

Unit 1 Independent Reading List

Suggestions for Independent Reading

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Unit 1: The Challenge of Heroism		
Literature		
Author	Title	Lexile
Alexie, Sherman	<i>Reservation Blues</i>	670L
Alvarez, Julia	<i>Before We Were Free</i>	890L
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Fever 1793</i>	580L
Avi	<i>Crispin: The Cross of Lead</i>	780L
Butler, Octavia	<i>The Parable of the Sower</i>	710L
Coelho, Paul	<i>The Alchemist</i>	910L
Crew, Linda	<i>Children of the River</i>	700L
Crutcher, Chris	<i>Whale Talk</i>	1000L
Dashner, James	<i>The Maze Runner</i>	770L
Ellis, Deborah	<i>The Breadwinner</i>	630L
Hinton, S.E.	<i>The Outsiders</i>	750L
Jeffrey, Gary	<i>African Myths</i>	N/A
Johnston, E.K.	<i>The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim</i>	1020L
Jones, Diana Wynne	<i>Howl's Moving Castle</i>	800L
L'Engle, Madeline	<i>A Wrinkle in Time</i>	740L
Lewis, C.S.	<i>The Chronicles of Narnia series</i>	N/A
Lewis, Richard	<i>The Killing Sea</i>	760L
Lupica, Mike	<i>Hero</i>	730L
O'Connor, George	<i>Athena: Grey-Eyed Goddess</i>	720L
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon</i>	710L
Park, Linda Sue	<i>When My Name Was Keoko</i>	610L
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Soldier's Heart</i>	1000L
Pierce, Tamora	<i>Alanna of Trebond</i>	690L
Riordan, Rick	<i>Heroes of Olympus series</i>	N/A
Robbins, Trina	<i>Freedom Songs: A Tale of the Underground Railroad</i>	580L
Robbins, Trina	<i>Lily Renee, Escape Artist: From Holocaust Survivor to Comic Book Pioneer</i>	510L
Selznick, Brian	<i>The Invention of Hugo Cabret (Graphic Novel)</i>	820L
Sepetys, Ruta	<i>Between Shades of Gray</i>	490L
Storrie, Paul	<i>Hercules: The 12 Labors</i>	N/A
White, T.E.	<i>The Once and Future King</i>	1080L

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Nonfiction/Informational Text		
Author	Title	Lexile
Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta	<i>Up-Close: Jane Goodall</i>	N/A
Beales, Melba Pattilo	<i>Warriors Don't Cry</i>	N/A
Bradley, James	<i>Flags of Our Fathers</i>	950L
Chin-Lee, Cynthia	<i>Akira to Zoltan: 26 Men Who Changed the World</i>	N/A
Chin-Lee, Cynthia	<i>Amelia to Zora: 26 Women Who Changed the World</i>	N/A
Freedman, Russell	<i>Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery</i>	1100L
Freedman, Russell	<i>Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor</i>	1140L
Hillenbrand, Laura	<i>Unbroken: An Olympian's Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive (Young Adult Adaptation)</i>	850L
Hurley, Michael	<i>World's Greatest Olympians</i>	960L
Krull, Kathleen	<i>Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels (and What the Neighbors Thought)</i>	1150L
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>The Greatest: Muhammad Ali</i>	N/A
Peet, Mal	<i>The Keeper</i>	780L
Wells, Susan	<i>Amelia Earhart: The Thrill of it All</i>	N/A
Yousafzai, Malala	<i>I Am Malala</i>	830L

Unit 2 Independent Reading List

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Unit 2: The Challenge of Utopia		
Literature		
Author	Title	Lexile
Ada, Alma	<i>Love, Amalia</i>	940L
Asimov, Isaac	<i>I, Robot</i>	820L
Bradbury, Ray	<i>The Martian Chronicles: Something Wicked This Way Comes</i>	820L
Budhos, Marina	<i>Ask Me No Questions</i>	790L
Burg, Ann	<i>All the Broken Pieces</i>	680L
Carlson, Lori Marie	<i>Red Hot Salsa</i>	N/A
Cisneros, Sandra	<i>The House on Mango Street</i>	870L
Collins, Suzanne	<i>The Hunger Games</i>	810L
Dayton, Arwen Elys	<i>Seeker</i>	800L
Farmer, Nancy	<i>The House of the Scorpions</i>	660L
Frank, Pat	<i>Alas, Babylon</i>	870L
Heinlein, Robert	<i>Stranger in a Strange Land</i>	940L
Huxley, Aldous	<i>Brave New World</i>	870L
LeGuin, Ursula	<i>The Left Hand of Darkness</i>	970L
Lu, Marie	<i>Legend</i>	710L
Meyer, Marissa	<i>Cinder</i>	790L
More, Thomas	<i>Utopia</i>	1370L
O'Brien, Tim	<i>The Things They Carried</i>	880L
Orwell, George	<i>1984</i>	1090L
Orwell, George	<i>Animal Farm</i>	1170L
Reinhardt, Dana	<i>A Brief Chapter in My Impossible Life</i>	N/A
Roth, Veronica	<i>Divergent</i>	700L
Salisbury, Graham	<i>House of the Red Fish</i>	610L
Verne, Jules	<i>Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea</i>	1030L
Wells, H.G.	<i>The Time Machine</i>	1070L
Wells, H.G.	<i>The War of the Worlds</i>	1040L
Westerfield, Scott	<i>Uglies</i>	770L
Yancey, Rick	<i>The Fifth Wave</i>	N/A
Yang, Dori Jones	<i>Daughter of Xanadu</i>	780L

