

A person stands on a grassy hill, reaching up to hold a long, vibrant red fabric that billows in the wind against a bright blue sky filled with white clouds. The hillside is covered with large, colorful fabric panels in shades of orange, yellow, pink, and purple, creating a vibrant, artistic landscape. Power lines are visible in the distance on the right side of the frame.

Reach HIGHER

Curriculum Maps: Selection Lexile[®] Measures

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Curriculum Maps: Selection Lexile® Measures

Student's Book 1A

(Lexile® Range: 30L – 580L)

Unit 1

Title: My Family
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: What makes a family?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Families in Many Cultures	Photo Book	110L
	A Family Celebrates Chinese New Year	Photo Essay	200L
Part 2	A Special Day for Victor	Realistic Fiction	240L
	Postcard to Grandpa	Postcard	300L

Unit 2

Title: Shoot for the Sun
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: When is something alive?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Are You Living?	Song	200L
	A Straw Hat	Diagram	290L
Part 2	The Daisy	Folk Tale	290L
	Michael Fay and the Giant Redwoods	Project Notebook	360L

Unit 3

Title: To Your Front Door
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: How do we get what we need?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Markets	Social Studies Article	140L
	Flower Power	Online Article	580L
Part 2	Delivery	Poem	260L
	Money	Fact Sheet	30L

Unit 4

Title: Growing and Changing
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: How do animals change as they grow?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Ruby in Her Own Time	Animal Fantasy	460L
	Turtles: From Eggs to Ocean	Science Article	350L
Part 2	A Butterfly Is Born	Science Article	250L
	Caterpillar	Poem	460L

Student's Book 1B

(Lexile® Range: 330L – 730L)

Unit 5

Title: Creature Features
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: How are animals different from one another?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	For Pete's Sake	Animal Fantasy	480L
	Alligators	Science Article	340L
Part 2	Slither, Slide, Hop, and Run	Fact Book	500L
	My Crittercam Journal	Photo Journal	400L

Unit 6

Title: Up in the Air
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: What's wild about weather?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	I Face the Wind	Science Nonfiction	330L
	Wind Eagle: A Native American Legend	Legend	340L
Part 2	A Year for Kiko	Realistic Fiction	340L
	Chasing Storms with Tim Samaras	Interview	580L

Unit 7

Title: Then and Now
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: What's the difference between then and now?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Communication Then and Now	History Article	540L
	Space Adventures	Blog	570L
Part 2	A New Old Tune	Realistic Fiction	480L
	Invention Poems	Poem	730L

Unit 8

Title: Get Out the Map!
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: Why do we need maps?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	If Maps Could Talk	Informational Text	510L
	Haiku	Poem	NP
Part 2	Little Red Riding Hood	Modern Fairy Tale	460L
	How to Make a Compass	How-to Article	490L

Student's Book 2A

(Lexile® Range: 350L – 650L)

Unit 1

Title: Hello, Neighbor!
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: What is a community?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Li Min's Community	Realistic Fiction	460L
	Working Her Way Around the World	Photo Essay	540L
Part 2	Be My Neighbor	Photo Essay	530L
	My Favorite Place	Internet Bulletin Board	350L

Unit 2

Title: Staying Alive
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: What does it take to survive?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Twilight Hunt: A Seek-and-Find Story	Realistic Fiction	480L
	Hide and Seek	Science Article	480L
Part 2	Living Lights	Science Article	500L
	Clever Creatures	Poem	530L

Unit 3

Title: Water for Everyone
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: Where do we get water?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Frog Brings Rain	Traditional Tale	480L
	Make Rain	Science Experiment	380L
Part 2	Play Pumps: Turning Work into Play	Magazine Article	510L
	The Mighty Colorado	Profile	490L

Unit 4

Title: Lend a Hand
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: What are our responsibilities to each other?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Aesop's Fables	Fable	510L
	Wisdom of the Ages	Proverb	470L
Part 2	Giving Back	Human Interest Feature	550L
	The Water Hero	Web-Based News Article	650L

