

Common Core State Standards Grades 2-3 Text Exemplars

The following text samples primarily serve to exemplify the level of complexity and quality that the Standards require all students in a given grade band to engage with. Additionally, they are suggestive of the breadth of texts that students should encounter in the text types required by the Standards. The choices should serve as useful guideposts in helping educators select texts of similar complexity, quality, and range for their own classrooms. They expressly do not represent a partial or complete reading list.

See http://www.corestandards.org/assets/Appendix_B.pdf for more information.

Stories

Gannett, Ruth Stiles. [*My Father's Dragon*](#)
 Averill, Esther. [*The Fire Cat*](#)
 Steig, William. [*Amos & Boris*](#)
 Shulevitz, Uri. [*The Treasure*](#)
 Cameron, Ann. [*The Stories Julian Tells*](#)
 MacLachlan, Patricia. [*Sarah, Plain and Tall*](#)
 Rylant, Cynthia. [*Henry and Mudge: The First Book of Their Adventures*](#)
 Stevens, Janet. [*Tops and Bottoms*](#)
 LaMarche, Jim. [*The Raft*](#)
 Rylant, Cynthia. [*Poppleton in Winter*](#)
 Rylant, Cynthia. [*The Lighthouse Family: The Storm*](#)
 Osborne, Mary Pope. [*The One-Eyed Giant \(Book One of Tales from the Odyssey\)*](#)

Read-Aloud Stories

Thurber, James. [*The Thirteen Clocks*](#)
 White, E. B. [*Charlotte's Web*](#)
 Selden, George. [*The Cricket in Times Square*](#)
 Babbitt, Natalie. [*The Search for Delicious*](#)
 Curtis, Christopher Paul. [*Bud, Not Buddy*](#)
 Say, Allen. [*The Sign Painter*](#)

Informational Texts

Aliki. [*A Medieval Feast*](#)
 Gibbons, Gail. [*From Seed to Plant*](#)
 Beeler, Selby. [*Throw Your Tooth on the Roof: Tooth Traditions Around the World*](#)
 Ruffin, Frances E. [*Martin Luther King and the March on Washington*](#)
 St. George, Judith. [*So You Want to Be President?*](#)
 Kudlinski, Kathleen V. [*Boy, Were We Wrong About Dinosaurs*](#)
 Floca, Brian. [*Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11*](#)

Read-Aloud Informational Texts

Freedman, Russell. [*Lincoln: A Photobiography*](#)
 Coles, Robert. [*The Story of Ruby Bridges*](#)
 Wick, Walter. [*A Drop of Water: A Book of Science and Wonder*](#)
 Smith, David J. [*If the World Were a Village: A Book about the World's People*](#)
 Aliki. [*Ah, Music!*](#)
 D'Aluisio, Faith. [*What the World Eats*](#)
 Arnosky, Jim. [*Wild Tracks! A Guide to Nature's Footprints*](#)
 Deedy, Carmen Agra. [*14 Cows for America*](#)