan Hale GN410L 	
<i>Guts & Glory: The American Civil War</i> –Ben Thompson NC1570L 	
<i>The Civil War</i> –Matt Doeden 670L 	

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Unit 4 Mysteries of the Moai

Title — Author My Notes

Easter Island (Unearthing Ancient Worlds) –Michael Capek

Easter Island: The Mystery Solved –Thor Heyerdahl

Rediscovering Easter Island –Kathy Pelta


Moana: Pua and Heihei –RH Disney and Suzanne Francis


The Art of Easter Island –Thor Heyerdahl

Amazing Pictures and Facts about Chile –Mina Kelly

Nations of South America –Speedy Publishing

Chile and Easter Island –DK Travel

Where Is Easter Island? –Megan Stine 830L 

Easter Island: Giant Stone Statues Tell of a Rich and Tragic Past
– Caroline Arnold 1140L 

I Lived on Butterfly Hill –Marjorie Agosin 770L 

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Unit 5 A Thing That Glistened

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>When You Reach Me</i> –Rebecca Stead 750L	
<i>Wonderstruck</i> –Brian Selznick 830L	
<i>Greenglass House</i> –Kate Milford 880L	
<i>The Apothecary series</i> – Maile Meloy 660L	
<i>The Secret Garden</i> –Frances Hodgson Burnett 710L	
<i>Lord of the Flies</i> –William Golding 630L	
<i>The Borrowers series</i> – Mary Norton 780L	
<i>The Chronicles of Narnia series</i> – C.S. Lewis 790L–970L	
<i>Heidi</i> – Johanna Spyri 500 L	
<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i> –Mark Twain 970L	
<i>The Incredible Journey</i> –Sheila Burnford 1320L	
<i>The Lord of the Rings</i> –J.R.R. Tolkien 1010L	
<i>Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland</i> –Lewis Carroll 980L	

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Unit 6 The Ins and Outs of Being You

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Maude: The Not-So-Noticeable Shrimpton</i> –Lauren Child AD680L 	
<i>Hound Dog True</i> –Linda Urban 710L 	
<i>The Lost Twinseries</i> –Sophie Cleverly 650L 	
<i>Ava and Pip</i> –Carol Weston 720L 	
<i>The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</i> –Stacy McAnulty 530L 	
<i>Jacky Ha-Ha</i> –James Patterson and Chris Grabenstein 740L 	
<i>Awkward</i> –Svetlana Chmakova GN210L 	
<i>The Brain: All about Our Nervous System and More!</i> –Seymour Simon 900L 	
<i>Call It Courage</i> –Armstrong Sperry	
<i>Quiet Power: The Secret Strengths of Introverted Kids</i> –Susan Cain with Gregory Mone and Erica Moroz	

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Unit 7 The Fifth Labor of Hercules

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The 12 Labors of Hercules</i> — Estudio Haus	
<i>Tales of Greek Mythology</i> — L. L. Owens	
<i>Greek Myths</i> —Olivia Coolidge	
<i>The Serpent's Secret</i> —Sayantani DasGupta	
<i>Hercules</i> —Steve Barlow and Steve Skidmore	
<i>Hercules and His 12 Labors</i> —Anika Fajardo 670L 	
<i>Tales of the Greek Heroes</i> —Roger Lancelyn Green 1190L 	
<i>The Trials of Apollo, Book One: The Hidden Oracle</i> —Rick Riordan 680L 	
<i>Sea of Trolls series</i> —Nancy Farmer 670L 	
<i>Odd and the Frost Giants</i> —Neil Gaiman 820L 	
<i>Percy Jackson and the Olympians series</i> —Rick Riordan 1120L 	

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Unit 8 Kamikatsu, Japan: A Small Town with a Big Voice and Be Sure to Finish Your Wrapper!

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Somewhere Among</i> –Annie Donwerth-Chikamatsu	
<i>Recycling</i> – Lauri S. Scherer	
<i>Garbage and Recycling</i> –Candice Mancini	
<i>Garbage and Recycling</i> – Margaret Haerens	
<i>Garbage and Recycling</i> –Mitchell Young	
<i>New Thinking about Pollution</i> –Robert Curley	
<i>All About Japan</i> –Willamarie Moore 860L 	
<i>Plastic Pollution</i> –Geof Knight 1070L 	
<i>A Teen Guide to Being Eco in Your Community</i> –Cath Senker 960L 	

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Unit 9 The Life of a Ship from the Launch to the Wreck

Title — Author

My Notes

Alien Deep: Revealing the Mysterious Living World at the Bottom of the Ocean –Bradley Hague

Smithsonian Ocean: Our Water, Our World –Deborah Cramer

Citizens of the Sea –Nancy Knowlton

Ocean: A Visual Encyclopedia –DK Publishing

Sylvia Earle: Ocean Explorer –Dennis Fertig


Dive Atlas of the World –Jack Jackson


The Next Wave: The Quest to Harness the Power of the Oceans
–Elizabeth Rusch 1070L 