Student's Book 2B

(Lexile® Range: 480L – 690L)

Unit 5

Title: Everything Changes
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: Why is nature always changing?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	When the Wind Stops	Realistic Fiction	500L
	Day and Night	Science Article	490L
Part 2	What Makes the Seasons?	Poem	500L
	A Winter Wonder	Science Article	510L

Unit 6

Title: Better Together
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: Why is it good to work together?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Domino Soup	Play	NP
	Stone Soup	Song Lyrics	550L
Part 2	Saving an Island	Human Interest Feature	660L
	Mi Barrio	Photo Essay	540L

Unit 7

Title: Best Buddies
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: How do living things depend on each other?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Go to Sleep, Gecko!	Folk Tale	480L
	Enric Sala: Marine Ecologist	Profile	690L
Part 2	Odd Couples	Science Article	550L
	Working Together	Science Article	480L

Unit 8

Title: Our World
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: What does the word mean to you?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Something to Write About	Realistic Fiction	560L
	Our World Is Many Shades	Poem	540L
Part 2	An Eagle's Eye	Literary Nonfiction	600L
	This Land Is Your Land	Song Lyrics	690L

Student's Book 3A

(Lexile® Range: 470L – 750L)

Unit 1

Title: Happy to Help
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: How do people help each other?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Those Shoes	Realistic Fiction	490L
	Guardian Angel	Poem	NP
Part 2	The World's Greatest Underachiever	Autobiography	560L
	Joseph Lekuton: Making a Difference	Biography	530L

Unit 2

Title: Nature's Balance
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: What happens when nature loses its balance?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	It's All in the Balance	Humorous Story	530L
	Animals, More or Less	Riddles	550L
Part 2	When the Wolves Returned	Science Article	630L
	Megafish Man	Human Interest Feature	750L

Unit 3

Title: Life in the Soil
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: What is so amazing about plants?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Hoà's Little Garden	Realistic Fiction	520L
	Gifts from the Earth	Haiku	650L
Part 2	A Protected Place	Science Article	700L
	Rosie's Reports	Blog	560L

Unit 4

Title: Let's Work Together
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: What's the best way to get things done?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	I've Got This	Realistic Fiction	550L
	Ba's Business	Realistic Fiction	550L
Part 2	A Better Way	Persuasive Article	670L
	The Ant and the Grasshopper	Fable	470L

Student's Book 3B

(Lexile® Range: 200L – 820L)

Unit 5

Title: Mysteries of Matter
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: What causes matter to change?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Melt the Snow!	Play	NP
	Saved in Ice: Frozen Baby Mammoth Found	Email and Web-Based News Article	660L
Part 2	Quicksand: When Earth Turns to Liquid	Science Article	660L
	Meet Maycira Costa	Interview	820L

Unit 6

Title: From Past to Present
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: How can we preserve our traditions?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Shakira, Shakira! A Song	Song Lyrics	790L
	Blues Legend: Blind Lemon Jefferson	Biography	800L
Part 2	Carving Stories in Cedar: How to Make a Totem Pole	Descriptive Article	630L
	The Legend of Raven and Fog Woman	Legend	560L
	Stories to Tell	Profile	650L
	The Rainbow Bridge: A Native Folk Tale from Hawaii	Folk Tale	500L

Unit 7

Title: Blast! Crash! Splash!
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: What forces can change Earth?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	An Island Grows	Narrative Poem	200L
	Volcano Views	Photo Essay	680L
Part 2	Selvakumar Knew Better	Historical Fiction	640L
	Tsunami	Online Article	700L

Unit 8

Title: Getting There
Type of Unit: Math and Social Studies
The Big Question: What tools can we use to achieve our goals?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Running Shoes	Realistic Fiction	560L
	Three Golden Apples	Myth	560L
	Turtle and His Four Cousins	Folk Tale	330L
Part 2	One Man's Goal	Human Interest Feature	820L
	Climbing Toward Her Goal	Profile	820L

Student's Book 4A

(Lexile® Range: 510L – 860L)

