

Mentor Texts / Touchstone Texts for Writer's Workshop Fifth Grade

Research Based Argument

Book Title	Author	This book is good for....
<i>Roanoke: The Last Colony: An Unsolved Mystery From History</i>	Heidi E. Y. Stemple and Jane Yolen	Quotations Vocabulary embedded in text Timelines
<i>You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Antibiotics</i>	Anne Rooney	
<i>Surprising Sharks</i>	Nicola Davies	Stretched out Words
<i>The Exxon Valdez Oil Spill All New, All True</i>	Peter Benoit	
<i>Elephant Rescue All About Elephants and How to Save Them</i>	Ashlee Brown Blewett	

The Lens of History

Book Title	Author	This book is good for....
<i>Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp</i>	Jerry Stanley	Having an introduction Table of Contents Graphics
<i>Civil War Spies</i>	Camilla Wilson	
<i>Lincoln's Grave Robbers</i>	Steve Sheinkin	
<i>Women Who Changed the World, 50 Amazing Americans</i>	Laurie Calkhoven	

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Narrative Craft

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<i>Merlin and the Dragons</i>	Jane Yolen	
<i>Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon</i>	Patty Lovell	Magic of three Character Description Repeating structure
<i>When Sophie Gets Angry, Really, Really Angry</i>	Molly Bang	Magic of three Alliteration Interweaving of detail
<i>Stuart Little</i>	E.B. White	
<i>The Birchbark House</i>	Louise Erdrich	

From Essay and Narrative to Memoir

Book Title	Author	This book is good for....
<i>Boy: Tales of Childhood</i>	Roald Dahl	Table of Contents Pictures/photographs Varying sentences
<i>I Will Always Write Back How One Letter Changed Two Lives</i>	Caitlin Alifirenka	
<i>Knots in My Yo-Yo String</i>	Jerry Spinelli	
<i>Smile</i>	Raina Telgemeier	Graphics Speech Bubbles
<i>Little Green: Growing Up During the Chinese Cultural Revolution</i>	Chun Yu	