Seymour Simon's Extreme Oceans –Seymour Simon 1170L 

Diving to a Deep-Sea Volcano –Kenneth Mallory 1250L 

Journey into the Deep: Discovering New Ocean Creatures
–Rebecca L. Johnson 920L 

Ultimate Oceanpedia –Christina Wilsdon IG1030L 

Weird Sea Creatures –Erich Hoyt NC1270L 

National Geographic Readers: Weird Sea Creatures –Laura Marsh NC630L 

Creatures of the Deep (Real-Life Monsters) –Matthew Rake IG1060L 

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Unit 10 The Spacecraft Cemetery

Title — Author

My Notes

Space Facts: Huge Book of Amazing Space Facts for Kids –Jenny Kellett

Cosmic Science: Over 40 Gravity-Defying, Earth-Orbiting, Space-Cruising Activities for Kids –Jim Wiese


The Neptune Project –Polly Holyoke

True Books: Spaceseries –Elaine Landau


Hidden Figures Young Readers' Edition –Margot Lee Shetterly


The Usborne Complete Book of Astronomy & Space –Lisa Miles and Alastair Smith

An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth –Chris Hadfield 1190L 

Faces of the Moon –Bob Crelin 650L 

Chasing Space– Leland Melvin 1020L 

How Do You Burp in Space? –Susan E. Goodman 830L 

Women in Space –Karen Bush Gibson 1080L 

I Love You, Michael Collins –Lauren Baratz-Logsted 800L 



Space Case– Stuart Gibbs 750L 

Spaced Out– Stuart Gibbs 750L 

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Unit 11 The Right Picture

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Magic Orange Tree and Other Haitian Folktales</i> —Diane Wolkstein 710L	
<i>Haiti in Pictures</i> —Margaret J. Goldstein 1210L	
<i>The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Birds</i> —BirdLife International	
<i>The Complete Illustrated Encyclopedia of Birds of the World</i> —David Alderton	
<i>The Encyclopedia of Birds</i> —Edited by Dr. Christopher M. Perrins and Dr. Alex LA Middleton	
<i>National Geographic Kids Bird Guide of North America</i> —Jonathan Alderfer	
<i>Bird Migration</i> —Ian Newton	
<i>The World of Birds</i> —Jonathan Elphick	
<i>Florida's Living Beaches</i> —Blair and Dawn Witherington	
<i>Birds of Florida Field Guide</i> —Stan Tekiela	
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Unit 12 A Million Giraffes and An Online World of Possibilities

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Cyberbullying</i> –Lucia Raatma 790LA 	
<i>Smart Girl's Guide to the Internet</i> –Sharon Cindrich 880L 	
<i>Smile & Succeed for Teens: A Crash Course in Face-to-Face Communication</i> – Kirt Manecke 720L 	
<i>101 Best Websites for Kids</i> –Trevor Meers	
<i>Internet Safety for Kids and Young Adults</i> –Jeff Sechler	
<i>Teens and Social Media: The New Corner Store</i> –Carl Ostling	
<i>Making YouTube Videos</i> –Nick Willoughby	
<i>A Smart Kid's Guide to Social Networking Online</i> –David J. Jakubiak	
<i>A Smart Kid's Guide to Doing Internet Research</i> –David J. Jakubiak	
<i>A Smart Kid's Guide to Internet Privacy</i> –David J. Jakubiak	
<i>Internet Safety: Kids' Guide</i> –Victoria Roddel	
<i>Online Safety for Kids</i> –Iyas AlQasem	

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Unit 13 This Wednesday and Still Yet to Be

Title — Author

My Notes

Frazzled: Everyday Disasters and Impending Doom –Booki Vivat

Jake the Fake Keeps It Real –Craig Robinson and Adam Mansbach

Captain Superlative –J. S. Puller

The Last Fifth Grade of Emerson Elementary –Laura Shovan

The Poet's Tale: An Anthology of Narrative Poetry –Edited by A. A. Evans

Dirty Laundry Pile: Poems in Different Voices –Selected by Paul B. Janeczko

Where the Sidewalk Ends –Shel Silverstein

All's Faire in Middle School –Victoria Jamieson

Middle School, The Worst Years of My Life
–James Patterson and Chris Tebbetts 700L



Smile –Raina Telgemeier GN410L



The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl –Stacy McAnulty 530L



Front Desk –Kelly Yang 640L



The First Rule of Punk –Celia C. Pérez 670L



All Four Stars –Tara Dairman 950L



The Lemonade War –Jacqueline Davies 730L



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Unit 14 Two Quarters

Title — Author

My Notes

Alexander Graham Bell: Inventor of the Telephone
—Editors of Time for Kids with John Micklos, Jr. 780L



Alexander Graham Bell: An Inventive Life —Elizabeth MacLeod 960L



Her Right Foot —Dave Eggers NC800L



The Statue of Liberty: An American Symbol —Alison & Stephen Eldridge AD200L



Philadelphia's 1876 Centennial Exposition —Linda P. Gross and Theresa R. Snyder

Historic Photos of Philadelphia —Laura E. Beardsley

Early American Steam Locomotives —Reed Kinert

Philadelphia: A Pictorial Celebration —Alice L. George, Ph.D.

