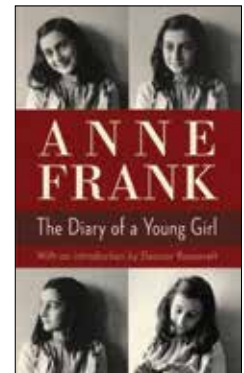
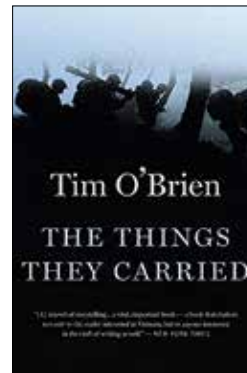
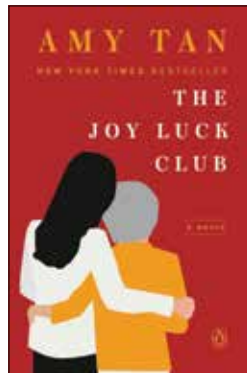
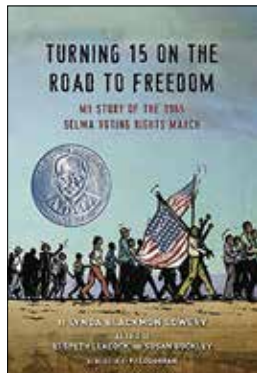
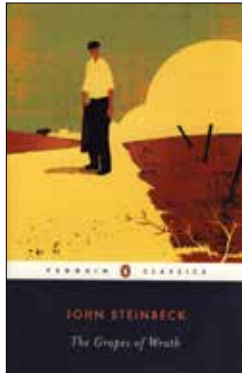


Thematic Text Sets

Further extend study of the *Literature & Thought* titles using thematically-related, engaging novels and informational texts. These titles provide opportunities for students to relate the readings from a *Literature & Thought* title to aligned longer works.

Historical Events & Eras



American Frontier

Lexile 680–1090

- NF Black Frontiers: A History of African American Heroes in the Old West, Schlissel
- Blood and Thunder: An Epic of the American West, Sides
- The Cherokee Trail, L'Amour
- NF Children of the Wild West, Freedman
- Giants in the Earth, Rolvaag
- Mr. Tucket, Paulsen
- My Antonia, Cather
- O Pioneers!, Cather
- Shane, Schaefer
- The Sign of the Beaver, Speare
- Soldier Boy, Burks
- Weasel, DeFelice

Civil Rights

Lexile 760–1140

- NF The Autobiography of Malcolm X, X with Haley
- NF Black Boy, Wright
- NF Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice, Hoose
- NF The Forbidden Schoolhouse: The True and Dramatic Story of Prudence Crandall and Her Students, Jurmain
- NF Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Freedman
- NF March: Book One, Lewis
- NF March: Book Two, Lewis
- NF Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass: An American Slave, Douglass
- NF A Time to Break Silence: The Essential Works of Martin Luther King, Jr., for Students, King Jr.
- NF Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March, Lowery
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963, Curtis
- NF A Wreath for Emmett Till, Nelson

The Civil War

Lexile 610–1300

- Across Five Aprils, Hunt
- Brotherhood, Westrick
- Coal Black Horse, Olmstead
- The Killer Angels, Shaara
- NF Lincoln: A Photobiography, Freedman
- The Red Badge of Courage, Crane
- Secrets of a Civil War Submarine: Solving the Mysteries of the H.L. Hunley, Walker
- Soldier's Heart, Paulsen
- NF What They Fought For: 1861–1865, McPherson
- With Every Drop of Blood, Collier & Collier

The Great Depression

Lexile GN430–1120

- Blue Willow, Gates
- NF Children of the Dust Bowl, Stanley
- Esperanza Rising, Ryan
- The Grapes of Wrath, Steinbeck
- NF The Great American Dust Bowl, Brown
- The Great Gatsby, Fitzgerald
- NF Growing Up, Baker
- Ida Early Comes Over the Mountain, Burch
- No Promises in the Wind, Hunt
- Out of the Dust, Hesse
- The Storm in the Barn, Phelan
- Water for Elephants, Gruen

