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# Grade 5: Module 3A: Unit 3: Recommended Texts



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Unit 3 builds students’ background knowledge of Althea Gibson and Roberto Clemente and how these athletes broke racial barriers and created legacies. 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 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 ranges that correspond to Common Core Bands: below-grade band, within band, and above-grade 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>Roberto Clemente: A Life of Generosity</i>	Sheila Anderson (author)	Biography	550
<i>We'll Never Forget You, Roberto Clemente</i>	Trudie Engel (author)	Biography	680
<i>Roberto Clemente: Baseball Legend</i>	Nick Healy (author)	Biography	750*
<i>Ladies First: Women Athletes Who Made a Difference</i>	Ken Rappoport (author)	Collective Biography	760*

\*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>Roberto Clemente: Pride of the Pittsburgh Pirates</i>	Jonah Winter (Author)	Biography	800
<i>Pride of Puerto Rico: The Life of Roberto Clemente</i>	Paul Robert Walker (author)	Biography	800
<i>Nothing but Trouble: The Story of Althea Gibson</i>	Sue Stauffacher (author)	Biography	810
<i>Roberto Clemente: Young Baseball Player</i>	Montrew Dunham (author)	Biography	870
<i>Playing to Win: The Story of Althea Gibson</i>	Karen Deans (author)	Biography	890
<i>Roberto Clemente: Baseball's Humanitarian Hero</i>	Heron Marquez (author)	Biography	930*
<i>Roberto Clemente</i>	Susan Muaddi Darraj and Rob Maaddi (authors)	Biography	950*
<b>Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)</b>			
<i>Roberto Clemente: Baseball Hall of Famer</i>	William W. Lace (author)	Biography	1010*
<i>Roberto Clemente: Baseball Player</i>	Jerry Roberts (author)	Biography	1040*
<i>Charging the Net: A History of Blacks in Tennis from Althea Gibson and Arthur Ashe to the William Sisters</i>	Cecil Harris and Larryette Kyle-DeBose (authors)	Informational	No Lexile (AD)
<i>Born to Win: The Authorized Biography of Althea Gibson</i>	Frances Clayton Gray and Yanick Rice Lamb (authors)	Biography	No Lexile (AD)

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<b>Weblinks</b>			
<i>Althea Gibson Broke Barriers</i>	<a href="http://espn.go.com/sportscentury/">http://espn.go.com/sportscentury/</a>	Biography	1040
<i>Althea Gibson Won Again!</i>	<a href="http://www.americaslibrary.gov">http://www.americaslibrary.gov</a>	860	1070
<i>Biography of Althea Gibson</i>	<a href="http://www.altheagibson.com">http://www.altheagibson.com</a>	960	1140