The Fantastic Ferris Wheel: The Story of Inventor George Ferris —Betsy Harvey Kraft

Famous Inventors & Inventions —Speedy Publishing







A History of Great Inventions —James Dyson

Fairy Floss: The Sweet Story of Cotton Candy —Ann Ingalls

The Story of Inventions —Anna Claybourne

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**Unit 15 Ice Music: Carving Out a New Approach to Music**

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Way to Stay in Destiny</i> –Augusta Scattergood 650L 	
<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> –Christopher Paul Curtis 950L 	
<i>Hiding Out at the Pancake Palace</i> –Nan Marino 580L 	
<i>Those Amazing Musical Instruments</i> –Genevieve Helsby 870L 	
<i>Playing the Spoons and Other Curious Instruments</i> –Liz Miles 840L 	
<i>Norway in Pictures</i> –Eric Braun 1210L 	
<i>Making Musical Instruments from Junk</i> –Nick Penny	
<i>Making Simple Musical Instruments</i> –Bart Hopkin	
<i>Making Musical Instruments by Hand</i> –Jay Havighurst	

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Unit 16 A Memorial Vision and Maya Lin's Original Proposal

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Flag We Love</i> –Pam Muñoz Ryan	
<i>Among Heroes</i> –Brandon Webb with John David Mann	
<i>To the Moon!</i> –Jeffery Kluger with Ruby Shamir	
<i>A Kids' Guide to America's First Ladies</i> –Kathleen Krull	
<i>Portraits of Jewish-American Heroes</i> –Malka Drucker	
<i>America's Soldiers: Teens' Tales of Tribute</i> –Reid Geddie	
<i>Navajo Code Talkers</i> –Brynn Baker	
<i>A Wall of Names</i> –Judy Donnelly 690L 	
<i>Fannie Never Flinched</i> –Mary Cronk Farrell 1020L 	
<i>The Best We Could Do</i> –Thi Bui GN600L 	
<i>Alexander Hamilton</i> –Teri Kanefield 1170L 	
<i>Come On In, America: The United States in World War I</i> –Linda Barrett Osborne 1100L 	
<i>10 True Tales: Heroes of 9/11</i> – Allan Zullo 980L 	
<i>Choosing Courage</i> –Peter Collier 1150L 	

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Unit 17 Boots Fit for a Hero and Misery of My Own Making

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Sally's Bones</i> —MacKenzie Cadenhead	
<i>Ajapa The Tortoise: A Book of Nigerian Folk Tales</i> —Margaret Baumann	
<i>The Dancing Palm Tree and Other Nigerian Folktales</i> — Barbara K. Walker	
<i>Girls Who Rocked the World: Heroines From Joan of Arc to Mother Teresa</i> —Michelle Roehm McCann & Amelie Welden	
<i>History Makers: A Questioning Approach to Reading & Writing Biographies</i> —Myra Zarnowski	
<i>Truthful Biographies</i> —Valerie Bodden	
<i>Freak the Mighty</i> —Rodman Philbrick 930L 	
<i>Blubber</i> —Judy Blume 610L 	
<i>Sahara Special</i> —Esme Raji Codell 660L 	
<i>The Revealers</i> —Doug Wilhelm 580L 	
<i>Who Was Walt Disney?</i> —Whitney Stewart 720L 	
<i>Write Your Own Biography</i> —Natalie M. Rosinsky 980L 	

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Unit 18 Alone in the Woods and On the Water

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Forever, or a Long, Long Time</i> –Caela Carter 570L 	
<i>Hello, Universe</i> –Erin Entrada Kelly 690L 	
<i>Short</i> –Holly Goldberg Sloan 810L 	
<i>The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl</i> –Stacy McAnulty 530L 	
<i>The Fiesta Dress: A Quinceañera Tale</i> –Caren McNelly McCormack AD650L 	
<i>The War That Saved My Life</i> –Kimberly Brubaker Bradley 580L 	
<i>Counting by 7s</i> –Holly Goldberg Sloan 770L 	
<i>If You Lived with the Cherokee</i> –Peter and Connie Roop 800L 	
<i>The Cherokee</i> –Andrew Santella 790L 	
<i>Bar Mitzvah: A Jewish Boy's Coming of Age</i> –Eric A. Kimmel 990L 	
<i>It's a . . . It's a . . . It's a Mitzvah</i> – Liz Suneby and Diane Heiman	
<i>Georgia Rules</i> –Nancy Turner Steveso	
<i>Myths of the Cherokee</i> – James Mooney	
<i>Quinceañera!</i> –Michele Salcedo	

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Unit 19 Get Ready, Get Set, Do Nothing?

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Posted</i> –John David Anderson 750L 	
<i>Dr. Amelia's Boredom Survival Guide</i> –Marissa Moss 560L 	
<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days</i> –Jeff Kinney 1010L 	
<i>Under the Egg</i> –Laura Marx Fitzgerald 790L 	
<i>What Do You Really Want?</i> –Beverly K. Bachel 950L 	
<i>Reaching Your Goals</i> –Robin L. Silverman 940L 	
<i>The Book With No Pictures</i> –B.J. Novak	
<i>What Would You Do?</i> –Linda Schwartz	
<i>Timmy's Monster Diary: Screen Time Stress</i> –Dr. Raun Melmed	
<i>The Anti-Boredom Book of Brilliant Things to Do</i> –Andy Seed	