The Harlem Renaissance

Lexile 780–1280

- NF Becoming Billie Holiday, Weatherford
- Celeste's Harlem Renaissance, Tate
- The Dream Keeper and Other Poems, Hughes
- NF Duke: A Life of Duke Ellington, Teachout
- Go Tell It on the Mountain, Baldwin
- Harlem: A Poem, Myers
- Here in Harlem: Poems in Many Voices, Myers
- Lift Every Voice and Sing: Selected Poems, Johnson
- The Panther and the Lash: Poems of Our Times, Hughes
- The Portable Harlem Renaissance Reader, Lewis
- NF The Souls of Black Folk, DuBois
- Their Eyes Were Watching God, Hurston

The Holocaust

Lexile 570–1190

- NF Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl, Frank
- NF Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust, Rappaport
- The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, Boyne
- NF Hidden Like Anne Frank: 14 True Stories of Survival, Prins & Henk Steenhuis
- NF Kristallnacht: The Nazi Terror That Began the Holocaust, Deem
- NF Night, Wiesel
- Number the Stars, Lowry
- NF Rescue: The Story of How Gentiles Saved Jews in the Holocaust, Meltzer
- Schindler's List, Keneally
- NF The Seamstress: A Memoir of Survival, Bernstein
- NF Tell Them We Remember: The Story of the Holocaust, Bachrach
- NF We Are Witnesses: Five Diaries of Teenagers Who Died in the Holocaust, Boas

Immigration

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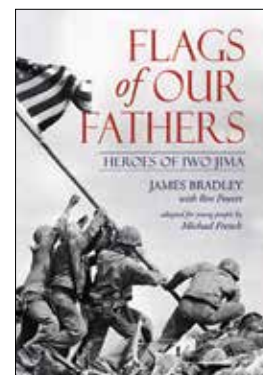
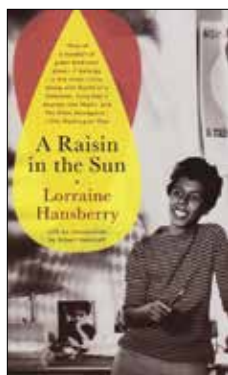
- NF The African American Family Album, Hoobler & Hoobler
- Children of the River, Crew
- Dreaming in Cuban, Garcia
- NF Enrique's Journey: The True Story of a Boy Determined to Reunite With His Mother (young adult), Nazario
- NF Immigrant Kids, Freedman
- The Joy Luck Club, Tan
- Letters from Rifka, Hesse
- The Namesake: A Novel, Lahiri
- NF The New Kids: Big Dreams and Brave Journeys at a High School for Immigrant Teens, Hauser
- NF Reaching Out, Jimenez
- NF Undocumented: A Dominican Boy's Odyssey from a Homeless Shelter to the Ivy League, Peralta
- Year of Impossible Goodbyes, Choi

Vietnam and the 60s

Lexile 710–930

- NF Bloods: An Oral History of the Vietnam War by Black Veterans, Terry
- Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam, Kadohata
- Death Coming Up the Hill, Crowe
- NF Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy, Warren
- Everybody Sees the Ants, King
- Fallout, Strasser
- The Golden Day, Dubosarsky
- Okay for Now, Schmidt
- NF Ready for a Brand New Beat: How "Dancing in the Street" Became the Anthem for a Changing America, Kurlansky
- NF A Rumor of War, Caputo
- The Things They Carried, O'Brien
- NF Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March, Lowery

Literary Themes



Decisions

Lexile 670–1130

- All American Boys, Reynolds & Kiely
- NF Be a Changemaker: How to Start Something That Matters, Thompson
- NF Breaking Night: A Memoir of Forgiveness, Survival, and My Journey from Homeless to Harvard, Murray
- Bystander, Preller
- Choosing Up Sides, Ritter
- The Contender, Lipsyte
- A Day No Pigs Would Die, Peck
- Gabi, a Girl in Pieces, Quintero
- Ghost Hawk, Cooper
- NF A Hope in the Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League, Suskind
- Twisted, Anderson

