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Grade 5: Module 3A: Unit 1:

Recommended Texts



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Unit 1 builds students' background about the role of sports in American culture over time. 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.

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(as provided in the NYSED Passage Selection Guidelines for Assessing CCSS ELA)

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

Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures below band level (below 740L)			
<i>The History of Baseball</i>	Diana Star Helmer and Thomas S. Owens (authors)	Informational	410
<i>Alphabet of Sports</i>	Barbie Heit Schwaebler (author), David Lowe (illustrator)	Informational	500*
<i>Colors of Sports</i>	Laura Purdie Salas (author)	Informational	620
<i>Soccer in North America</i>	Mike Kennedy (author)	Informational	660*
<i>Basketball: A History of Hoops</i>	Mark Stewart (author)	Informational	710
<i>Who Invented Basketball?: And Other Questions Kids Have about Sports</i>	Suzanne Slade (author), Cary Pillo (illustrator)	Informational	680

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Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (740–1010L)			
<i>Sports in America: Decade by Decade</i>	Betty Comden, Adolph Green, and Carolyn Leigh (authors), Amy June Bates (illustrator)	Literature	475*
<i>The Curious, Captivating, Unusual History of Sports</i>	Lucia Raatma (author)	Informational	870
<i>Best Seat in the House: A Basketball Memoir</i>	Spike Lee (author)	Informational	880
<i>Sports: From Ancient Olympics to the Super Bowl</i>	Liz Miles (author)	Informational	920
<i>Sports (DK Eyewitness Book)</i>	Tim Hammond (author)	Informational	1000*
<i>Sports Technology</i>	Stewart Ross(author)	Informational	1000*

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Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>The Fastest Game on Two Feet: and Other Poems about How Sports Began</i>	Alice Low (author), John O'Brien (illustrator)	Poetry	NP
<i>Yes She Can!: Women's Sports Pioneers</i>	Glenn Stout (author)	Informational	1040
<i>Heroes of Baseball: The Men Who Made It America's Favorite Game</i>	Robert Lipsyte (author)	Informational	1080
<i>Rooting for the Home Team: Sports in the 1800s</i>	Zachary Chastain (author)	Informational	1100
<i>Sports and Society</i>	Scott Witmer (author)	Informational	1130*
<i>Let Me Play: The Story of Title IX, the Law That Changed the Future of Girls in America</i>	Karen Blumenthal (author)	Informational	1140
<i>Swifter, Higher, Stronger: A Photographic History of the Summer Olympics</i>	Sue Macy (author)	Informational	1200
<i>Total Sports</i>	Dorling Kindersley Publisher staff	Informational	No Lexile

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Unit 2 builds students' background about the history of baseball and the role of Jackie Robinson specifically in breaking the color barrier in baseball. 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.

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<i>The History of Baseball</i>	Diana Star Helmer and Thomas S. Owens (authors)	Informational	410
<i>The Girl Who Struck out Babe Ruth</i>	Jean L. S. Patrick (author), Jeni Reeves (illustrator)	Informational	410
<i>Jackie Robinson: A Life of Determination</i>	Colleen A. Sexton (author)	Biography	570*
<i>Jackie Robinson: He Led the Way</i>	April Jones Prince (author)	Biography	600*
<i>Jackie Robinson: Breaking the Color Barrier</i>	Sean Price (author)	Biography	640*
<i>Who Was Jackie Robinson?</i>	Gail Herman (author), John O'Brien (illustrator)	Biography	670
<i>Jackie Robinson</i>	Stephanie Sammartino McPherson (author)	Biography	730
<i>Thank You, Jackie Robinson</i>	Barbara Cohen (author)	Biography	730

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Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (740–1010L)			
<i>Jackie Robinson: Strong Inside and Out</i>	Editors of <i>TIME for Kids</i> with Denise Lewis Patrick (authors)	Biography	760
<i>Brothers at Bat: The True Story of an Amazing All-Brother Baseball Team</i>	Audrey Vernick (author), Steven Selerno (illustrator)	Informational	780
<i>Jackie Robinson: Hero and Athlete</i>	Suzanne Slade (author), Thomas Spense (illustrator)	Biography	790
<i>Testing the Ice: A True Story about Jackie Robinson</i>	Sharon Robinson (author), Kadir Nelson (illustrator)	Biography	800
<i>When Jackie Met Hank</i>	Cathy Goldberg Fishman (author), Mark Elliott (illustrator)	Informational	850*
<i>We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball</i>	Kadir Nelson (author/illustrator)	Informational	900
<i>Stealing Home: Jackie Robinson against the Odds</i>	Robert Burleigh (author), Mike Wimmer (illustrator)	Biography	910
<i>Jackie Robinson: Baseball Great & Civil Rights Activist</i>	Charles E. Pederson (author)	Biography	930

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Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By</i>	Sharon Robinson (author)	Biography	1040
<i>First Pitch: How Baseball Began</i>	John Thorn (author)	Informational	1070
<i>Jackie Robinson: Champion for Equality</i>	Michael Teitelbaum (author)	Biography	1140
<i>Stars in the Shadows: The Negro League All-Star Game of 1934</i>	Charles R. Smith Jr. (author), Frank Morrison (illustrator)	Informational	1330



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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.

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures below band level (below 740L)			
<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*

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (740–1010L)			
<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*
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<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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Weblinks			
<i>Althea Gibson Broke Barriers</i>	http://espn.go.com/sportscentury/	Biography	1040
<i>Althea Gibson Won Again!</i>	http://www.americaslibrary.gov	860	1070
<i>Biography of Althea Gibson</i>	http://www.altheagibson.com	960	1140