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Unit 20 The Disobedient Boy

Title — Author My Notes

D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths –Ingri and Edgar Parin d'Aulaire

Percy Jackson's Greek Gods –Rick Riordan

Greek Myths –Retold and illustrated by Marcia Williams


The Chaos of Stars –Kiersten White

A Brief Guide to the Greek Myths –Stephen Kershaw

The Usborne Book of Greek Myths –Anna Milbourne

Usborne Illustrated Stories from the Greek Myths –Usborne Publishing

Treasury of Greek Mythology –Donna Jo Napoli 860L 

Everything Mythology –Blake Hoena 990L 

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Skill-Based Literature Level 6

Vocabulary












Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Great Dictionary Caper</i> — Judy Sierra	
<i>Electrical Wizard: How Nikola Tesla Lit Up the World</i> — Elizabeth Rusch 840L	
<i>The Tree Lady</i> — H. Joseph Hopkins 760L	
<i>Six Dots: A Story of Young Louis Braille</i> — Jen Bryant 590L	
<i>Frindle</i> — Andrew Clements 830L	
<i>Luna & Me: The True Story of a Girl Who Lived in a Tree to Save a Forest</i> — Jenny Sue Kostecki-Shaw	
<i>The Boy Who Loved Words</i> — Roni Schotter AD 780L	
<i>From the Good Mountain: How Gutenberg Changed the World</i> — James Rumford 680L	
<i>Grand Canyon</i> — Jason Chin 1000L	
<i>Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat</i> — Javaka Steptoe 1050L	
<i>Muhammad Ali: Champion of the World</i> — Jonah Winter AD 860L	

Predictions












Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Most Magnificent Thing</i> — Ashley Spires AD 380L	
<i>Pocket Full of Colors: The Magical World of Mary Blair, Disney Artist Extraordinaire</i> — Amy Guglielmo and Jacqueline Tourville	
<i>Between the Lines: How Ernie Barnes Went from the Football Field to the Art Gallery</i> — Sandra Neil Wallace 660L	
<i>Nadia: The Girl Who Couldn't Sit Still</i> — Karlin Gray 900L	
<i>Frederick Douglass: The Lion Who Wrote History</i> —Walter Dean Myers	
<i>Joltin' Joe DiMaggio</i> — Jonah Winter 720L	
<i>Papa Is a Poet: A Story About Robert Frost</i> — Natalie S. Bober AD 1010	
<i>Windblown</i> — Édouard Manceau AD 430L	
<i>Flying Solo: How Ruth Elder Soared into America's Heart</i> — Julie Cummins	
<i>Hensel and Gretel: Ninja Chicks</i> — Corey Rosen Schwartz and Rebecca J. Gomez AD 700L	
<i>This Bridge Will Not Be Gray</i> — Dave Eggers 720L	



Connections












Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills</i> – Re_ee Watson AD 770L 	
<i>Prehistoric Actual Size</i> – Steve Jenkins IG 890L 	
<i>Louisa May's Battle: How the Civil War Led to Little Women</i> – Kathleen Krull 1040L 	
<i>The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain</i> – Peter Sís AD 760L 	
<i>Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library</i> – Carole Boston Weatherford 1100L 	
<i>Take a Picture of Me, James VanDerZee!</i> – Andrea J. Loney 970L 	
<i>14 Cows for America</i> – Carmen Agra Deedy AD 540L 	
<i>The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist</i> – Cynthia Levinson 720L 	
<i>Grace Hopper: Queen of Computer Code</i> – Laurie Wallmark 730L 	
<i>TEK: The Modern Cave Boy</i> – Patrick McDonnell	
<i>A Home for Mr. Emerson</i> – Barbara Kerley 830L 	
<i>Esperanza Rising</i> – Pam Muñoz Ryan 750L 	

Inference and Synthesis








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<i>Margaret and the Moon: How Margaret Hamilton Saved the First Lunar Landing</i> – Dean Robbins 630L 	
<i>Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear</i> – Lindsay Mattick AD 590L 	
<i>Trombone Shorty</i> – Troy Trombone Shorty Andrews 760L 	
<i>The Road Home</i> – Katie Cotton	
<i>Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington</i> – Jabari Asim NC 650L 	
<i>Midnight Teacher: Lilly Ann Granderson and Her Secret School</i> – Janet Halfmann 950L 	
<i>Danza!: Amalia Hernández and El Ballet Folklórico de México</i> – Duncan Tonatiuh 980L 	
<i>The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps</i> – Jeanette Winter AD 630L 	
<i>Chopsticks</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal AD 500L 	
<i>Ticktock Banneker's Clock</i> – Shana Keller 720L 	
<i>Lucky Lazlo</i> – Steve Light	
<i>The Westing Game</i> – Ellen Raskin 750L 	
<i>Regarding the Fountain: A Tale, in Letters, of Liars and Leaks</i> – Kate Klise 830L 	