Family

Lexile GN300–980

- The Bean Trees, Kingsolver
- NF Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction, Sheff
- Black Box, Schumacher
- Fathers and Sons, Turgeniev
- The Glory Field, Myers
- House of the Red Fish, Salisbury
- The Outsiders, Hinton
- A Raisin in the Sun, Hansberry
- This One Summer, Tamaki
- Walk Two Moons, Creech
- The War with Grandpa, Smith
- NF We Beat the Street: How a Friendship Pact Led to Success, Davis

Friendship

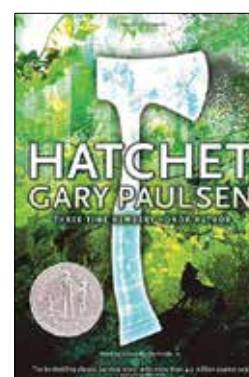
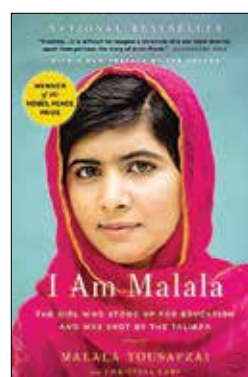
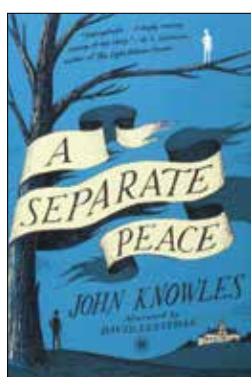
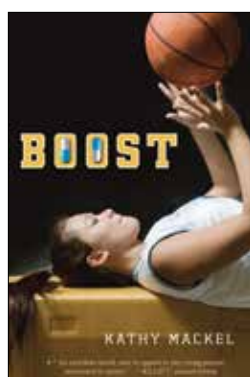
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- An Abundance of Katherines, Green
- Bluefish, Schmatz
- Bridge to Terabithia, Paterson
- Darius & Twig, Myers
- If I Ever Get Out of Here, Garnsworth
- Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy, Schmidt
- Master Harold . . . and the Boys, Fugard
- Of Mice and Men, Steinbeck
- A Separate Peace, Knowles
- The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants, Brashares
- Stargirl, Spinelli
- The Vigilante Poets of Selwyn Academy, Hattener

Heroism

Lexile 680–1220

- Bud, Not Buddy, Curtis
- Chains, Anderson
- Ender's Game, Card
- NF Flags of Our Fathers: Heroes of Iwo Jima, Bradley
- Flygirl, Smith
- NF Frozen in Time: An Epic Story of Survival and a Modern Quest for Lost Heroes of World War II, Zuckoff
- Heart of a Samurai, Preus
- NF I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban, Yousafzai
- NF Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World (young adult), Kidder
- NF Rosa Parks: My Story, Parks with Haskins
- Something for Joey, Peck
- NF The Warrior's Heart: Becoming a Man of Compassion and Courage, Greitens



Identity

Lexile 570–1190

- The Awakening, Chopin
- Boost, Mackel
- The Catcher in the Rye, Salinger
- The Chocolate War, Cormier
- Girls Like Us, Giles
- The Midwife's Apprentice, Cushman
- A Separate Peace, Knowles
- The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Avi
- Turtle in Paradise, Holm
- Uglies, Westerfeld
- The Unfinished Life of Addison Stone, Griffin
- What Hearts, Brooks

