



EXPEDITIONARY  
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# Grade 4: Module 3A: Unit 3:

## Recommended Texts



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Unit 3 focuses on simple machines and how those machines are used in modern life. 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. 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 levels 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)

- Grade 2–3: 420–820L
- Grade 4–5: 740–1010L
- Grade 6–8: 925–1185L

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<b>Lexile text measures below band level (below 740L)</b>			
<i>Bicycle Book</i>	Gail Gibbons (author)	Informational	530
<i>Construction Toys</i>	Wendy Sadler (author)	Informational	670
<i>The Inventions of Eli Whitney: The Cotton Gin</i>	Holly Cefrey (author)	Informational	725*

\*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<b>Lexile text measures within band level (740-1010L)</b>			
<i>The History of Everyday Life</i>	Elaine Landau (author)	Informational	760*
<i>The Bicycle</i>	Larry Hills (author)	Informational	775*
<i>Household Inventions: From Toilets to Toasters</i>	Natalie Lunis (author)	Informational	840
<i>How Do Hybrid Cars Work?</i>	Richard Hantula (author)	Informational	840*
<i>So You Want to Be an Inventor?</i>	Judith St. George (author)	Informational	840
<i>Reinvent the Wheel: Make Classic Inventions, Discover Your Problem-Solving Genius, and Take the Inventor's Challenge</i>	Ruth Kassinger (author)	Informational	890*
<i>Inventors Who Changed the World</i>	Angela Royston (author)	Informational	900*
<i>The Chinese Thought of It: Amazing Inventions and Innovations</i>	Ting-xing Ye (author)	Informational	910*
<b>Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)</b>			
<i>Whose Idea Was That? Inventions that Changed Our Lives</i>	David Ellyard (author)	Informational	1010*
<i>Gadgets and Inventions</i>	Neil Morris (author)	Informational	1060
<i>Mighty Machines</i>	Ian Graham (author)	Informational	1080

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