

Building Comprehension and Knowledge

Explore a wide range of text sets designed to strengthen comprehension and deepen cross-disciplinary knowledge.

Emerge!
California



Knowledge without comprehension has limits.

Comprehension turns knowledge into a renewable resource.”

– Dr. Doug Fisher

Emerge! California author



Building Comprehension and Enriching Knowledge

Every student enters your classroom with unique lived experiences, knowledge, and stories to tell. ***Emerge! California*** activates and builds upon each student's base of knowledge through text-driven instruction that focuses on depth and breadth—diving into vertically aligned, cross-disciplinary topics in literature, science, and social studies.

This K–5 vertical alignment helps students make connections throughout the year and enrich their knowledge as they progress through the grades.

Text sets in ***Emerge! California*** span three to four weeks per unit—three weeks at Grades K–1, and four weeks at Grades 2–5. This gives students time to explore each topic thoroughly; engage with multiple texts; integrate reading, writing, and comprehension skills; develop rich vocabulary to make meaning; and build robust conceptual understanding.

Emerge! California employs thoughtfully curated text sets that feature complex and rich selections, introducing students to a range of contemporary titles that include award-winners, librarian-recommended selections, and stories that will reflect students' lives and experiences.

The key to our approach is fusing knowledge building with comprehension building. Just as students need context and background knowledge to comprehend a new text, they also need to understand what they're reading to build a strong, interconnected network of knowledge—and to keep building on that knowledge throughout their lives.



K–5 Knowledge Build

For grade-level specific scope and sequences that detail the comprehensive literacy instruction, please see ***Emerge! California Essentials***.

Grades 2–5: Poetry is introduced in Unit 1 and integrated in other units.

	Identity	Civics and Government	Earth Science	Storytelling	History
Grade K	Unit 1: Once Upon a Story	Unit 2: Working Together	Unit 3: Let's Explore Weather	Unit 1: Once Upon a Story Unit 4: Once Upon a Time Unit 6: Once Upon a Character	Unit 5: Everything Changes
Grade 1	Unit 1: Learning About Others	Unit 2: Communities	Unit 3: Seasons Unit 5: Earth's Sky	Unit 4: Oral Traditions	Unit 6: Changes Over Time
Grade 2	Unit 1: What's the Message	Unit 2: Participating in Our Community	Unit 3: Earth Changes	Unit 4: Tales from Around the World	Unit 5: Transportation Over Time
Grade 3	Unit 1: Keep an Open Mind	Unit 2: Leadership	Unit 3: Weather and Our World	Unit 4: What Stories Can Teach Us	Unit 5: Native Americans and the European Colonies
Grade 4	Unit 1: Discovering Who We Are	Unit 2: How Our Government Works	Unit 3: Earth's Natural Processes	Unit 4: The Stories We Tell	Unit 5: The American West
Grade 5	Unit 1: Reading Connects Us	Unit 2: Origins of Our Government	Unit 3: Earth and Space Systems	Unit 4: How It Came to Be	Unit 5: American Revolution Perspectives

Life Science

Unit 10: Let's Explore Animals
Unit 12: Let's Explore Plants

Unit 10: All About Animals
Unit 12: Plants

Unit 6: Living Things and Habitats

Unit 6: Living Things Grow and Adapt

Unit 6: Features of Living Things

Unit 6: Ecosystems and Energy Flow

Expression and the Arts

Unit 8: The World of Art

Unit 9: Art All Around

Unit 7: Art and Storytelling

Unit 7: The Arts and Our Lives

Unit 7: Connecting Through the Arts

Unit 7: Art and Action

Economics

Unit 9: Our Community at Work

Unit 8: Needs and Wants

Unit 8: Goods and Services

Unit 8: Trade Connects Us All

Unit 8: Economic Connections

Unit 8: Economic Changes

Physical Science

Unit 7: Let's Explore Motion

Unit 7: Light and Shadows

Unit 9: Matter and Materials

Unit 9: Forces and Motion

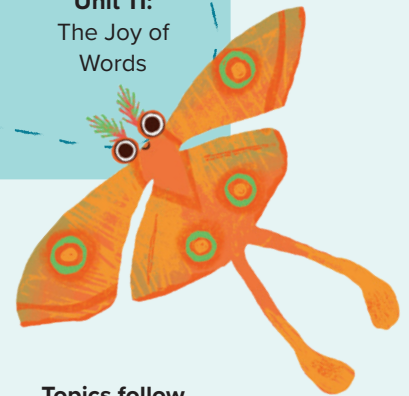
Unit 9: The Power of Energy

Unit 9: States of Matter

Poetry

Unit 11: The World of Poetry

Unit 11: The Joy of Words



Topics follow students from grade to grade!



Comprehensive Text Sets to Reinforce Understanding

Each text type in ***Emerge! California*** serves a specific instructional purpose as part of a Building Comprehension and Knowledge text set:

- **Concept Knowledge Multimedia** – These introductory videos and interactive features establish foundational knowledge of the unit topic and introduce key vocabulary.
- **Read Aloud** – Texts read aloud by the teacher to model comprehension and vocabulary strategies while building listening and speaking skills.
- **Differentiated Text** - Instructional reading passages designed to meet students at their individual skill levels while maintaining grade-level learning goals.
- **Directed Text** – Instructional texts used to introduce genre and text structure, preparing students for deeper engagement with the Central Text.
- **Central Text** – Longer, authentic texts aligned with the Directed Text’s genre and structure; students analyze these to practice comprehension, vocabulary, and author’s craft.
- **Companion Text** – Shorter texts on the same topic, often in a different genre, that reinforce learning and allow students to apply strategies learned from the Central Text.





Grade K Texts

Bold text indicates authentic texts/titles.

Grade K includes 4 decodables per week that are not part of the knowledge build.

