

Grades 9–10 Text Exemplars

Stories

Homer. The Odyssey

Ovid. Metamorphoses

Gogol, Nikolai. “The Nose.”

De Voltaire, F. A. M. Candide, Or The Optimist

Turgenev, Ivan. Fathers and Sons

Henry, O. “The Gift of the Magi.”

Kafka, Franz. The

Metamorphosis

Steinbeck, John. The

Grapes of Wrath

Bradbury, Ray. Fahrenheit 451

Olsen, Tillie. “I Stand Here Ironing.”

Achebe, Chinua. Things Fall Apart

Lee, Harper. To Kill A Mockingbird

Shaara, Michael. The Killer Angels

Tan, Amy. The Joy Luck Club

Álvarez, Julia. In the Time of the Butterflies

Zusak, Marcus. The Book Thief

Drama

Sophocles. Oedipus Rex.

Shakespeare, William. The Tragedy of Macbeth.

Ibsen, Henrik. A Doll’s House

Williams, Tennessee. The Glass Menagerie

Ionesco, Eugene. Rhinoceros

Fugard, Athol. “Master Harold” ...and the boys.

Poetry

Shakespeare, William. “Sonnet 73.”

Donne, John. "Song."
Shelley, Percy Bysshe. "Ozymandias."
Poe, Edgar Allan. "The Raven."
Dickinson, Emily. "We Grow Accustomed to the Dark."
Houseman, A. E. "Loveliest of Trees."
Johnson, James Weldon. "Lift Every Voice and Sing."
Cullen, Countee. "Yet Do I Marvel."
Auden, Wystan Hugh. "Musée des Beaux Arts."
Walker, Alice. "Women."
Baca, Jimmy Santiago. "I Am Offering This Poem to You."

Informational Texts: English Language Arts

Henry, Patrick. "Speech to the Second Virginia Convention."
Washington, George. "Farewell Address."
Lincoln, Abraham. "Gettysburg Address."
Lincoln, Abraham. "Second Inaugural Address."
Roosevelt, Franklin Delano. "State of the Union Address."
Hand, Learned. "I Am an American Day Address."
Smith, Margaret Chase. "Remarks to the Senate in Support of a Declaration of Conscience."
King, Jr., Martin Luther. "Letter from Birmingham Jail."
King, Jr., Martin Luther. "I Have a Dream: Address Delivered at the March on Washington, D.C., for Civil Rights on August 28, 1963."
Angelou, Maya. "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"
Wiesel, Elie. "Hope, Despair and Memory."
Reagan, Ronald. "Address to Students at Moscow State University."
Quindlen, Anna. "A Quilt of a Country."

Informational Texts: History/Social Studies

Brown, Dee. "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee:"

An Indian History of the American West

Connell, Evan S. Son of the Morning Star: Custer and the Little Bighorn

Gombrich, E. H. The Story of Art, 16th Edition

Kurlansky, Mark. Cod: A Biography of the Fish That Changed the World

Haskins, Jim. Black, Blue and Gray: African Americans in the Civil War

Dash, Joan. The Longitude Prize

Thompson, Wendy. The Illustrated Book of Great Composers

Mann, Charles C. Before Columbus: The Americas of 1491

Informational Texts: Science, Mathematics, and Technical Subjects

Euclid. Elements

Cannon, Annie J. "Classifying the Stars."

Walker, Jearl. "Amusement Park Physics."

Preston, Richard. The Hot Zone: A Terrifying True Story

Devlin, Keith. Life by the Numbers

Hoose, Phillip. The Race to Save Lord God Bird

Hakim, Joy. The Story of Science: Newton at the Center

Nicastro, Nicholas. Circumference: Eratosthenes and the Ancient Quest to Measure the Globe

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency/U.S. Department of Energy.

Recommended Levels of Insulation

Grades 11–CCR Text Exemplars

Stories

Chaucer, Geoffrey. The Canterbury Tales

de Cervantes, Miguel. Don Quixote

Austen, Jane. Pride and Prejudice

Poe, Edgar Allan. "The Cask of Amontillado."