Justice

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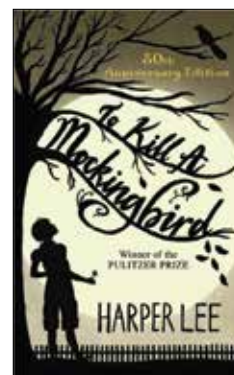
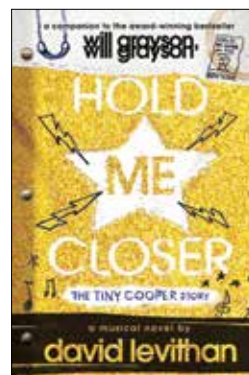
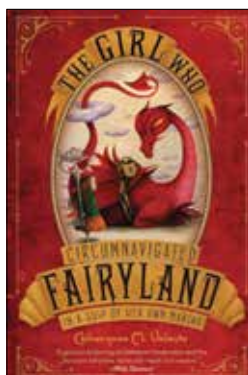
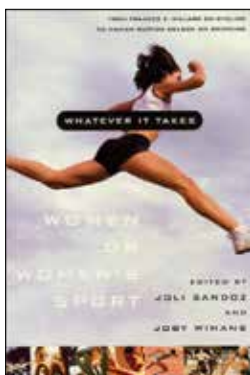
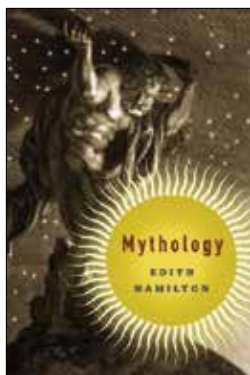
- NF Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: An Indian History of the American West, Brown
- Driver's Ed, Cooney
- NF Farewell to Manzanar, Houston & Houston
- Holes, Sachar
- NF Left for Dead: A Young Man's Search for Justice for the USS Indianapolis, Nelson
- The Merchant of Venice Parallel Text, Shakespeare
- Nothing but the Truth, Avi
- NF Race to Incarcerate: A Graphic Retelling, Maurer
- Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind, Staples
- Scorpions, Myers
- To Kill a Mockingbird, Lee
- Under the Blood-Red Sun, Salisbury

Survival

Lexile 550–1210

- NF Between a Rock and a Hard Place, Ralston
- Call It Courage, Sperry
- The Edge, Smith
- Hatchet, Paulsen
- The Honest Truth, Gemeinhart
- Red Sea, Tullson
- Stolen, Christopher
- NF Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption, Hildenbrand
- Walkabout, Marshall
- War Brothers: The Graphic Novel, McKay
- When I Was the Greatest, Reynolds
- NF Winterdance: The Fine Madness of Running the Iditarod, Paulsen

Literary Genres



Ecology

Lexile 680–1200

- The Ancient One, *Barron*
 NF Earth-Friendly Waste Management, *Wilcox*
 NF Eyes Wide Open: Going Behind the Environmental Headlines, *Fleischman*
 Hoot, *Hiaasen*
 NF An Inconvenient Truth, *Gore*
 NF The Knowledge: How to Rebuild Civilization in the Aftermath of a Cataclysm, *Dartnell*
 NF Pilgrim at Tinker Creek, *Dillard*
 NF Rachel Carson: Fighting Pesticides and Other Chemical Pollutants, *Lantier*
 NF The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History, *Kolbert*
 Tangerine, *Bloor*
 NF Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion, *Burns*
 The Weirido, *Taylor*

Fantasy

Lexile 600–940

- Artemis Fowl, *Colfer*
 Belzhar, *Wolitzer*
 Dealing with Dragons, *Wrede*
 Dragonflight, *McCaffrey*
 An Ember in the Ashes, *Tahir*
 The Game of Love and Death, *Brockengrough*
 The Girl Who Circumnavigated Fairyland in a Ship of Her Own Making, *Valente*
 Inkheart, *Funke*
 The Picture of Dorian Gray and Three Stories, *Wilde*
 The Rainbow People, *Yep*
 A Wrinkle in Time, *L'Engle*

Humor

Lexile GN320–950

- The Cat Ate My Gynsuit, *Danziger*
 The Complete Short Stories of Mark Twain, *Twain*
 Dead End in Norvelt, *Gantos*
 The Disreputable History of Frankie Landau-Banks, *Lockhart*
 Everything on a Waffle, *Horvath*
 Hold Me Closer: The Tiny Cooper Story, *Levithan*
 No More Dead Dogs, *Korman*
 100 Sideways Miles, *Smith*
 Sisters, *Telgemeier*
 Sway, *Spears*
 Thwunk, *Bauer*