UNIT 1

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Connecting to Stories</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Alma and How She Got Her Name</i>	Juana Martinez-Neal
Companion Text	<i>Lunch With Friends</i>	Harold Green III
Read Aloud	<i>Saturday Story Hour</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Stories Help Us Explore</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Once Upon a Book</i>	Grace Lin
Companion Text	<i>Uncle Josh's Trip</i>	Dan Saks
Read Aloud	<i>Animal Artist Jerry Pinkney</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Learning Traditions through Stories</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Meeting Max: A Friend Like Me</i>	Andrea M. Page
Companion Text	<i>Mooncake Magic</i>	Helen Wu
Read Aloud	<i>Storytellers</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 2

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Our Roles at School</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>This Is a School</i>	John Schu
Companion Text	<i>Kindergarten Shining Stars</i>	Philip Cortez
Read Aloud	<i>You Can Be a Leader</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Getting Along at Recess</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Kindest Red: A Story of Hijab and Friendship</i>	Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali
Companion Text	<i>Juniper's Jump Shot</i>	Khodi Dill
Read Aloud	<i>Teamwork Makes a Garden Grow</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Rules Help Us</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Attention, Please!</i>	Minh Le
Companion Text	<i>A Challenging Chase</i>	Omar Abed
Read Aloud	<i>Rules Change</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 3

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Describing Weather</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Raindrops Roll</i>	April Pulley Sayre
Companion Text	<i>Rainbows</i>	Dan Paley
Read Aloud	<i>Words of Weather</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Weather</i>	Aileen Fisher
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Weather Changes</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Snow</i>	Ann Herriges
Companion Text	<i>Not All Clouds Are the Same</i>	Guy Brown
Read Aloud	<i>Weather Can Change</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Preparing for Our Day</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Zap! Clap! Boom! The Story of a Thunderstorm</i>	Laura Purdie Salas
Companion Text	<i>Dress for Fun in Any Weather</i>	Sadaf Siddique
Read Aloud	<i>Weather Can Change Our Plans</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 4

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Sharing Stories We Love</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile</i>	Won-Ldy Paye and Margaret H. Lippert
Companion Text	<i>Juanita Goes to the Laundromat</i>	Dania Ramos
Read Aloud	<i>The Three Little Chickens</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Changing Our Minds</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Contest Between the Sun and the Wind</i>	Heather Forest
Companion Text	<i>One Foot in Front of the Other</i>	Bobby Norfolk
Read Aloud	<i>A New Perspective</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Stories Teach Us Lessons</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>A Drop of Kindness</i>	Andrea Wang
Companion Text	<i>The Elephant and the Mice</i>	Sudha Ramaswami
Read Aloud	<i>The Mitten in the Forest</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 5

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>What Makes a Community</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>When the Shadbush Blooms</i>	Carla Messinger and Susan Katz
Companion Text	<i>Big Lake, Small City</i>	Malcolm Newsome
Read Aloud	<i>Living in Communities</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Communities Can Change</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Mommy's Hometown</i>	Hope Lim
Companion Text	<i>Library Rising</i>	Nadia Salomon
Read Aloud	<i>Communities Over Time</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Community Helpers</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Slow Down! The Story of Garrett Morgan's Traffic Signal</i>	Rita Lorraine Hubbard
Companion Text	<i>The Story of Mary Kawena Pukui</i>	Adam Keawe Manalo-Camp
Read Aloud	<i>Bye Bye Plastic</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 6

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Connecting to Characters</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Little Red Fort</i>	Brenda Maier
Companion Text	<i>The Honest Fisherman</i>	Chika Unigwe
Read Aloud	<i>The Little Red Hen</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Learning Lessons from Characters</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Three Billy Goats Gruff</i>	Jerry Pinkney
Companion Text	<i>The Little Hummingbird</i>	Darlene P. Campos
Read Aloud	<i>The Huge Turnip</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Characters Change Our Thinking</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Toby, the Not-Quite Duckling</i>	Stephen Briseno
Companion Text	<i>Binu and the Jackfruit Tree</i>	Derek Mascarenhas
Read Aloud	<i>The Adventures of Tom Thumb</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 7

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Motion All Around</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Oscar and the Cricket: A Book About Moving and Rolling</i>	Geoff Waring
Companion Text	<i>Amusement Parks: Fun in Motion</i>	Tammy Enz
Read Aloud	<i>Motion at the Museum</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Push Power</i>	Janet S. Wong
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Field Day</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Give It a Push! Give It a Pull! A Look at Forces</i>	Jennifer Boothroyd
Companion Text	<i>Makani's Beach Day</i>	Illima Loomis
Read Aloud	<i>The Science Challenge</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Tools Can Help</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Simple Machines Give Us Superpowers!</i>	Bernard Mensah
Companion Text	<i>Ramps and Wheels: Skateboard Thrills</i>	Teresa Robeson
Read Aloud	<i>A House in the Trees</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 8

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Colors and Patterns</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Masterpiece</i>	Alexandra Hoffman
Companion Text	<i>Playful Patterns and Brilliant Colors</i>	David Bowles
Read Aloud	<i>Color Everywhere!</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Creating Art</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Rainbow Weaver</i>	Linda Elovitz Marshall
Companion Text	<i>What Makes Art?</i>	Cecilia Andre
Read Aloud	<i>Art from the Earth</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Art That Moves</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>My Dancing Dreams</i>	Srividhya Venkat
Companion Text	<i>Maggie Feels the Music</i>	Deborah Bernstein
Read Aloud	<i>A Trip to the Theater</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 9

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Jobs Help Our Community</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Night in the City</i>	Julie Downing
Companion Text	<i>I Am a Primary Care Doctor</i>	Dr. Crystal Maddox
Read Aloud	<i>Small Business, Big Impact</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Making a Difference in Our Community</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The One Day House</i>	Julia Durango
Companion Text	<i>Helping Bella</i>	AJ Eversole
Read Aloud	<i>Labor of Love</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Working to Save</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text - Commissioned	<i>Money: How to Earn and Use It</i>	Dr. Melinda Jimenez Perez
Companion Text	<i>Layan's Choice</i>	Razan Abidin
Read Aloud	<i>Henry and Jimmy Save Up!</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 11