Details and Key Ideas












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<i>Pink Is For Blobfish: Discovering the World's Perfectly Pink Animals</i> – Jess Keating NC 1040L 	
<i>Becoming Babe Ruth</i> – Matt Tavares AD 810L 	
<i>Ada's Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay</i> – Susan Hood 820L 	
<i>Becoming Bach</i> – Tom Leonard	
<i>Hidden Figures</i> – Margot Lee Shetterly 980L 	
<i>Cloth Lullaby: The Woven Life of Louise Bourgeois</i> – Amy Novesky AD 1000L 	
<i>Prairie Dog Song</i> – Susan L. Roth and Cindy Trumbore AD 1050L 	
<i>The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art</i> – Barb Rosenstock AD 630L 	
<i>The Book With No Pictures</i> – B.J. Novak 490L 	
<i>The Man Who Walked Between the Towers</i> – Mordicai Gerstein AD 640L 	
<i>Miss Moore Thought Otherwise: How Anne Carroll Moore Created Libraries for Children</i> – Jan Pinborough AD 1060L 	
<i>Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11</i> – Brian Floca AD 830L 	

Paraphrasing and Summarizing (Literature)








Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Mr. Wuffles!</i> – David Wiesner	
<i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i> – Jerry Pinkney 540L 	
<i>The Chinese Emperor's New Clothes</i> – Ying Chang Compestine 650L 	
<i>City Shapes</i> – Diana Murray AD 930L 	
<i>Alma and How She Got Her Name</i> – Juana Martinez-Neal	
<i>Dear Girl,</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Paris Rosenthal AD 480L 	
<i>The Darkest Dark</i> – Chris Hadfield AD 550L 	
<i>The Junkyard Wonders</i> – Patricia Polacco 660L 	
<i>Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna the Very First Chicken</i> – Douglas Rees	
<i>The Purloining of Prince Oleomargarine</i> – Mark Twain and Philip Stead 740L 	



Paraphrasing and Summarizing (Informational)

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Soldier Song: A True Story of the Civil War</i> – Debbie Levy	
<i>Libba: The Magnificent Musical Life of Elizabeth Cotton</i> – Laura Veirs 580L 	
<i>Be A King: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream and You</i> – Carole Boston Weatherford 360L 	
<i>Let the Children March</i> – Monica Clark-Robinson 650L 	
<i>Dazzle Ships: World War I and the Art of Confusion</i> – Chris Barton 990L 	
<i>Maya Lin: Artist-Architect of Light and Lines: Designer of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial</i> – Jeanne Walker Harvey 800L 	
<i>One Proud Penny</i> – Randy Siegel AD 960L 	
<i>Over and Under the Pond</i> – Kate Messner AD 660L 	
<i>Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis</i> – Jabari Asim 670L 	
<i>Whoosh!: Lonnie Johnson's Super-Soaking Stream of Inventions</i> – Chris Barton 820L 	
<i>Freedom Over Me: Eleven Slaves, Their Lives and Dreams Brought to Life</i> – Ashley Bryan 730L 	
<i>Steamboat School</i> – Deborah Hopkinson AD 660L 	
<i>Imagine That! How Dr. Seuss Wrote The Cat in the Hat</i> – Judy Sierra	

Theme

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Each Kindness</i> – Jacqueline Woodson AD 530L 	
<i>The Dot</i> – Peter H. Reynolds AD 500L 	
<i>The Pond</i> – Nicola Davies	
<i>Sometimes You Fly</i> – Katherine Applegate	
<i>The Mermaid</i> – Jan Brett AD 540L 	
<i>They All Saw a Cat</i> – Brendan Wenzel AD 310L 	
<i>Telephone</i> – Mac Barnett	
<i>Toys Meet Snow</i> – Emily Jenkins AD 500L 	
<i>Sidewalk Flowers</i> – JonArno Lawson	
<i>After the Fall: How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again</i> – Dan Santat AD 550L 	
<i>The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet!</i> – Carmen Agra Deedy AD 550L 	
<i>Yo Soy Muslim: A Father's Letter to His Daughter</i> – Mark Gonzales	



<i>Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream</i> – Deloris Jordan with Roslyn Jordan 630L	
<i>The Invisible Boy</i> – Trudy Ludwig AD 680L	
<i>More Than Anything Else</i> – Marie Bradby 570L	
<i>The Legendary Miss Lena Horne</i> – Carole Boston Weatherford 1010L	
<i>The Night Gardener</i> – The Fan Brothers AD 570L	
<i>Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor</i> – Robert Burleigh 750L	
<i>The Quickest Kid in Clarksville</i> – Pat Zietlow Miller 490L	
<i>Hatchet</i> – Gary Paulsen 1020L	
<i>The Giver</i> – Lois Lowry 760L	
<i>Chains</i> – Laurie Halse Anderson 780L	

Character

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Exclamation Point</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal 360L	
<i>Battle Bunny</i> – Jon Scieszka and Mac Barnett AD 540L	
<i>Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut</i> – Derrick Barnes 700L	
<i>Imaginary Fred</i> – Eoin Colfer NC 760L	
<i>Walk with Me</i> – Jairo Buitrago AD 490L	
<i>Creepy Pair of Underwear!</i> – Aaron Reynolds AD 470L	
<i>A Thirst For Home: A Story of Water across the World</i> – Christine Ieronimo 610L	
<i>Boy + Bot</i> – Ame Dyckman AD 380L	
<i>Because of Thursday</i> – Patricia Polacco AD 830L	
<i>The OK Book</i> – Amy Krouse Rosenthal	
<i>Cowboy Camp</i> – Tammi Sauer IG 550L	
<i>The Raft</i> – Jim LaMarche AD 540L	
<i>Just Juice</i> – Karen Hesse 690L	
<i>Because of Winn-Dixie</i> – Kate DiCamillo 670L	
<i>Stargirl</i> – Jerry Spinelli 590L	
<i>A Solitary Blue</i> – Cynthia Voigt 770L	
<i>Bud, Not Buddy</i> – Christopher Paul Curtis 950L	
<i>Smiles to Go</i> – Jerry Spinelli HL 490L	