Mystery

Lexile HL270–790

- And Then There Were None (Ten Little Indians), *Christie*
 Cat Burglar Black, *Sala*
 Chime, *Billingsley*
 Forget Me, *Harrington*
 I, Witness, *McClintock*
 In the Middle of the Night, *Cormier*
 Murder on the Orient Express, *Christie*
 Nightmare, *Nixon*
 Picture Me Gone, *Rosoff*
 Someone Was Watching, *Patneade*
 Through the Woods, *Carroll*
 The Westing Game, *Raskin*

Mythology

Lexile GN540–1090

- Antigone, *Sophocles*
 Beowulf: A New Telling, *Nye*
 The Epic of Gilgamesh: The Babylonian Epic Poem and Other Texts in Akkadian and Sumerian, *George*
 Gods and Goddesses, *Ganeri*
 Greek Gods and Heroes, *Graves*
 Hercules: The Twelve Labors: A Greek Myth, *Storrie*
 The Lightning Thief, *Riordan*
 The Lost Hero, *Riordan*
 Mythology, *Hamilton*
 Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes, *Hamilton*
 The Odyssey, *Homer*
 Poseidon: Earth Shaker, *O'Connor*

Science Fiction

Lexile GN570–1010

- The Adoration of Jenna Fox, *Pearson*
 Eva, *Dickinson*
 The House of the Scorpion, *Farmer*
 Jurassic Park, *Crichton*
 The Last Book in the Universe, *Philbrick*
 The Martian, *Weir*
 Meteor Men, *Parker*
 Noggin, *Whaley*
 Ship Breaker, *Bacigalupi*
 Singularity, *Sleator*
 The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm, *Farmer*
 Ugliest, *Westerfeld*

Sports

Lexile 750–1020

- Baseball in April and Other Stories, *Soto*
 Boys in the Boat: The True Story of an American Team's Epic Journey to Win Gold at the 1936 Olympics (young reader's adaptation), *Brown*
 Call Me by My Name, *Bradley*
 NF The Game of My Life: A True Story of Challenge, Triumph, and Growing up Autistic, *McElwain*
 Heat, *Lupica*
 Jim Thorpe: Original All-American, *Bruchac*
 Losing Is Not An Option, *Wallace*
 NF Running with the Kenyans: Discovering the Secrets of the Fastest People on Earth, *Finn*
 Shoeless Joe, *Kinsella*
 NF Swimming to Antarctica: Tales of a Long Distance Swimmer, *Cox*
 Taking Sides, *Soto*
 Whatever It Takes: Women on Women's Sport, *Sandoz & Winans, eds.*

Government & Current Events

American Government

Lexile 610–1350

- NF Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution, *Bober*
 Common Sense & The Crisis, *Paine*
 NF The Great American Documents: Volume 1: 1620–1830, *Ashby*
 The Federalist Papers, *Hamilton*
 The Killer Angels, *Shaara*
 NF Voices of a People's History of the United States, *Zinn*

Liberty

Lexile 870–1350

- Fahrenheit 451, *Bradbury*
 The Federalist Papers, *Hamilton*
 Lift Every Voice and Sing: Selected Poems, *Johnson*
 New Boy, *Houston*
 To Kill a Mockingbird, *Lee*
 NF The Words We Live By: Your Annotated Guide to the Constitution, *Monk*

The Three Branches of Government

Lexile HL560–1420

- Crime and Punishment, *Dostoyevsky*
 How It Went Down, *Magoon*
 Inherit the Wind, *Lawrence & Lee*
 The Scarlet Letter, *Hawthorne*
 NF Sisters in Law: How Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg Went to the Supreme Court and Changed the World, *Hirshman*
 NF They Broke the Law: You Be the Judge: True Cases of Teen Crime, *Jacobs*