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Friendship and Poems</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>What Friends Are For</i>	Douglas Florian
Central Text	<i>We Go Together</i>	Calef Brown
Central Text	<i>Abuelita's Lap</i>	Pat Mora
Companion Text	<i>I Am the Book</i>	Tom Robert Shields
Companion Text	<i>The More We Get Together</i>	Traditional nursery rhyme
Read Aloud	<i>The Pen Pal Project</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Playful Poems</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Swings</i>	Luz Maria Mack
Central Text	<i>Jump Rope Jingle</i>	Betsy Franco
Central Text	<i>Kitty Caught a Caterpillar</i>	Jack Prelutsky
Companion Text	<i>Climbing</i>	Aileen L. Fisher
Companion Text	<i>Here Is the Beehive</i>	Traditional nursery rhyme
Read Aloud	<i>Poetry Can Be Fun</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Flying Kites</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Poems and Imagination</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Last Night I Dreamed of Chickens</i>	Jack Prelutsky
Central Text	<i>A Cardboard Box</i>	Carole Boston Weatherford
Central Text	<i>Rainbows</i>	Nikki Giovanni
Companion Text	<i>from The Bed Book</i>	Sylvia Plath
Read Aloud	<i>Poet Shel Silverstein</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 10

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Living and Nonliving Things</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>A House in the Sky</i>	Steve Jenkins
Companion Text	<i>What Do Animals Eat?</i>	Geraldo Valério
Read Aloud	<i>Caring for Pets Is Important</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Animals in the Wild</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Animals Communicate</i>	Nadia Ali
Companion Text	<i>Animal Babies</i>	Dr. Solomon David
Read Aloud	<i>Why Do Animals Hibernate?</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Animal Locations</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Journey of African Elephants</i>	Dr. Festus Ihwagi
Companion Text	<i>Animals That Stay At Home</i>	Anita Sanchez
Read Aloud	<i>Animals on the Move</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 12

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Learning About Plants</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Plants Can't Sit Still</i>	Rebecca E. Hirsch
Companion Text	<i>Plants, Plants Everywhere</i>	Nicholas Solis
Read Aloud	<i>What Makes a Plant?</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>What Do Plants Need?</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Plant Secrets</i>	Emily Goodman
Companion Text	<i>The Places Plants Grow!</i>	Tony Hillery
Read Aloud	<i>Plants Have Needs Too</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>The Little Plant</i>	Kate Louise Brown
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Plants Are Helpful</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Plant Power</i>	Edward Dennis
Companion Text	<i>Nature All Around Me</i>	Mavasta Honyouti
Read Aloud	<i>Plants Help Animals</i>	McGraw Hill

Grade 1 Texts

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UNIT 1

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>School Days</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"How Do You Feel?"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Isabel and Her Colores Go To School</i>	Alexandra Alessandri
Companion Text	"Dan and Tam"	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Learning About Our Classmates</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"Express Yourself!"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Homesick Club</i>	Libby Martinez
Companion Text	"Jack and Nick"	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Working Together</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"Drew Is New"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Biggest Birthday Card in the World</i>	Kevin Maillard
Companion Text	"Look for Dot"	McGraw Hill

UNIT 2

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Learning About Our Community</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"You Can Help!"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Maybe Something Beautiful: How Are Transformed a Neighborhood</i>	F. Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell
Companion Text	"Gus and the Plants"	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Improving Our Community</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"Creating a Caring Community"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Inch by Inch</i>	Carmen Agra Deedy
Companion Text	"Rex and the Bad Day"	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Involving Others in Our Community</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"Be a Buddy"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Thank You, Omu!</i>	Oge Mora
Companion Text	"A Good Luck Duck"	McGraw Hill

UNIT 3

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Exploring Seasons</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"The Seasons Where You Live"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Four Seasons</i>	Crystal Sikkens
Companion Text	"Pick a Trip"	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Understanding Our Seasons</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"Seasonal Changes"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Fletcher and the Falling Leaves</i>	Julia Rawlinson
Companion Text	"Stan Gets Set!"	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Predicting Weather</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"Alaska Is Cool!"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Bryan Busby Knows the Weather</i>	Don Tate
Companion Text	"Plan for a Trip"	McGraw Hill

UNIT 4

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Fables Can Teach Us Lessons</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"The Ant and the Dove"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Mela and the Elephant</i>	Dow Phumiruk
Companion Text	"Frank Lion and Josh Mouse"	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Lessons Learned in Stories</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Letters with Grandpa</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>When Turtle Grew Feathers</i>	Tim Tingle
Companion Text	"The Fox and the Stork"	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>What Is a Fairy Tale?</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	"Gratitude/Beautiful World (poetry)"	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Elves and Los Zapatos</i>	Rey Terciero
Companion Text	"The Brothers Min-Joon and Jin"	McGraw Hill

UNIT 5

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Our Sun and Planets</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"The Myth of Apollo and Clytie"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Sun Is Kind of a Big Deal</i>	Nick Seluk
Companion Text	<i>"Let's Hike"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>The Night Sky</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"A Starry Flight/Night Sky in the City (poetry)"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Moon!: Earth's Best Friend</i>	Stacy McAnulty
Companion Text	<i>"More in the Sky"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Launching into Space</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Space Junk"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Mae Jemison Reaches the Stars</i>	Kimberly Brown Pllum
Companion Text	<i>"Ed Lu's Life in Space"</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 6

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>The Changes in Communication</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Computers over Time"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Speedy Delivery: The History of Mail</i>	Albert Wu
Companion Text	<i>"A Look at Phones"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>The Importance of Communication</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Communicating Without Words"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>More Than Words</i>	Roz Maclean
Companion Text	<i>"Joe's Gift"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Positive Impacts of Communication</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Guillermo Gonzalez Camarena and Color TV"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The William Hoy Story</i>	Nancy Churnin
Companion Text	<i>"Meet Pura Belpre"</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 7

