

# Unit 1 Independent Reading List

## Suggestions for Independent Reading

The Independent Reading Lists for each unit are divided into the categories of Literature and Nonfiction/Informational Text. Each list comprises titles related to the theme and content of the unit. For your independent reading, you can select from this wide array of titles, which have been chosen based on complexity and interest. You can also do your own research for other titles that captivate your interest and relate to the unit of study.

Unit 1: Coming of Age		
Literature		
Author	Title	Lexile
Anderson, Laurie Halse	<i>Speak</i>	690L
Chbosky, Stephen	<i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i>	720L
Crutcher, Chris	<i>Whale Talk</i>	1000L
Draper, Sharon	<i>Tears of a Tiger</i>	700L
Feinstein, John	<i>Foul Trouble</i>	770L
Forman, Gayle	<i>If I Stay</i>	830L
Garcia, Cristina	<i>Dreaming in Cuban</i>	940L
Gibbons, Kaye	<i>Ellen Foster</i>	870L
Green, John	<i>The Fault in Our Stars</i>	850L
Hinton, S.E.	<i>The Outsiders</i>	750L
Jenkins, George, Sampson Davis, and Rameck Hunt	<i>We Beat the Street</i>	860L
Kluger, Steve	<i>Last Days of Summer</i>	900L
Knisley, Lucy	<i>Relish: My Life in the Kitchen</i>	970L
Martinez, Victor	<i>Parrot in the Oven: Mi Vida</i>	1000L
McCarthy, Cormac	<i>All the Pretty Horses</i>	940L
Murphy, Julie	<i>Dumplin'</i>	710L
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Slam</i>	750L
Nelson, Jandy	<i>I'll Give You the Sun</i>	740L
Paolini, Christopher	<i>Eragon</i>	710L
Peltzer, David	<i>A Child Called It</i>	850L
Vlahos, Len	<i>The Scar Boys</i>	910L
Wesselhoeft, Conrad	<i>Dirt Bikes, Drones, and Other Ways to Fly</i>	590L
Zevin, Gabrielle	<i>Elsewhere</i>	720L
Nonfiction/Informational Text		
Author	Title	Lexile
Álvarez, Julia	<i>Once Upon a Quincenera: Coming of Age in America</i>	N/A
Beyer, Ramsey	<i>Little Fish: A Memoir of a Different Kind of Year</i>	N/A
Bruchac, Joseph	<i>Jim Thorpe, Original All-American</i>	950L
Frank, Anne	<i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i>	1080L
Huebner, Mark	<i>Sports Bloopers: All-star Flubs and Fumbles</i>	N/A
Soto, Gary	<i>Living Up the Street</i>	1140L

## Unit 2 Independent Reading List

Unit 2: Defining Style		
Literature		
Author	Title	Lexile
Black, Holly and Cecil Castellucci (Editors)	<i>Geektastic: Stories from the Nerd Herd</i>	N/A
Callanan, Liam	<i>The Cloud Atlas</i>	N/A
Capote, Truman	<i>Breakfast at Tiffany's</i>	N/A
Crutcher, Chris	<i>Athletic Shorts: Six Short Stories</i>	N/A
Dahl, Roald	<i>The Umbrella Man and Other Stories</i>	860L
Gaiman, Neil	<i>Coraline</i>	740L
Gaiman, Neil	<i>M Is for Magic</i>	880L
Gaiman, Neil	<i>Stardust</i>	970L
Goldman, William	<i>The Princess Bride</i>	870L
King, Stephen	<i>The Green Mile</i>	910L
Levithan, David	<i>The Realm of Possibility</i>	NP
Link, Kelly	<i>Pretty Monsters: Stories</i>	740L
Martel, Yann	<i>Life of Pi</i>	830L
Murdock, Catherine Gilbert	<i>Dairy Queen</i>	990L
Poe, Edgar Allen and Vincent Price (Editor)	<i>18 Best Stories by Edgar Allan Poe</i>	1220L
Salinger, J.D.	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>	790L
Soto, Gary	<i>Buried Onions</i>	850L
Stiefvater, Maggie, Tessa Gratton, and Brenna Yovanoff	<i>The Curiosities: A Collection of Stories</i>	N/A
Wallace, Daniel	<i>Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions</i>	N/A
Zusak, Markus	<i>The Book Thief</i>	730L
Nonfiction/Informational Text		
Author	Title	Lexile
Burton, Tim	<i>Tim Burton</i>	N/A
Burton, Tim and Leah Gallo (Editor)	<i>The Art of Tim Burton</i>	N/A
Ferenczi, Aurélien	<i>Masters of Cinema: Tim Burton</i>	N/A
Lubar, David	<i>Extremities: Stories of Death, Murder, and Revenge</i>	570L