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Nonfiction/Informational Text		
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Bausum, Ann	<i>Denied, Detained, Deported: Stories from the Dark Side of American Immigration</i>	1170L
Carson, Rachel,	<i>Silent Spring The Sea Around Us</i>	1340L
D'Aluisio, Faith and Peter Menzel	<i>What the World Eats</i>	1150L
Engle, Margarita	<i>The Lightening Dreamer: Cuba's Greatest Abolitionists</i>	N/A
Gore, Al	<i>Global Warming Is an Immediate Crisis</i>	N/A
Hatkoff, Juliana and Isabella Hatkoff	<i>Winter's Tail: How One Little Dolphin Learned to Swim Again</i>	930L
Hesse, Karen	<i>Aleutian Sparrow</i>	N/A
Hoose, Philip	<i>The Race to Save the Lord God Bird</i>	1150L
Kalan, Robert	<i>We Are Not Beasts of Burden</i>	1150L
Lasky, Kathryn	<i>John Muir: America's First Environmentalist</i>	1050L
Markle, Sandra	<i>How Many Baby Pandas?</i>	N/A
Pollan, Michael	<i>In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto</i>	1390L
Schlosser, Eric	<i>Fast Food Nation</i>	1240L
Scholsser, Eric and Wilson, Charles,	<i>Chew on This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food</i>	1110L
Sivertsen, Linda and Josh Sivertsen	<i>Generation Green: The Ultimate Teen Guide to Living an Eco-Friendly Life</i>	N/A
Somervill, Barbara	<i>Animal Survivors of the Wetlands</i>	1060L
Stearman, Kaye	<i>Taking Action Against Homelessness</i>	N/A
Waters, Alice	<i>Edible Schoolyard: A Universal Idea</i>	N/A
Welsbacher, Anne	<i>Earth-Friendly Design</i>	N/A

Unit 3 Independent Reading List

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Unit 3: The Challenge to Make a Difference		
Literature		
Author	Title	Lexile
Adlington, L. J.	<i>The Diary of Pelly D.</i>	770L
Arato, Rona	<i>The Last Train: A Holocaust Story</i>	580L
Bergman, Tamar	<i>Along the Tracks</i>	650L
Boyne, John	<i>The Boy in the Striped Pajamas</i>	1080L
Chotjewitz, David	<i>Daniel, Half Human: And the Good Nazi,</i>	740L
Gratz, Alan and Gruener, Ruth	<i>Prisoner B-3087</i>	760L
Hesse, Karen	<i>The Cats in Krasinski Square</i>	990L
Hoestlandt, Jo	<i>Star of Fear, Star of Hope</i>	490L
Boom, Corrie Ten	<i>The Hiding Place</i>	900L
Isaacs, Anne	<i>Torn Thread</i>	880L
Lowry, Lois	<i>Number the Stars</i>	670L
Matas, Carol	<i>Daniel's Story</i>	720L
Drucker, Malka and Halperin, Michael	<i>Jacob's Rescue</i>	680L
Matas, Carol	<i>The Garden</i>	810L
Mazer, Norma Fox	<i>Good Night, Maman</i>	510L
Meminger, Neesha	<i>Shine, Coconut Moon</i>	740L
Morpurgo, Michael	<i>Waiting for Anya</i>	770L
Na, An	<i>The Fold</i>	700L
Napoli, Donna Jo	<i>Stones in Water</i>	630L
Nye, Naomi Shihab	<i>19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East</i>	970L
Orgel, Doris	<i>The Devil in Vienna</i>	700L
Orlev, Uri	<i>Run, Boy, Run</i>	570L
Orlev, Uri	<i>The Island on Bird Street</i>	690L
Peacock, Carol Antionette	<i>Red Thread Sisters</i>	700L
Polacco, Patricia	<i>The Butterfly</i>	430L
Radin, Ruth Yaffe	<i>Escape to the Forest: Based on a True Story of the Holocaust</i>	660L
Spinelli, Jerry	<i>Milkweed</i>	510L
Venkatraman, Padma	<i>Climbing the Stairs</i>	750L
Yep, Laurence	<i>Golden Mountain Chronicles: Child of the Owl</i>	920L
Yolen, Jane	<i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i>	730L
Zullo, Allan	<i>We Fought Back: Teen Resisters of the Holocaust</i>	1070L
Zusak, Markus	<i>The Book Thief</i>	730L