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>All About Light</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"How the Northern Lights Came to Be"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Sources of Light</i>	Celestina Lee
Companion Text	<i>"How To Track Your Shadow"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Why is Light Important?</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Lighthouses"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>James and Pete Find Light</i>	Dori Hillestad Butler
Companion Text	<i>"Shadows Play"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>What Can Light Do?</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Looking for Celia"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Way Light Travels</i>	Hayley Diep

UNIT 8

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Just the Right Jacket</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"What Luis Learned"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Spring Market</i>	Tyla LaGoy
Companion Text	<i>"Saturday is Great"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Earning and Spending</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Seltzer for Sale" (poetry)</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Jobs Around Town</i>	Sandi Tanaka
Student Companion	<i>"Dina's Job"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Goods Near and Far</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Gitanjali Rao: Kid Scientist"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Where Do Products Come From?</i>	Nadine Carolan

UNIT 9

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Exploring Art</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Making Art with Music"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>What If...</i>	Samantha Berger
Companion Text	<i>"The Joyful Artist"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Express Yourself with Art</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Turning a Bad Day Around"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Ish</i>	Peter H. Reynolds
Companion Text	<i>"The Story Quilt"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Art Around the World</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Yuyi Morales: Storyteller and Artist"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Marvin and the Pop-Pop Fish</i>	Derrick Barnes

UNIT 11

Text Type	Title	Author
Read Aloud	<i>"Poems with Feeling"- Eletelephony</i>	Laura Elizabeth Richards
Read Aloud	<i>"Poems with Feeling"- The Swing</i>	Robert Louis Stevenson
Central Text	<i>Poetry - Library Magic</i>	Pat Mora
Central Text	<i>Poetry - A Rainbow of Feelings</i>	Joseph Coelho
Central Text	<i>Poetry - The Day I Decided to Become Sunshine</i>	Vanessa Brantley-Newton
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Adding Details to Poems</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Little Things Around Us"- Hello Rain</i>	Mary Ann Hoberman
Read Aloud	<i>"Little Things Around Us"- What is Pink?</i>	Christina Rossetti
Central Text	<i>Song - In All Colors</i>	Adapted by Elodie Pope
Central Text	<i>Nursery Rhyme - Mary Had A Little Lamb</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Poetry - Flowers</i>	Nicola Davies
Companion Text	<i>Poetry</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Playful Words with Poems</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Playing with Words"- Two of a Kind</i>	Nikki Grimes
Read Aloud	<i>"Playing with Words"- The End</i>	A.A. Milne
Central Text	<i>Poetry - This Is Just to Say</i>	William Carlos Williams
Central Text	<i>Poetry - Who's Inside</i>	Pat Mora

UNIT 10

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Animal Features</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Amazing Animal Teeth"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Whose Tracks in the Snow?</i>	Alexandra Milton
Companion Text	<i>"Dolphins"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Animals Develop Over Time</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Baby Animals Grow and Change"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Tad</i>	Benji Davies
Companion Text	<i>"How Beetle Got Her Coat"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Animals and Their Environment</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Helpful Habitats"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Eat Like a Bear</i>	April Pulley Sayre
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Expressing Feelings Through Poetry</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 12

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Plants Change Over Time</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"The Work of a Botanist"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>The Amazing Life Cycle of Plants</i>	Kay Barnham
Companion Text	<i>"How to Grow Plants"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Grow It and Eat It</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"When a Seedling Grows Up"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>Sylvia's Spinach</i>	McGraw Hill
Companion Text	<i>"Ron's Garden"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Important Plant Parts</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"How Thumbelina Grew"</i>	McGraw Hill
Central Text	<i>From Seed to Plant</i>	Gail Gibbons

Grade 2 Texts

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UNIT 1

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"Stories Reflect Our Lives"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Two Writers Inspired by Real Life"</i>	David Sanchez
Directed Text	<i>"I'm a Little Brother, Too"</i>	Karman Leung
Central Text	<i>I Can Help</i>	Reem Faruqi
Companion Text	<i>"Skye and Gus"</i>	Lori Alexander
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"The Power of Poetry"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Isn't Poetry all the Same?"</i>	Erica Reid
Directed Text	<i>"How to Build a Poem"</i>	Charles Ghigna
Directed Text	<i>"Surprise"</i>	Beverly McLoughland
Directed Text	<i>"What Poems Are"</i>	Erica Reid
Central Text	<i>"Who Am I?"</i>	Felice Holman
Central Text	<i>"Feelings"</i>	Vanessa Brantley-Newton
Central Text	<i>"Something I Did"</i>	Janet Wong
Central Text	<i>"Too Shy"</i>	Linda Kulp Trout

UNIT 3

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"Moving and Shaking"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"The Ring of Fire"</i>	Nicky Jordan
Directed Text	<i>"What's That Shake? An Earthquake!"</i>	Rhonda Lucas Donald
Central Text	<i>Volcanoes</i>	Martha E. Rustad
Companion Text	<i>"The Tsunami Exhibit"</i>	Sally Lee
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"Amazing Craters"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Say Aloha (Hello) to Hawaii"</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>"Namazu, the Mischief Maker"</i>	Sandra K. Athens
Central Text	<i>Pele's Journey Across the Sea: A Legend from Hawai'i</i>	Gabrielle Ahuli'i

UNIT 2

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"Making Changes"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"The Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."</i>	John J. Castaldo
Directed Text	<i>"Rosa Parks Takes a Stand"</i>	Adrienne Kennedy
Central Text	<i>Sit-In: How Four Friends Stood Up by Sitting Down</i>	Andrea Davis Pinkney
Companion Text	<i>"Fighting for Alaska Natives' Rights"</i>	Darla Antoine
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"Making Their Voices Heard"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Dylan's Campaign"</i>	Nicole O'Donnell
Directed Text	<i>"William Winslow: Food for Kids"</i>	Amie Jane Leavitt
Central Text	<i>All the Way to the Top</i>	Annette Bay Pimentel
Differentiated Text	<i>The United Nations Helps the World</i>	McGraw Hill
Differentiated Text	<i>Sally Ride: Space Hero</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 4