Plot

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Tucky Jo and Little Heart</i> – Patricia Polacco AD 670L 	
<i>An A From Miss Keller</i> – Patricia Polacco 700L 	
<i>This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration</i> – Jacqueline Woodson AD 790L 	
<i>Robinson</i> – Peter Sís AD 520L 	
<i>Creepy Carrots!</i> – Aaron Reynolds AD 490L 	
<i>Listen to My Trumpet!</i> – Mo Willems	
<i>Waiting Is Not Easy!</i> – Mo Willems 250L 	
<i>Bloom</i> – Doreen Cronin 720L 	
<i>The Favorite Daughter</i> – Allen Say 510L 	
<i>The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors</i> – Drew Daywalt AD 670L 	
<i>Chicken Dance</i> – Tammi Sauer AD 440L 	
<i>Nugget & Fang: Friends Forever--or Snack Time?</i> – Tammi Sauer 480L 	
<i>Walk Two Moons</i> – Sharon Creech 770L 	
<i>Holes</i> – Louis Sachar 660L 	
<i>Maniac Magee</i> – Jerry Spinelli 820L 	
<i>The Eighth Day</i> – Dianne K. Salerni 730L 	
<i>The Boy Who Flew With Eagles</i> – Ben Woodard	

Setting

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Love</i> – Matt de la Peña	
<i>Last Stop on Market Street</i> – Matt de la Peña AD610L 	
<i>Steam Train, Dream Train</i> – Sherri Duskey Rinker AD 610L 	
<i>Sparrow Jack</i> – Mordicai Gerstein AD 590L 	
<i>The Night World</i> – Mordicai Gerstein AD 430L 	
<i>The Tea Party in the Woods</i> – Akiko Miyakoshi AD 460L 	
<i>On A Magical Do-Nothing Day</i> – Beatrice Alemagna	
<i>A Different Pond</i> – Bao Phi 620L 	
<i>The Only Child</i> – Guojing NP 	
<i>Remembering Vera</i> – Patricia Polacco AD 780L 	



Holes in the Sky – Patricia Polacco

Fiona's Lace – Patricia Polacco AD 740L



Poetry

Title — Author

My Notes

Love to Langston – Tony Medina NP



Brown Girl Dreaming – Jacqueline Woodson 990L



Out of the Dust – Karen Hesse 1040L



Scarum Fair – Jessica Swaim 920L



Pirates – David L. Harrison AD 650L



Cowboys – David L. Harrison NP



Sacred Places – Jane Yolen

Yum! ¡MmMm! ¡QuéRico! Americas' Sproutings – Pat Mora AD 970



Dirty Laundry Pile: Poems in Different Voices – Selected by Paul B. Janeczko NP



Red Sings from Treetops: A Year in Colors – Joyce Sidman AD 570L



Put Your Eyes Up Here And Other School Poems – Kalli Dakos NP



Poetry for Young People: Robert Frost – Edited by Gary D. Schmidt NP



Poetry for Young People: Emily Dickinson – Edited by Frances Schoonmaker Bolin NP



Poetry for Young People: Walt Whitman – Edited by Jonathan Levin NP



Drama

Title — Author

My Notes

The BFG: A Set of Plays – Adapted by David Wood

The Witches: Plays for Children – Adapted by David Wood

The Twits: Plays for Children – Adapted by David Wood

Shakespeare with Children: Six Scripts for Young Players – Elizabeth Weinstein

Simply Shakespeare: Readers Theatre for Young People – Edited by Jennifer L. Kroll

20 Great Plays for Children – Edited by Coleman A. Jennings

Romeo and Juliet For Kids – Lois Burdett 660L



Twelfth Night For Kids – Lois Burdett and Christine Coburn

Hamlet For Kids – Lois Burdett












Macbeth For Kids – Lois Burdett

Much Ado About Nothing For Kids – Lois Burdett











Greek Myth Plays – Carol Pugliano-Martin



Informational Texts: Controlling Ideas, Supporting Evidence, and Organizational Patterns

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez & Her Family's Fight for Desegregation</i> – Duncan Tonatiuh AD 870L 	
<i>Jazz Age Josephine: Dancer, singer—who's that, who? Why, that's MISS Josephine Baker, to you!</i> – Jonah Winter NC 600L 	
<i>A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin</i> – Jen Bryant 610L 	
<i>The World Is Not a Rectangle: A Portrait of Architect Zaha Hadid</i> – Jeanette Winter 760L 	
<i>Red Cloud: A Lakota Story of War and Surrender</i> – S.D. Nelson AD 880L 	
<i>You Never Heard of Willie Mays?!</i> – Jonah Winter 850L 	
<i>Dorothea Lange: The Photographer Who Found the Faces of the Depression</i> – Carole Boston Weatherford NC1030L 	
<i>A Hundred Billion Trillion Stars</i> – Seth Fishman	
<i>Caroline's Comets: A True Story</i> – Emily Arnold McCully AD 800L 	
<i>I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark</i> – Debbie Levy 710L 	
<i>The Right Word: Roget and His Thesaurus</i> – Jen Bryant 590L 	
<i>Dangerous Jane</i> – Suzanne Slade 770L 	