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Nonfiction/Informational Text		
Author	Title	Lexile
Bachrach, Susan D.	<i>Tell Them We Remember: The Story of the Holocaust</i>	1190L
Bitton-Jackson, Livia	<i>I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust</i>	720L
Boas, Jacob	<i>We Are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust</i>	970L
Deedy, Carmen Agra	<i>The Yellow Star: The Legend of King Christian X of Denmark</i>	550L
Frank, Anne	<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>	1080L
Freedman, Russell	<i>Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor</i>	1140L
Gregory, Josh	<i>Cesar Chavez</i>	930L
Herman, Gail	<i>Who Was Jackie Robinson?</i>	670L
Hoose, Philip	<i>The Race to Save the Lord God Bird</i>	1150L
Lobel, Anita	<i>No Pretty Pictures: A Child of War</i>	750L
Meltzer, Milton	<i>Rescue: The Story of How Gentiles Saved Jews in the Holocaust</i>	1020L
Millman, Isaac	<i>Hidden Child</i>	860L
Nir, Yehuda	<i>The Lost Childhood: A World War II Memoir</i>	920L
Opdyke, Irene Gut	<i>In My Hands: Memories of a Holocaust Rescuer</i>	890L
Perl, Lila and Lazan, Marion Blumenthal	<i>Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story</i>	1080L
Sender, Ruth Minsky	<i>The Cage</i>	500L
Siegal, Aranka	<i>Upon the Head of the Goat: A Childhood in Hungary 1939–1944</i>	830L
van de Rol, Rudd and Verhoeven, Rian	<i>Anne Frank: Beyond the Diary: A Photographic Remembrance</i>	1030L
Warren, Andrea	<i>Charles Dickens and the Street Children of London</i>	1160L
Wiesel, Elie	<i>Night</i>	570L

Unit 4 Independent Reading List

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Unit 4: The Challenge of Comedy		
Literature		
Author	Title	Lexile
Adams, Douglas	<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>	1000L
Alexie, Sherman	<i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i>	600L
Allison, Jennifer	<i>Gilda Joyce, Psychic Investigator: A Mystery</i>	1000L
Dahl, Roald	<i>The Wonderful Story of Henry Sugar: And Six More</i>	850L
Elliott, Rob	<i>Laugh Out Loud Jokes for Kids</i>	N/A
Healey, Christopher	<i>Hero's Guide to Saving Your Kingdom Series</i>	750L
Kindl, Patrice	<i>Keeping the Castle</i>	1050L
Kinney, Jeff	<i>Diary of a Wimpy Kid</i>	900L
Kipling, Rudyard	<i>Just So Stories</i>	1190L
Korman, Gordon	<i>Don't Care High</i>	920L
Leavitt, Lindsey	<i>Princess for Hire</i>	670L
McAlpine, Gordon	<i>The Tell-Tale Start: The Misadventures of Edgar & Allan Poe (series)</i>	850L
McCloskey, Robert	<i>Homer Price</i>	1000L
Paulsen, Gary	<i>Molly McGinty Has a Really Good Day</i>	960L
Pilkey, Dav	<i>Captain Underpants Collection</i>	800L
Scieszka, Jon	<i>Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor</i>	730L
Snicket, Lemony	<i>The Bad Beginning</i>	1010L
Snicket, Lemony	<i>The Grim Grotto</i>	1120L
Sparknotes	<i>No Fear Shakespeare Graphic Novels</i>	N/A
Swift, Jonathan	<i>A Modest Proposal</i>	1520L
Twain, Mark	<i>The Celebrated Jumping Frog and Other Stories</i>	1000L
Vonnegut, Kurt	<i>Cat's Cradle</i>	790L
Nonfiction/Informational Text		
Author	Title	Lexile
Crutcher, Chris	<i>King of the Mild Frontier: An Ill-Advised Autobiography</i>	1180L
Dahl, Roald	<i>Boy</i>	1090L
Fey, Tina	<i>Bossypants</i>	950L
Kimmel, Haven	<i>A Girl Named Zippy</i>	1010L
Martin, Steve	<i>Born Standing Up: A Comic's Life</i>	N/A
Mayfield, Katherine	<i>Acting A to Z: The Young Person's Guide to a Stage or Screen Career</i>	1030L

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