## Unit 3 Independent Reading List

Unit 3: Coming of Age in Changing Times		
Literature		
Author	Title	Lexile
Baldwin, James	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	1030L
Beah, Ishmael	<i>A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier</i>	920L
Blum, Jenna	<i>Those Who Save Us</i>	N/A
Bray, Libba	<i>A Great and Terrible Beauty</i>	760L
Burns, Olive Ann	<i>Cold Sassy Tree</i>	930L
Butler, Octavia E.	<i>Kindred</i>	580L
Cheva, Cherry	<i>She's So Money</i>	920L
Condie, Ally	<i>Matched</i>	680L
Cormier, Robert	<i>The Chocolate War</i>	820L
Danticat, Edwidge	<i>Behind the Mountains</i>	940L
Danticat, Edwidge (Editor)	<i>The Butterfly's Way: Voices from the Haitian Diaspora in the United States</i>	N/A
Doyle, Roddy	<i>Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha</i>	410L
Ellison, Ralph	<i>Invisible Man</i>	950L
Erdrich, Louise	<i>Tracks</i>	780L
Nye, Naomi Shihab	<i>Habibi</i>	850L
Ryan, Pam Muñoz	<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	750L
Wright, Richard	<i>Black Boy</i>	950L
Nonfiction/Informational Text		
Author	Title	Lexile
Baldwin, James	<i>The Fire Next Time</i>	1300L
Fisher, Antwone Quenton	<i>Finding Fish</i>	1080L
Griffin, John Howard	<i>Black Like Me</i>	990L
Litwack, Leon F.	<i>Trouble in Mind: Black Southerners in the Age of Jim Crow</i>	N/A
Margolick, David	<i>Elizabeth and Hazel: Two Women of Little Rock</i>	N/A
Partridge, Elizabeth	<i>Marching for Freedom: Walk Together, Children, and Don't You Grow Weary</i>	960L
Williams, Jay	<i>Life Is Not an Accident</i>	N/A
Wright, Simeon and Herb Boyd	<i>Simeon's Story: An Eyewitness Account of the Kidnapping of Emmett Till</i>	1050L

# Unit 4 Independent Reading List

Unit 4: Exploring Poetic Voices		
Literature		
Author	Title	Lexile
Angelou, Maya	<i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i>	1330L
Bruchac, Joseph	<i>Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two</i>	910L
Crane, Hart	<i>The Complete Poems</i>	NP
Cummings, E.E.	<i>Selected Poems</i>	NP
Dickinson, Emily	<i>The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson</i>	NP
Eliot, T.S.	<i>Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats</i>	NP
Frost, Robert	<i>The Poetry of Robert Frost</i>	NP
Giovanni, Nikki	<i>Ego-Tripping and Other Poems for Young People</i>	NP
Grimes, Nikki	<i>Bronx Masquerade</i>	670L
Hart, Moss and George S. Kaufman	<i>You Can't Take It With You</i>	NP
Heppermann, Christine	<i>Poisoned Apples: Poems for You, My Pretty</i>	NP
Hughes, Langston	<i>Selected Poems of Langston Hughes</i>	NP
Lorde, Audre	<i>The Collected Poems of Audre Lorde</i>	NP
Masters, Edgar Lee	<i>Spoon River Anthology</i>	NP
Millay, Edna St. Vincent	<i>Renascence and Other Poems</i>	NP
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices</i>	NP
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>Street Love</i>	NP
Neruda, Pablo	<i>The Essential Neruda: Selected Poems</i>	NP
Sexton, Anne	<i>The Complete Poems</i>	NP
Silko, Leslie Marmon	<i>Ceremony</i>	890L
Nonfiction/Informational Text		
Author	Title	Lexile
Anothony, David H. and Stephanie Kuligowski	<i>Langston Hughes: Harlem Renaissance Writer</i>	710L
Brown, Monica	<i>Pablo Neruda: Poet of the People</i>	970L
Jiménez, Francisco	<i>The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child</i>	N/A
Lau, Alan Chong	<i>Blues and Greens: A Produce Worker's Journal</i>	N/A
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>The Greatest: Muhammed Ali</i>	1030L
Rodriguez, Luis J.	<i>Always Running</i>	830L
Woodson, Jacqueline	<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	990L

## Unit 5 Independent Reading List

Unit 5: Coming of Age on Stage		
Literature		
Author	Title	Lexile
Haddon, Mark	<i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i>	1180L
Hansberry, Lorraine	<i>A Raisin in the Sun</i>	NP
Ibsen, Henrik	<i>A Doll's House</i>	NP
Levithan, David and Daniel Ehrenhaft (Editors)	<i>21 Proms</i>	820L
Miller, Arthur	<i>All My Sons</i>	NP
Miller, Arthur	<i>Death of a Salesman</i>	NP
Myers, Walter Dean	<i>What They Found: Love on 145th Street</i>	830L
Oliver, Lauren	<i>Delirium</i>	920L
Paterson, Katherine	<i>Jacob Have I Loved</i>	880L
Rostand, Edmond	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	NP
Rose, Reginald	<i>Twelve Angry Men</i>	NP
Simon, Neil	<i>The Odd Couple</i>	NP
Wilde, Oscar	<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i>	NP
Wilder, Thornton	<i>Our Town</i>	NP
Williams, Tennessee	<i>A Streetcar Named Desire</i>	NP
Williams, Tennessee	<i>The Glass Menagerie</i>	NP
Wilson, August	<i>Fences</i>	NP
Wilson, August	<i>The Piano Lesson</i>	NP
Zindel, Paul	<i>The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds</i>	NP
Nonfiction/Informational Text		
Author	Title	Lexile
Bhutto, Benazir	<i>Daughter of Destiny: An Autobiography</i>	N/A
Bilas, Jay	<i>Toughness: Developing True Strength on and off the Court</i>	N/A
Cunxin, Li	<i>Mao's Last Dancer</i>	810L
Moody, Anne	<i>Coming of Age in Mississippi</i>	870L
Yep, Lawrence (Editor)	<i>American Dragons: Twenty-Five Asian American Voices</i>	990L