Arguments













Title — Author	My Notes
<i>The Great Kapok Tree: A Tale of the Amazon Rain Forest</i> – Lynne Cherry 590L 	
<i>Lincoln Tells a Joke: How Laughter Saved the President (and the Country)</i> – Kathleen Krull & Paul Brewer 860L 	
<i>Thank You, Sarah!: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving</i> – Laurie Halse Anderson AD 600L 	
<i>The Pigeon Needs a Bath!</i> – Mo Willems AD 350L 	
<i>Ruth Bader Ginsburg: The Case of R.B.G. vs. Inequality</i> – Jonah Winter 900L 	
<i>The Day the Crayons Quit</i> – Drew Daywalt AD 730L 	
<i>The Day the Crayons Came Home</i> – Drew Daywalt AD 550L 	
<i>My Brother Dan's Delicious</i> – Steven L. Layne AD 970L 	
<i>Can I Bring Woolly to the Library, Ms. Reeder?</i> – Lois G. Grambling NC 830L 	
<i>A Pig Parade Is a Terrible Idea</i> – Michael Ian Black AD 970L 	



Author's Purpose/Message and Text Structure (Literary)

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Before Morning</i> – Joyce Sidman	
<i>Ideas Are All Around</i> – Philip C. Stead AD 600L 	
<i>Jazz Day: The Making of a Famous Photograph</i> – Roxane Orgill	
<i>The Journey</i> – Francesca Sanna AD 630L 	
<i>Goodnight, Goodnight, Construction Site</i> – Sherri Duskey Rinker AD 610L 	
<i>Mighty, Mighty Construction Site</i> – Sherri Duskey Rinker AD 710L 	
<i>The Big Sneeze</i> – Ruth Brown	
<i>Freedom Summer</i> – Deborah Wiles AD 600L 	
<i>Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story From China</i> – Ed Young 670L 	
<i>The Napping House</i> – Aubrey Wood NP 	
<i>Uncle Jed's Barbershop</i> – Margaree King Mitchell AD 640L 	
<i>Fortunately, Unfortunately</i> – Michael Foreman AD 530L 	

Author's Purpose/Message and Text Structure (Informational)

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World</i> – Matt Lamothe NC 620L 	
<i>What Makes A Monster?: Discovering the World's Scariest Creatures</i> – Jess Keating NC 1030L 	
<i>How to Be an Elephant: Growing Up in the African Wild</i> – Katherine Roy NC 1310L 	
<i>Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean's Most Fearless Scientist</i> – Jess Keating 730L 	
<i>Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade</i> – Melissa Sweet AD 1000L 	
<i>A Seed Is Sleepy</i> – Dianna Hutts Aston AD 750L 	
<i>An Egg Is Quiet</i> – Dianna Hutts Aston AD 670L 	
<i>Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature</i> – Joyce Sidman AD 510L 	
<i>Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down</i> – Andrea Davis Pinkney AD 600L 	
<i>Redwoods</i> – Jason Chin 1100L 	
<i>Down, Down, Down: A Journey to the Bottom of the Sea</i> – Steve Jenkins NC 980L 	
<i>Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin</i> – Gene Barretta 640L 	



Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History – Vashti Harrison


America Is Under Attack: September 11, 2001: The Day the Towers Fell
– Don Brown 840L 

Eat Fresh Food: Awesome Recipes for Teen Chefs – Rozanne Gold

National Parks of the U.S.A. – Kate Siber


Extreme Weather: Surviving Tornadoes, Sandstorms, Hailstorms, Blizzards, Hurricanes, and More! – Thomas M. Kostigen

Print and Graphic Features

Bone by Bone: Comparing Animal Skeletons – Sara Levine 580L 

Grand Canyon – Jason Chin 1000L 

Island: A Story of the Galápagos – Jason Chin 900L 


Coral Reefs – Jason Chin 1010L 

Eye to Eye: How Animals See The World – Steve Jenkins NC 1040L 

Animals by the Numbers: A Book of Animal Infographics – Steve Jenkins 940L 

Hoop Genius: How a Desperate Teacher and a Rowdy Gym Class Invented Basketball – John Coy 880L 


The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid
– Dylan Thuras and Rosemary Mosco


National Geographic Kids Why?: 1,111 Answers to Everything – Crispin Boyer IG1150L 

Mistakes That Worked: 40 Familiar Inventions & How They Came to Be – Charlotte Foltz Jones 1040L 


Robotics: Discover the Science and Technology of the Future with 20 Projects – Kathy Ceceri 1000L 