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"Storytelling Over Time"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Oral Storytelling: An Ancient Art Shared by Every Culture"</i>	Darla Antoine
Directed Text	<i>"The Clever Rabbit and the Tiger"</i>	Karman Leung
Central Text	<i>Grandma and the Great Gourd</i>	Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
Companion Text	<i>"The Fox, The Wolf, and the Lion"</i>	Mandy Shunnarah
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>A Tale Retold</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"The Troll's Story"</i>	Jennifer Ventling
Directed Text	<i>"Goldilocks and the Three Bears"</i>	Rhonda Donald
Central Text	<i>Goldy Luck and the Three Pandas</i>	Natasha Yim

UNIT 5

Text Type	Title	Author
Read Aloud	<i>"Improvements to the Steam Engine"</i>	Janet Davies-Castro
Directed Text	<i>"Stagecoaches and Wagon Trains"</i>	Lynne Weiss
Central Text	<i>The Rails That Remade the Nation</i>	Rachel Dougherty
Companion Text	<i>"America's First Subway"</i>	Robyn Raymer
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"A Country on the Move"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"How Early Cars Changed American Life"</i>	Janet Davies-Castro
Directed Text	<i>"Crossing the Bay"</i>	Jen Ventling
Central Text	<i>Pop's Bridge</i>	Eve Bunting
Differentiated Text	<i>A Classroom on Wheels</i>	McGraw Hill
Differentiated Text	<i>Road Trip: Pacific Coast Highway</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 7

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"My Art, My Life"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Making Connections with Murals"</i>	Jennifer Ventling
Directed Text	<i>"Salma's New Town"</i>	Mandy Shunnarah
Central Text	<i>Growing an Artist: The Story of a Landscaper and His Son</i>	John Parra
Companion Text	<i>"An Art Show for Mr. Bailey"</i>	Adam Vincent
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>An Artists's View</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"The Story of Moving Pictures"</i>	Jennifer Ventling
Directed Text	<i>"Odetta, Queen of American Folk Music"</i>	Chyina Powell
Central Text	<i>Lights! Camera! Alice! The Thrilling True Adventures of the First Woman Filmmaker</i>	Mara Rockliff

UNIT 6

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"What is a Habitat?"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Chelone's Home"</i>	Robyn Raymer
Directed Text	<i>"Living in the Big Thicket"</i>	Morgan Snow
Central Text	<i>Rainforest and Desert Habitats</i>	Jennifer Swanson
Companion Text	<i>"Animals in Their Habitats: A Collection of Poems"</i>	Susan Blackaby, David L. Harrison, Jane Yolen
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"Deep Dive into a Coral Reef"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Rainforests of the Sea"</i>	Rhonda Donald
Directed Text	<i>"Anthony's Snorkeling Adventure"</i>	Sheeba Arif
Central Text	<i>On Kiki's Reef</i>	Carol L. Malnor

UNIT 8

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"Starting a Business"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Visiting the Country and the City"</i>	Alexander Wolf
Directed Text	<i>"Summer Fun!"</i>	Alexi Sherrill
Central Text	<i>Big Dreams, Small Fish</i>	Paula Cohen
Companion Text	<i>"It's a Matter of Opinion"</i>	Linda Dunlap
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>"Inventors Solve Problems"</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Who Invented the Ice-Cream Cone?"</i>	James Ittel
Directed Text	<i>"Ding! Dong! Delivery!"</i>	L.B. Onish
Central Text	<i>Inventions Don't Just Happen</i>	Chris Barton
Differentiated Text	<i>A Berry Important Crop</i>	McGraw Hill
Differentiated Text	<i>Do Coconuts Grow in New Jersey?</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 9

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Many States of Matter</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Recycling Glass"</i>	Anne Armantage
Directed Text	<i>"After a Hailstorm"</i>	Max Caesar
Central Text	<i>Curious Pearl Explains States of Matter</i>	Eric Braun
Companion Text	<i>Strange Liquids</i>	Katy Hensley
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Exploring Matter</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>"Botilda Builds a Skateboard"</i>	Islay Robertson
Directed Text	<i>"What Materials Make Up a Bike?"</i>	Islay Robertson
Central Text	<i>From Steel to Silk: Materials at Work</i>	Dr. Rekha S. Rajan
Prior Knowledge Text	<i>"What is Matter?"</i>	McGraw Hill
Content Knowledge Text	<i>"Snow Science"</i>	McGraw Hill



Grade 3 Texts

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UNIT 1

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Learn From Stories</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Finding Meaning in Stories</i>	Caitlin Delohery
Directed Text	<i>It's Just an Act!</i>	Jeffrey Boyle
Central Text	<i>Watercress</i>	Andrea Wang
Companion Text	<i>An Interview with Andrea Wang</i>	Teresa Tan
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>How I See It</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Playing with Poetry</i>	Anthony Dylan Scott
Directed Text	<i>One Arm and Counting</i>	Marie Jaskula
Central Text	<i>Words with Wings (excerpts)</i>	Nikki Grimes

UNIT 2

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>The Leaders Among Us</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Keeping it Local</i>	Anyély Gomez-Dickerson
Directed Text	<i>Rodney Learns to Lead'</i>	Tonya Grant
Central Text	<i>A Vote Is a Powerful Thing</i>	Catherine Stier
Companion Text	<i>Get Out the Vote! How Young People Can Help</i>	Sally Issacs
Interactive Map	<i>Welcome to Washington, D.C.</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>The Power of a Vote</i>	Dr. Gwendolyn Battle Lavert
Directed Text	<i>The History of Presidents' Day</i>	Samuel Willard Crompton
Central Text	<i>The Presidency Why It Matters to You, Introduction, Chapter 1, Chapter 4</i>	Karen Kellaher
Concept Knowledge Text	<i>Alice Piper Goes to School</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Text	<i>Winning Voting Rights for Women</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 3

