



EXPEDITIONARY
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Grade 7: Module 2A: Recommended Texts



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile text measure about the major topics of this module: working conditions in industrializing America, Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers, and current issues related to working conditions both in the United States and in other countries. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic. Note that districts and schools should consider their own community standards when reviewing this list. Some texts in particular units or modules address emotionally difficult content.

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

Where possible, texts in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile measures that correspond to Common Core Bands: below grade band, within band, and above 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.

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

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in grade 2–3 band level (below 740L)			
<i>Dolores Huerta: A Hero to Migrant Workers</i>	Sarah E. Warren (author)	Informational	510
<i>Cesar Chavez: Fighting for Farmworkers</i>	Eric Braun (author)	Informational	590
<i>The Breadwinner</i>	Deborah Ellis (author)	Literature	630
<i>Lost</i>	Jacqueline Davies (author)	Literature	680‡
<i>January 1905</i>	Katharine Boling (author)	Literature	690
<i>The Industrial Revolution</i>	Debra J. Housel (author)	Informational	700

‡Book content may have higher maturity level text



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in grade 4–5 band level (740L–925L)			
<i>Counting on Grace</i>	Elizabeth Winthrop (author)	Literature	760
<i>How Artists See Work: Farm, Factory, Home, Office</i>	Colleen Carroll (author)	Informational	800*
<i>Harvesting Hope: The Story of Cesar Chavez</i>	Kathleen Krull (author)	Informational	800
<i>Bread and Roses, Too</i>	Katherine Paterson (author)	Literature	830
<i>Threads and Flames</i>	Esther Friesner (author)	Literature	840‡
<i>Factory Girl</i>	Barbara Greenwood (author)	Literature	850
<i>Voices from the Fields: Children of Migrant Farmworkers Tell Their Stories</i>	S. Beth Atkin (interviewer and photographer)	Literature	850
<i>Immigration, Migration, and the Industrial Revolution</i>	Tracee Sioux (author)	Informational	890*
<i>Dolores Huerta: Voice for the Working Poor</i>	Alex Van Tol (author)	Informational	910
Lexile text measures within band level (925L–1185L)			
<i>Kids on Strike!</i>	Susan Campbell Bartoletti (author)	Informational	920
<i>You Wouldn't Want to Be a Victorian Mill Worker!: A Grueling Job You'd Rather Not Have</i>	John Malam (author)	Informational	930

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (925L–1185L)			
<i>Elizabeth Bloomer: Child Labor Activist</i>	Jennifer Reed (author)	Informational	940*
<i>The Industrial Revolution</i>	Melissa McDaniel (author)	Informational	940
<i>The Industrial Revolution</i>	Hilarie N. Staton (author)	Informational	1000
<i>Children at Work</i>	JoAnne B. Weisman Deitch (editor)	Informational	1020*
<i>Breaker Boys: How a Photograph Helped End Child Labor</i>	Michael Burgan (author)	Informational	1020
<i>Cesar Chavez: A Photographic Essay</i>	Ilan Stavans (author)	Biography	1030
<i>The Changing Role of Women Since 1900</i>	Louise Spilsbury (author)	Informational	1070*
<i>Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade against Child Labor</i>	Russell Freeman (author)	Informational	1140
<i>Fair Trade</i>	Jilly Hunt (author)	Informational	1080

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1185L)			
<i>The Lowell Mill Girls: Life in the Factory</i>	JoAnne B. Weisman Deitch (editor)	Biography	1210
<i>Clean Clothes: A Global Movement to End Sweatshops</i>	Liesbeth Sluiter (author)	Informational	NoLXL
<i>Let My People Go Surfing: The Education of a Reluctant Businessman</i>	Yvon Chouinard (author)	Autobiography	NoLXL
<i>Are Worker Rights Human Rights?</i>	Richard P. McIntire (author)	Informational	NoLXL‡
<i>A Shameful Business: The Case for Human Rights in the American Workplace</i>	James A. Gross (author)	Informational	NoLXL‡
<i>Child Labor Today: A Human Rights Issue</i>	Wendy Herumin (author)	Informational	NoLXL‡
<i>Elegy on the Death of César Chávez</i>	Rudolfo Anaya (author)	Poetry	NP‡

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