A Rock Is Lively – Dianna Hutts Aston IG 1110L 

Zita the Spacegirl – Ben Hatke GN 310L 

The Stonekeeper (Amulet #1) – Kazu Kibuishi GN 310L 

Smile – Raina Telgemeier GN 410L 

Swing It, Sunny – Jennifer L. Holm GN 480L 


Invisible Emmie – Terri Libenson 670L 


Figurative Language

Title — Author


My Notes


Hello, I'm Johnny Cash – G. Neri 1020L 

Radiant Child: The Story of Young Artist Jean-Michel Basquiat – Javaka Steptoe 1050L 

Jubilee!: One Man's Big, Bold, and Very, Very Loud Celebration of Peace – Alicia Potter 610L 



Muhammad Ali: Champion of the World – Jonah Winter AD 860L 

Trudy's Big Swim: How Gertrude Ederle Swam the English Channel and Took the World by Storm – Sue Macy AD 980L 

Fearless Flyer: Ruth Law and Her Flying Machine – Heather Lang AD 700L 


Lighter than Air: Sophie Blanchard, the First Woman Pilot – Matthew Clark Smith


Long-Armed Ludy and the First Women's Olympics – Jean L.S. Patrick 650L 

They Say Blue – Jillian Tamaki

Lesser Spotted Animals: The Coolest Creatures You've Never Heard Of – Martin Brown 870L 

Mama Africa!: How Miriam Makeba Spread Hope with Her Song
– Kathryn Erskine 630L 

From the Good Mountain: How Gutenberg Changed the World – James Rumford 680L 


Night of the Gargoyles – Eve Bunting AD910L 


You're Toast and Other Metaphors We Adore – Nancy Loewen 530L 

Literary Devices, including Point of View and Irony

Title — Author

My Notes


I Really Like Slop! – Mo Willems 190L 


Memoirs of a Goldfish – Devin Scillian AD 490L 


Dirty Laundry Pile: Poems in Different Voices – Selected by Paul B. Janeczko NP 


School's First Day of School – Adam Rex 580L 


They All Saw A Cat – Brendan Wenzel AD 310L 


Seven Blind Mice – Ed Young AD530L 

The Day the Crayons Quit – Drew Daywalt AD 730L 

Voices in the Park – Anthony Browne 560L 


Seriously, Cinderella Is So Annoying!: The Story of Cinderella as Told by the Wicked Stepmother – Trisha Speed Shaskan 520L 

A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story – Linda Sue Park 720L 

The One and Only Ivan – Katherine Applegate 570L 

Two Bad Ants – Chris Van Allsburg 780L 

Uprising – Margaret Peterson Haddix 790L 

The Devil's Arithmetic – Jane Yolen 730L 



Author's Use of Language, Mood, Voice, and Tone

Title — Author	My Notes
<i>Thank You and Good Night</i> – Patrick McDonnell AD 480L	
<i>Lenny & Lucy</i> – Philip C. Stead AD 630L	
<i>Leave Me Alone!</i> – Vera Brosgol	
<i>The Dog That Nino Didn't Have</i> – Edward van de Vendel AD 470L	
<i>A Well-Mannered Young Wolf</i> – Jean Leroy 510L	
<i>Locomotive</i> – Brian Floca 640L	
<i>The Boy Who Loved Math: The Improbable Life of Paul Erdős</i> – Deborah Heiligman AD 550L	
<i>Write to Me: Letters from Japanese American Children to the Librarian They Left Behind</i> – Cynthia Grady	
<i>My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother</i> – Patricia Polacco AD 630L	
<i>Mrs. Katz and Tush</i> – Patricia Polacco 530L	
<i>Swan: The Life and Dance of Anna Pavlova</i> – Laurel Snyder AD 500L	
<i>Zack Delacruz: Me and My Big Mouth</i> – Jeff Anderson 660L	
<i>The Day You Begin</i> – Jacqueline Woodson 980L	
<i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963</i> – Christopher Paul Curtis 920L	
<i>Doll Bones</i> – Holly Black 840L	
<i>The Wednesday Wars</i> – Gary D. Schmidt 990L	



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NC	These NC Non-Conforming books have a Lexile measure markedly higher than is typical for the intended audience or designated developmental level of the book. The NC code is useful when matching high-ability readers with a book that is still at an appropriate developmental level.
AD	Picture books often get an AD or Adult Directed code. They are usually read to a child, rather than a child reading them independently. Although seemingly easy reading, some picture books actually have pretty high Lexile measures, and could present a challenging independent reading experience to an age-appropriate reader. Initially, an adult may want to read the book along with a child.
IG	Books that consist of short, stand-alone pieces of text like in an encyclopedia or glossary are given an IG code for Illustrated Guide. Usually nonfiction, IG books are often used as a reference resource rather than read in their entirety like a storybook. The IG code does not have anything to do with reading levels, but instead conveys an idea of the kind of book and what the book typically will be used for in the classroom or library
HL	Librarians, teachers, and booksellers sometimes refer to young adult books written at low levels as high-low books. HL books are useful when matching older (grade 7 and beyond) struggling or reluctant readers with books about age-appropriate topics and issues written at elementary-school reading levels.
GN	Graphic novels and comic books get a GN code. Text appears primarily in voice or thought bubbles integrated into comic book-style illustrations. The impact of the pictures on reading comprehension is not captured in the Lexile measure of a graphic novel.
NP	Non-Prose