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Today's Forecast Calls For...</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Chasing the Sun</i>	Elena Lee
Directed Text	<i>Weather Forecasting, Then and Now</i>	Joyce Mallery
Central Text	<i>Weather the Storm</i>	Guy Brown
Companion Text	<i>To Move or to Stay?</i>	Sarah Glasscock
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Historic Weather Events</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Without Warning</i>	Todd Gernert
Directed Text	<i>Meteorologist in the Making</i>	Bruce Johnson
Central Text	<i>The Coquíes Still Sing</i>	Karina Nicole González

UNIT 4

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Tell Me a Story</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>The Magic Jugs</i>	Rodaan Al Galidi
Directed Text	<i>The Tale of the Trojan Horse</i>	Patrice Sherman
Central Text	<i>Daedalus and Icarus</i>	Lucy Coats
Companion Text	<i>Voices of Minos, Daedalus, and Icarus</i>	Anthony Dylan Scott
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Grandpa Shares a Story</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Hi'iaka's Pā'ū Skirt</i>	Noe Tupou
Directed Text	<i>Aesop's Fables</i>	Jerry Pinkney
Central Text	<i>The Courage of the Little Hummingbird</i>	Leah Henderson

UNIT 5

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Native Americans of the Northeastern Coast</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Braiding Corn</i>	Endawnis Spears
Directed Text	<i>A Trip to the Museum</i>	Christopher Newell
Central Text	<i>Keepunumuk: Wee'achumun's Thanksgiving Story</i>	Danielle Greendeer, Anthony Perry, and Alexis Bunten
Companion Text	<i>Hobbomock, the Sleeping Giant</i>	Wunneanatsu Lamb-Cason
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Starting Over</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Mary Chilton's Life in Plymouth</i>	Samuel Crompton
Directed Text	<i>A Close Look at Plymouth/Patuxet</i>	Sally Issacs
Central Text	<i>My View from the Shore</i>	Christopher Newell
Differentiated Texts	<i>The Ohlone: People of the Coast</i>	McGraw Hill
Differentiated Texts	<i>The Maidu: People of the Mountains</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 6

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Welcome to the World</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Amazing Adaptations</i>	Dr. Tamira Butler-Likely
Directed Text	<i>On the Move</i>	Zoe Sadozai Malik
Central Text	<i>Good Eating: The Short Life of Krill</i>	Matt Lilley
Companion Text	<i>Helping Nature Thrive</i>	Jeffery D. Sack
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Ready or Not</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Observing Nature in Haiku</i>	Laura Purdie Salas, Richard Wright, Mitsuhashi Takajo, Tsuda Kiyoko
Directed Text	<i>Rising from the Ashes</i>	Kevin Kurtz
Central Text	<i>A Leopard Diary: My Journey into the Hidden World of a Mother and Her Cubs [excerpts]</i>	Suzi Eszterhas

UNIT 7

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>The Power of Music</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Drums All the Way Home, Abuela Plays Songs of Rain, The Sounds of Chaos, Once Upon a Wind Chime Garden</i>	Anyéley Gomez-Dickerson
Directed Text	<i>Jayden's Musical Journey</i>	Dr. Gwendolyn Battle Lavert
Central Text	<i>La Mariachi</i>	Isabel Estrada
Companion Text	<i>The Legend of Ling Lun</i> <i>FQ: What does the legend show about Ling Lun and music?</i>	Mingmei Yip, PhD
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Visual Arts in the World</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Inside My Head, Elephant Box, Shading, Made of Amor</i>	Mariana Llanos
Directed Text	<i>Just Jerry: How Drawing Shaped My Life [excerpt]</i>	Jerry Pinkney
Central Text	<i>Ablaze with Color: A Story of Painter Alma Thomas</i>	Jeanne Walker Harvey

UNIT 8

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Buying, Selling, and Shipping</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>On the Go</i>	Anabel Encarnación
Directed Text	<i>Tala Saves the Day</i>	Ruta' Tauiliili-Mahuka
Central Text	<i>The Knish War on Rivington Street</i>	Joanne Oppenheim
Companion Text	<i>Swiss Cheese: The 'Hole' Story</i>	Rebecca Perry Salinas
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Goods and Services: The Key Ingredients</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>On the Go</i>	Samuel Acosta
Directed Text	<i>The Video Game Pioneer</i>	Anise Overton
Central Text	<i>John Deere, That's Who!</i>	Tracy Nelson Maurer
Differentiated Texts	<i>Making the Most of the Coast</i>	McGraw Hill
Differentiated Texts	<i>California Grows the World's Food</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 9

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>The Power to Move</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Unplugged</i>	Ingrid Moya
Directed Text	<i>Frank Einstein and the Electro-Finger (Frank Einstein series #2): Book Two (Chapter 7; excerpt)</i>	Jon Scieszka
Central Text	<i>Frank Einstein and the Electro-Finger (Frank Einstein series #2): Book Two (Chapters 9 & 11; excerpt)</i>	Jon Scieszka
Companion Text	<i>Frank Einstein and the Antimatter Motor (Frank Einstein series #1): Book One (Chapter 1; excerpt)</i>	Jon Scieszka
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Force Fields</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Early Discoveries of Magnets</i>	Nathalie Alonso
Directed Text	<i>What Goes Up Must Come Down</i>	Mariana Llanos
Central Text	<i>Invisible Forces!</i>	Ailynn Collins
Differentiated Texts	<i>The Ohlone: People of the Coast</i>	McGraw Hill
Differentiated Texts	<i>The Maidu: People of the Mountains</i>	McGraw Hill



Grade 4 Texts

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UNIT 1

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>An Adventure in Discovery</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>A Place of their Own</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>You Can Be Both</i>	Andres Pi Andreu and Elizabeth Smith
Central Text	<i>Finding Langston</i>	Lesa Cline-Ransom
Companion Text	<i>"Dreams" and "Freedom"</i>	Langston Hughes
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>How Books and Poems Inspire Us</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Linda Sue Park: Finding Her Voice</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>Monkeys Galore</i>	R.J. Greenberg
Directed Text	<i>Time for a Change</i>	Tilly Mantus
Central Text	<i>"Collecting Words" and "Writing Secrets"</i>	Pat Mora
Central Text	<i>Stomp</i>	Nikki Grimes
Central Text	<i>Sophie</i>	Steven Herrick