Unit 1

Title: Living Traditions

Type of Unit: Social Studies

The Big Question: How important are traditions?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Josh Ponte: A Musical Journey	Interview	760L
	Shaped by Tradition	Biography	780L
Part 2	The Fairy Serpent	Folk Tale	700L
	Coming of Age	Magazine Article	790L

Unit 2

Title: Animal Intelligence

Type of Unit: Science

The Big Question: Just how smart are animals?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Kitchen Caper: A Trickster Tale	Trickster Tale	610L
	Mouse Deer and Farmer: A Trickster Tale from Southeast Asia	Trickster Tale	520L
Part 2	Animal Smarts	Science Article	600L
	The Clever Chimps of Fongoli	Science Article	720L

Unit 3

Title: Amazing Places
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: Why learn about other places?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	What the Future Holds	Fictional Tale	860L
	A Map in the Sky	Poem	540L
Part 2	Extreme Earth	Social Studies Article	710L
	Photographing the World	Profile	800L

Unit 4

Title: Power of Nature
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: How do we relate to nature?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Wind at Work	Science Article	640L
	Water: The Blue Gold	Persuasive Essay	710L
Part 2	Ozzie Bear	Tall Tale	590L
	Nature Inside Us: Feasts of Nature	Poem	580L
	The Sun in Me	Poem	510L

Student's Book 4B

(Lexile® Range: 540L – 1010L)

Unit 5

Title: Invaders!

Type of Unit: Science

The Big Question: When do harmless things become harmful?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	The Fungus That Ate My School	Science Fiction	540L
	Mold Terrarium	Science Experiment	540L
Part 2	Aliens from Earth: When Animals and Plants Invade Other Ecosystems	Science Text	880L
	Island Observations	Journal	810L

Unit 6

Title: Treasure Hunters

Type of Unit: Social Studies

The Big Question: How do treasures shape our past and future?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Treasure Island	Play	NP
	Make a Treasure Map	Instructional Text	600L
Part 2	Diving for Treasure: The Story of Pearl Divers in the Middle East	History Article	1010L
	La Belle Shipwreck	Online Article	840L

Unit 7

Title: Moving Through Space
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: What does it take to explore space?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	What's Faster Than a Speeding Cheetah?	Math Article	830L
	Building for Space Travel	Science Report	830L
Part 2	The Moon Over Star	Realistic Fiction	830L
	The First Person on the Moon	Biography	860L

Unit 8

Title: Saving a Piece of the World
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: What's worth protecting?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Buffalo Music	Historical Fiction	780L
	Saving Bison from Extinction	Report	820L
Part 2	Tutankhamun's Treasures	Historical Fiction	890L
	Saving the World's Oldest Library	Historical Narrative	910L

Student's Book 5A

(Lexile® Range: 590L – 1020L)

Unit 1

Title: Crossing Between Cultures
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: How can where you are change who you are?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	My Diary Across Places and Time	Diary	830L
	I Was Dreaming to Come to America	Oral History	960L
Part 2	A Writer's Journey: A Biography of Xiaolu Guo	Biography	900L
	Migrant Stories from Around the World	Blog	970L

Unit 2

Title: Catching the Light
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: What is the power of the sun?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Ten Suns: A Chinese Myth	Myth	760L
	How the Fifth Sun Came to Be: An Aztec Myth	Origin Myth	820L
Part 2	Energy for the Future	Blog	740L
	How to Make a Solar Oven	How-to Article	660L

Unit 3

Title: Nature's Webs
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: How are animals and plants dependent on one another?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Coyote and Badger	Realistic Fiction	820L
	Living Links	Expository Nonfiction	740L
Part 2	Fish of the Future	Interview	920L
	Phyto-Power!	Science Article	820L

Unit 4

Title: Justice
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: What is justice?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Crossing Bok Chitto	Tale	590L
	Journey to Freedom	History Article	790L
Part 2	The Troublemaker: The Story of Nelson Mandela	Biography	1010L
	Sisters Fighting for the Oceans	Social Studies Article	1020L

