



EXPEDITIONARY
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Grade 5: Module 3A: Unit 1: Recommended Texts



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Unit 1 builds students' background about the role of sports in American culture over time. The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures on this topic. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge.

It is imperative that students read a high volume of texts at their reading level to continue to build the academic vocabulary and fluency demanded by the CCLS.

Common Core Band Level Text Difficulty Ranges:

(as provided in the NYSED Passage Selection Guidelines for Assessing CCSS ELA)

Grades 2–3: 420–820L

Grades 4–5: 740–1010L

Grades 6–8: 925–1185L

Where possible, texts in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile ranges that correspond to Common Core Bands: below-grade band, within band, and above-grade band. Note, however, that Lexile measures are just one indicator of text complexity, and teachers must use their professional judgment and consider qualitative factors as well. For more information, see Appendix 1 of the Common Core State Standards.

Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures below band level (below 740L)			
<i>The History of Baseball</i>	Diana Star Helmer and Thomas S. Owens (authors)	Informational	410
<i>Alphabet of Sports</i>	Barbie Heit Schwaeber (author), David Lowe (illustrator)	Informational	500*
<i>Colors of Sports</i>	Laura Purdie Salas (author)	Informational	620
<i>Soccer in North America</i>	Mike Kennedy (author)	Informational	660*
<i>Basketball: A History of Hoops</i>	Mark Stewart (author)	Informational	710
<i>Who Invented Basketball?: And Other Questions Kids Have about Sports</i>	Suzanne Slade (author), Cary Pillo (illustrator)	Informational	680

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (740–1010L)			
<i>Sports in America: Decade by Decade</i>	Betty Comden, Adolph Green, and Carolyn Leigh (authors), Amy June Bates (illustrator)	Literature	475*
<i>The Curious, Captivating, Unusual History of Sports</i>	Lucia Raatma (author)	Informational	870
<i>Best Seat in the House: A Basketball Memoir</i>	Spike Lee (author)	Informational	880
<i>Sports: From Ancient Olympics to the Super Bowl</i>	Liz Miles (author)	Informational	920
<i>Sports (DK Eyewitness Book)</i>	Tim Hammond (author)	Informational	1000*
<i>Sports Technology</i>	Stewart Ross(author)	Informational	1000*

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Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>The Fastest Game on Two Feet: and Other Poems about How Sports Began</i>	Alice Low (author), John O'Brien (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Yes She Can!: Women's Sports Pioneers</i>	Glenn Stout (author)	Informational	1040
<i>Heroes of Baseball: The Men Who Made It America's Favorite Game</i>	Robert Lipsyte (author)	Informational	1080
<i>Rooting for the Home Team: Sports in the 1800s</i>	Zachary Chastain (author)	Informational	1100
<i>Sports and Society</i>	Scott Witmer (author)	Informational	1130*
<i>Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX, the Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America</i>	Karen Blumenthal (author)	Informational	1140
<i>Swifter, Higher, Stronger: A Photographic History of the Summer Olympics</i>	Sue Macy (author)	Informational	1200
<i>Total Sports</i>	Dorling Kindersley Publisher staff	Informational	No Lexile

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