UNIT 2

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>A Bird's Eye View of the US Government</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>How Laws Are Made</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>Patsy Mink: Changing Lives with Title IX</i>	Carol Saller
Central Text	<i>The Only Woman in the Photo: Frances Perkins & Her New Deal for America</i>	Kathleen Krull
Companion Text	<i>How Do We Make Change Happen?</i>	Roxane Ferber
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>A Case Study in Women's Suffrage</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Making the Tough Decisions</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>A Fight for Equality</i>	Clara A. Lozano
Central Text	<i>The First Step: How One Girl Put Segregation on Trial</i>	Susan E. Goodman
Skills Practice Text	<i>California's Plastic Bag Bans</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Text	<i>The US and California Constitutions</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 3

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Shaping the Land</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>The Tale of Two Volcanoes</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>The Galveston Hurricane of 1900</i>	Rebecca Kulik
Central Text	<i>The Deadliest Fires Then and Now</i>	Deborah Hopkinson
Companion Text	<i>A Closer Look at Earthquakes</i>	Gayleen Rabakukk
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Formed by Erosion</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Finding Fossils</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>North America's Highest Peak</i>	Diana Tang
Central Text	<i>Caves</i>	Nell Cross Beckerman

UNIT 4

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Preserving Stories</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Storytelling Through the Ages</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>Amaterasu, Goddess of the Sun</i>	Kuniko Katz
Central Text	<i>I Am Hermes! Mischief-Making Messenger of the Gods</i>	Mordicai Gerstein
Companion Text	<i>Why Mount Etna Breathes Fire: A Play Based on Greek Mythology</i>	Pat Betteley
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Tales Across Cultures</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>The Tales They Told</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>Hualachi and the Magic Sandals: Retelling of a Peruvian/Incan Folktale</i>	Carla Mino
Central Text	<i>Crowned: Magical Folk and Fairy Tales from the Diaspora</i>	Kahran and Regis Bethencourt

UNIT 5

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Crossing the Land</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>The Fur Trade</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>Buffalo and Horses Among Our People</i>	Roberta "Bobbie" Conner
Central Text	<i>Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend</i>	Donald F. Montileaux; Lakota translation by Agnes Gay
Companion Text	<i>The Return of the American Bison</i>	Theresa Morlock
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Moving to the West</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Finding Freedom in the West</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>A New Path for Ignacio</i>	Magdalena Mata
Central Text	<i>The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner</i>	Laurence Yep
Concept Knowledge Text	<i>The Path Westward</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 6

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Living in a Rainforest Ecosystem</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>The Life-Giving Power of Plants</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices ("Grasshoppers" and "Fireflies")	Paul Fleischman
Central Text	<i>Predator and Prey: A Conversation in Verse</i>	Susannah Buhrman-Deever
Companion Text	<i>The Food Debate: On the Land or Indoors?</i>	John D. Shabe
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Surviving the Mojave Desert</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Tricks and Treats</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>Animals at Night</i>	Gina Dalessio
Central Text	<i>Luminous: Living Things That Light Up the Night</i>	Julia Kuo

UNIT 7

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Exploring Different Forms of Art</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Public Art Connects People</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>The Piece Garden</i>	Judie Offerdahl
Central Text	<i>The Boy of a Thousand Faces</i>	Brian Selznick
Companion Text	<i>Banding Together</i>	Evelin Alvarez
Companion Text	<i>The Storyteller Gets Her Name</i>	Ari Tison
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Putting on a Play</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>All the World's a Stage</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>Dylan's Decision</i>	L. M. Forest
Central Text	<i>The Bridge to Harmony</i>	Pablo Cartaya

UNIT 8

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>A Driving Force in the Economy</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Corporate Chains and Locally Owned Businesses</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>Taking Charge: Fundraising Is Good for Kids</i>	Carla Mino
Central Text	<i>Buy Local: Where You Spend Your Money Matters</i>	Art Coulson
Companion Text	<i>Classroom Entrepreneurs</i>	Brinda Gupta
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Businesses Solving Problems</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Choosing Wisely: Opportunity Costs</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>Business (Not) as Usual</i>	Michael Burgess
Central Text	<i>Stef Soto, Taco Queen</i>	Jennifer Torres
Differentiated Texts	<i>Saddle Up: The Pony Express</i>	McGraw Hill
Differentiated Texts	<i>California Helps Feed the World</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 9

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Sources of Energy</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Powering Our Lives: Energy Through the Ages</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	Mária Telkes, the Sun Queen	Glynn Gomes
Central Text	<i>Lewis Latimer: Engineering Wizard</i>	Denise Lewis Patrick
Companion Text	<i>Birth of the Battery</i>	Ryan Bishop
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>The Energy of Play</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Potential, Kinetic</i>	McGraw Hill
Directed Text	<i>Solar Girl</i>	Nicholas Solis
Central Text	<i>Lily on Planet Emilon</i>	Sylvia Liu



Grade 5 Texts **Bold text** indicates authentic texts/titles.

UNIT 1

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Finding Ourselves in Literature</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Friendship by the Book!</i>	Cindy Kane
Directed Text	<i>The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue, Chapter 1</i>	Karina Yan Glaser
Central Text	<i>The Vanderbeekers to the Rescue, Chapter 2-3</i>	Karina Yan Glaser
Companion Text	<i>Making a Difference in the Peace Corps</i>	Rebecca Kulik
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Seeing the World Through Poetry</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Thank You, Yolanda</i>	Andres Pi Andreu
Directed Text	<i>Hardships; A Cooking Lesson; Team Sports</i>	Mae Bedner & Dennis Francis
Central Text	<i>Dictionary for a Better World: Poems, Quotes and Anecdotes from A to Z</i>	Irene Latham & Charles Waters