Brontë, Charlotte. Jane Eyre

Hawthorne, Nathaniel. The Scarlet Letter

Dostoevsky, Fyodor. Crime and Punishment
Jewett, Sarah Orne. "A White Heron."
Melville, Herman. Billy Budd, Sailor
Chekhov, Anton. "Home."
Fitzgerald, F. Scott. The Great Gatsby
Faulkner, William. As I Lay Dying
Hemingway, Ernest. A Farewell to Arms
Hurstun, Zora Neale. Their Eyes Were Watching God
Borges, Jorge Luis. "The Garden of Forking Paths."
Bellow, Saul. The Adventures of Augie March
Morrison, Toni. The Bluest
Eye
Dreaming in Cuban
Lahiri, Jhumpa. The Namesake

Garcia, Cristina.

Drama

Shakespeare, William. The Tragedy of Hamlet
Molière, Jean-Baptiste Poquelin. Tartuffe
Wilde, Oscar. The Importance of Being Earnest
Wilder, Thornton. Our Town: A Play in Three Acts
Miller, Arthur. Death of a Salesman
Hansberry, Lorraine. A Raisin in the Sun
Soyinka, Wole. Death and the King's Horseman: A Play

Poetry

Li Po. "A Poem of Changgan."
Donne, John. "A Valediction Forbidding Mourning."
Wheatley, Phyllis. "On Being Brought From Africa to America."
Keats, John. "Ode on a Grecian Urn."
Whitman, Walt. "Song of Myself."

Dickinson, Emily. "Because I Could Not Stop for Death."

Tagore, Rabindranath. "Song VII."

Eliot, T. S. "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock."

Pound, Ezra. "The River Merchant's Wife: A Letter."

Frost, Robert. "Mending Wall."

Neruda, Pablo. "Ode to My Suit."

Bishop, Elizabeth. "Sestina."

Ortiz Cofer, Judith. "The Latin Deli: An Ars Poetica."

Dove, Rita. "Demeter's Prayer to Hades."

Collins, Billy. "Man Listening to Disc."

Informational Texts: English Language Arts

Paine, Thomas. Common Sense

Jefferson, Thomas. The Declaration of Independence

United States. The Bill of Rights (Amendments One through Ten of the United States Constitution)

Thoreau, Henry David. Walden

Emerson, Ralph Waldo. "Society and Solitude."

Porter, Horace. "Lee Surrenders to Grant, April 9th, 1865."

Chesterton, G. K. "The Fallacy of Success."

Mencken, H. L. The American Language, 4th Edition

Wright, Richard. Black Boy

Orwell, George. "Politics and the English Language."

Hofstadter, Richard. "Abraham Lincoln and the Self-Made Myth."

Tan, Amy. "Mother Tongue."

Anaya, Rudolfo. "Take the Tortillas Out of Your Poetry."

Informational Texts: History/Social Studies

Tocqueville, Alexis de. Democracy in America

Declaration of Sentiments by the Seneca Falls Conference

Douglass, Frederick. "What to the Slave Is the Fourth of July?: An Address Delivered in Rochester, New York, on 5 July 1852."

An American Primer. Edited by Daniel J. Boorstin

Lagemann, Ellen Condliffe. "Education."

McPherson, James M. What They Fought For 1861–1865

The American Reader: Words that Moved a Nation, 2nd Edition

Amar, Akhil Reed. America's Constitution: A Biography

McCullough, David. 1776

Bell, Julian. Mirror of the World: A New History of Art

FedViews by the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco

Informational Texts: Science, Mathematics, and Technical Subjects

Paulos, John Allen. Innumeracy: Mathematical Illiteracy and Its Consequences

Gladwell, Malcolm. The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference

Tyson, Neil deGrasse. "Gravity in Reverse: The Tale of Albert Einstein's 'Greatest Blunder.'"

Calishain, Tara, and Rael Dornfest. Google Hacks: Tips & Tools for Smarter Searching, 2nd Edition

Kane, Gordon. "The Mysteries of Mass."

Fischetti, Mark. "Working Knowledge: Electronic Stability Control."

U.S. General Services Administration. Executive Order 13423: Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management

Kurzweil, Ray. "The Coming Merger of Mind and Machine."

Gibbs, W. Wayt. "Untangling the Roots of Cancer."

Gawande, Atul. "The Cost Conundrum: Health Care Costs in McAllen, Texas."