Student's Book 5B

(Lexile® Range: 610L – 990L)

Unit 5

Title: Every Drop
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: Why is water so important?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	One Well	Science Feature	820L
	Picturing the Pantanal	Science Article	900L
Part 2	My Great-Grandmother's Gourd	Realistic Fiction	610L
	The Frog That Swallowed All the Water	Legend	640L

Unit 6

Title: The Wild West
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: What does it take to settle a new land?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Westward Bound!	History Article	800L
	A Day in the Life of a Cowboy	Essay	730L
Part 2	The Road to Rhyolite	Play	NP
	Rhyolite: The True Story of a Ghost Town	Narrative Poem	NP

Unit 7

Title: Talking About Trash
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: Why should we care about garbage?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	The World of Waste	Persuasive Article	840L
	Message in a Bottle	Essay	790L
Part 2	Where I Live	Short Story	710L
	Sarah Cynthia Sylvia Stout Would Not Take the Garbage Out	Poem	NP

Unit 8

Title: One Idea
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: How can one idea change your future?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Starting Your Own Business: Seven Steps to Success	Procedural Test	760L
	Blind Teen Starts Business Creating Braille Restaurant Menus	Newspaper Article	940L
Part 2	The Music Maker	Realistic Fiction	990L
	Another Way of Doing Business	Magazine Article	900L

Student's Book 6A

(Lexile® Range: 560L – 1150L)

Unit 1

Title: The Power of Choice
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: How do choices affect who you are?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	The Vision of the Sightless	Biography	1150L
	A Work in Progress	Speech	980L
Part 2	Hot off the Press	Realistic Fiction	600L
	The Spark of Determination	Biography	1110L

Unit 2

Title: Survival
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: What does it take to survive?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Deception: Formula for Survival	Science Article	1100L
	Living Nightmares	Science Feature	930L
Part 2	From Hatchet	Adventure Story	740L
	Survival Stories: The Girl Who Fell from the Sky	Personal Narrative	780L

Unit 3

Title: Digging Up the Past
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: How can we bring the past to life?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Valley of the Kings	Magazine Article	960L
	Animals Everlasting	Magazine Article	990L
Part 2	Ahmes's Journal	Diary	900L
	The Golden Goblet	Historical Fiction	1090L

Unit 4

Title: Our Diverse Earth
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: Why is diversity important?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	A Natural Balance	Environmental Report	950L
	Mireya Mayor	Online Article	860L
Part 2	If Trees Could Talk	Realistic Fiction	560L
	The Super Trees	Essay	980L

Student's Book 6B

(Lexile® Range: 610L – 1230L)

Unit 5

Title: A Time to Act
Type of Unit: Social Studies
The Big Question: Why do people take a stand?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	The Civil Rights Movement	History Article	930L
	Rosa Parks: My Story	Memoir	790L
Part 2	Ayanna Sits In	Biographical Fiction	610L
	Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Historical Fiction	900L

Unit 6

Title: Food for Thought
Type of Unit: Science
The Big Question: How can we feed a growing planet?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Seedfolks	Realistic Fiction	660L
	Soul-Soothing Soups	Interview	920L
Part 2	The End of Plenty	Persuasive Article	1230L
	How Altered?	Persuasive Article	1000L

Unit 7

Title: Ancient China

Type of Unit: Social Studies

The Big Question: Why should we study ancient cultures?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	The Emperor's Silent Army: Terracotta Warriors of Ancient China	History Article	1050L
	A Silent Army	History Article	1000L
Part 2	Where the Mountain Meets the Moon	Fantasy	790L
	Mu Lan: The Girl Who Knew No Fear	Drama	NP

Unit 8

Title: Earth and Beyond

Type of Unit: Science

The Big Question: How does studying Earth tell us about other planets?

Location	Selection Title	Type of Selection	Lexile® Measure
Part 1	Finding Mars on Earth	Science Article	1060L
	Here, There, and Beyond	Science Article	910L
Part 2	Journey to the Center of the Earth	Science Fiction	770L
	Deep Into Darkness	Science Fiction	1010L