UNIT 2

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Influencing the US Government</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>The Mayflower Compact</i>	Julia Garstecki Derkovitz
Directed Text	<i>Rhode Island's Lively Experiment in Freedom</i>	Jan Fields
Central Text	<i>For Which We Stand: How Our Government Works and Why It Matters</i>	Jeff Foster
Companion Text	<i>Why the Articles of Confederation Had to Be Replaced</i>	Marlene Greil
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Expanding Rights in the United States</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>The Children's Crusade</i>	Lisa Benjamin
Directed Text	<i>A Fight For Citizenship</i>	Fanny Kam Wong
Central Text	<i>Rolling Warrior: The Incredible, Sometimes Awkward, True Story of a Rebel Girl on Wheels Who Helped Spark a Revolution</i>	Judith Heumann
Concept Knowledge Text	<i>Understanding "The America's Creed"</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Text	<i>America's Unofficial National Anthem</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 3

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>The Moon and Earth</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Reaching for Outer Space</i>	Susan Johnston Taylor
Directed Text	<i>Across the Sky</i>	Amie Leavitt
Central Text	<i>The Science of Space with Astronaut Victor J. Glover</i>	Christine Taylor-Butler
Companion Text	<i>Mission from Venus</i>	Sharon Cytrynbaum
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>The Progression of Space Travel</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>A Universe of Possibilities</i>	Mariana Llanos
Directed Text	<i>The Space Race</i>	Renee Carver
Central Text	<i>How We Got to the Moon: The People, Technology, and Daring Feats of Science Behind Humanity's Greatest Adventure</i>	John Rocco

UNIT 4

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Traditional Narratives</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Tales of Hope: The African American Folktale Tradition</i>	Lisa Benjamin
Directed Text	<i>Coyote Gets Fooled Again</i>	Alicia Salazar
Central Text	<i>How Maui Slowed the Sun</i>	Albert Belz
Companion Text	<i>Why Thunder Is a Friend to the Cherokees</i>	Gayle Ross
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Why We Share Stories</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Turning a New Page</i>	Brian Krumm
Directed Text	<i>Paxton Tells a Tale</i>	Judie Offerdahl
Central Text	<i>How the Stars Came to Be</i>	Poonam Mistry

UNIT 5

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Voices of the American Revolution</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Sparking the Revolution</i>	Matt Desenberg
Directed Text	<i>Rumblings of a Revolution</i>	Diana Tang
Central Text	<i>Sybil Ludington Rides to the Rescue</i>	Jessica Gunderson
Companion Text	<i>Heart and Soul: The Story of America and African Americans</i>	Kadir Nelson
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Turning Points of the American Revolution</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Benedict Arnold: Hero or Traitor?</i>	Brinda Gupta
Directed Text	<i>The Call of Liberty: Women and the American Revolution</i>	Christina Dendy
Central Text	<i>Forgotten Founders: Black Patriots, Women Soldiers, and Other Thinkers and Heroes Who Shaped Early America</i>	Miffin Lowe
Concept Knowledge Text	<i>The Revolutionary Correspondence</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Text	<i>The Revolutionary Work of Colonial Women</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 6

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>The Pika's Rocky Mountain Ecosystem</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Living Things Need Energy</i>	Gina Dalessio
Directed Text	<i>Save it for the Soil</i>	Gayleen Rabakukk
Central Text	<i>The Grizzly Mother</i>	Hetxw'ms Gyetxw (Brett D. Huson)
Companion Text	<i>The Life of a Pond</i>	Lisa Benjamin
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Growing Our Food</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Ynes Mexia: Blazing Trails in Botany</i>	Michelle Garcia Andersen
Directed Text	<i>Everyone Should Have a Plant</i>	Glynn Gomes
Central Text	<i>Community Gardens: Why Every City Should Have One</i>	Melina Mangal

UNIT 7

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Art Creates Community</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Folk Songs: Heart to Heart</i>	Evelin Alvarez
Directed Text	<i>Bottle Tops: The Art of El Anatsui</i>	Alison Goldberg
Central Text	<i>Danza!: Amalia Hernandez and El Ballet Folklórico de Mexico</i>	Duncan Tonatiuh
Companion Text	<i>Art Club Adventure</i>	Sharon Eisenberg Cytrynbaum
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Crafting Around the World</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>A Family Tradition</i>	Frank Flores
Directed Text	<i>Taking the Stage</i>	Mylo Lam
Central Text	<i>Woven of the World</i>	Katy Howes

UNIT 8

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>What Is an Economy?</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Riverwood, Then and Now</i>	Michael Burgess
Directed Text	<i>The Big Junction</i>	Glynn Gomes
Central Text	<i>“The Great Depression Begins” from Fighting for the Forest: How FDR’s Civilian Conservation Corps Helped Save America</i>	P. O’Connell Pearson
Companion Text	<i>Unsung Heroes of the Civilian Conservation Corps</i>	Zoe Wells
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>How Are Coins Made</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Opening the Bibliobank</i>	Ryan Bishop
Directed Text	<i>How Credit Unions Make Your Community Stronger</i>	Andres Pi Andreu
Central Text	<i>What Banks Do With Money</i>	Janet & Melinda Liu
Concept Knowledge Text	<i>Foundations of Power and Wealth: Early Colonial Systems in North America</i>	McGraw Hill
Concept Knowledge Text	<i>Trade on the Old Spanish Trail</i>	McGraw Hill

UNIT 9

Text Type	Title	Author
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Science of Matter: Winter Edition</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>How Glass Is Made</i>	Andres Flores
Directed Text	<i>Journey to the Northern Lights</i>	Liz Smith
Central Text	<i>How to Thaw a Cold Shoulder</i>	Jennifer Torres
Companion Text	<i>Up, Up, and Away!</i>	Nicholas Solis
Concept Knowledge Multimedia	<i>Scientists Who Studied Matter</i>	McGraw Hill
Read Aloud	<i>Foggy Night</i>	Wanda Phipps
Directed Text	<i>What’s Wrong with Rust?</i>	Jamal Belahmira, PE
Central Text	<i>Starting from Scratch: What You Should Know about Food and Cooking</i>	Sarah Elton

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