



## **ELA Guidebooks 6-8 (2024) Master Text List**

This list will be updated as new units are added to the [Louisiana Curriculum Hub](#).

Use the following texts for the Esperanza Rising Unit.

Text Title	Author or Source	Genre/Format	Guidebook Use	Access
<i>Esperanza Rising</i>	Pam Munoz Ryan	Historical Fiction	All Sections	Purchase (book)
“The Medicine Bag”	Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve	Short Story	Section one	Esperanza Rising Unit Reader
“The Dust Bowl and the Depression”	NBC News	Video	Section two	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
<i>Out of the Dust</i>	Karen Hesse	Historical Fiction Poetry	Sections two, three, and five	Purchase (book)
“The Stolen Party” excerpt	Liliana Heker	Short Story	Section two	Esperanza Rising Unit Reader
“Okies”	Bill Ganzel	Article	Section three	Esperanza Rising Unit Reader
“USDA Photographer Rescues Destitute Farm Workers”	Gwen Gilbert	Article	Section three	Esperanza Rising Unit Reader
“Gift of the Magi”	O. Henry	Short Story	Section four	Esperanza Rising Unit Reader
“What’s the Best Point of View”	TED-ED	Video	Section four	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
“Situational Irony”	TED-ED	Video	Section four	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
“Depression and the Struggle for Survival”	Library of Congress	Article	Section five	Esperanza Rising Unit Reader

Use the following texts for the Hatchet Unit.

Text Title	Author or Source	Genre/Format	Guidebook Use	Access
<i>Hatchet</i>	Gary Paulsen		Sections 1 - 6	Book Purchase
<i>My Side of the Mountain</i>	Jean Craighead George		Sections 1 - 4	Book Purchase
<a href="#">"Canada: Surviving in the Wild North" Preview</a>	PBS	Video	Section 1	Digital Access
"The Story of the Lazy Boy": A Kachari Folktale	Rev. Sidney Endle	Folktale	Section 1	Hatchet Unit Reader
"Sometimes a Dream Needs a Push"	Walter Dean Myer	Short Story	Section 1	Hatchet Unit Reader
"Overcoming Obstacles: How Your Biggest Failure Can Lead to Your Success"	Jody Michael, Chicago Tribune	Article	Section 2	Hatchet Unit Reader
"Survival by the Numbers"	Peter Kummerfeldt	Article	Section 2	Hatchet Unit Reader
"What Would Peter Do?"	Peter Kummerfeldt	Article	Section 3	Hatchet Unit Reader
"The 25 Most Incredible Survival Stories of All Time"	Tim Macwelch	Article	Section 5	Hatchet Unit Reader

Use the following texts for the Fever Unit.

Text Title	Author or Source	Genre/Format	Guidebook Use	Access
<i>Fever 1793</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson	Historical Fiction	All Sections	Purchase (book)
“6th Grader Interviews Stephen Fried About Yellow Fever Epidemic”	Healthy NewsWorks	Video Interview	Section one	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
“Coronavirus”	BrainPop	Video	Section one	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
“Yellow Fever” WHO Key Facts	World Health Organization	Article	Section one	Fever Unit Reader
Yellow Fever Deaths 1793	Billy G. Smith and Paul Sivitz	Map	Section one	Fever Unit Reader
"From Thomas Jefferson to Thomas Mann Randolph, Jr., 2 September 1793"	Thomas Jefferson	Letter	Section two	Fever Unit Reader
“Benjamin Rush, MD: assassin or beloved healer?”	Robert North	Article	Section two	Fever Unit Reader
“The Two Brothers”	Leo Tolstoy	Parable	Section three	Fever Unit Reader
“Mathew Carey. A short account of the malignant fever, lately prevalent in Philadelphia”	Mathew Carey	Primary Source Document	Section three	Fever Unit Reader

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“Revisiting Louisiana’s Medical Legacy: The National Leprosarium in Carville”	Ashley Gaudlip	Article	Section three	Fever Unit Reader
“Pestilence: Written During the Prevalence of a Yellow Fever”	Philip Freneau	Poem	Section four	Fever Unit Reader
“Philadelphia”	Public Broadcasting Service	Article	Section five	Fever Unit Reader
“Our new normal, in pictures”	CNN	Images	Section five	Fever Unit Reader
“An intimate and relatable record”	Theresa Vargas	Article	Section five	Fever Unit Reader

Use the following texts for the Brown Girl Dreaming Unit.

Text Title	Author or Source	Genre/Format	Guidebook Use	Access
<i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i>	Jacqueline Woodson	Memoir	All Sections	Purchase (book)
<i>A Summer Life</i>	Gary Soto	Memoir	All Sections	Purchase (book)
<i>Guts</i>	Gary Paulsen	Memoir	All Sections	Purchase (book)
<i>The Circuit</i>	Francisco Jimenez	Memoir	All Sections	Purchase (book)
<i>Soul Surfer</i>	Bethany Hamilton	Memoir	All Sections	Purchase (book)
<i>Zlata's Diary</i>	Zlata Filipovic	Memoir	All Sections	Purchase (book)
"Stories Saved My Life, and That's Why I Write for Young People"	James Bird	Memoir	Section one	Brown Girl Dreaming Unit Reader
"What reading slowly taught me about writing"	Jacqueline Woodson	Video/ Transcript	Section one	<a href="#">Digital Access (video)</a> , Brown Girl Dreaming Unit Reader
"Jim Crow Laws and Racial Segregation"	J.E. Hansan	Article	Section two	Brown Girl Dreaming Unit Reader
"The Sit-In Movement"	History.org	Article	Section two	Brown Girl Dreaming Unit Reader

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"I, Too" from The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes	Langston Hughes	Poem	Section two	Brown Girl Dreaming Unit Reader
"Inside Out" from The Circuit: Stories from the Life of Migrant Child	Francisco Jimenez	Memoir	Section three	Brown Girl Dreaming Unit Reader
"Eleven" from Woman Hollering Creek, and Other Stories	Sandra Cisneros	Short Story	Section four	Brown Girl Dreaming Unit Reader
"Jacqueline Woodson On Being A 'Brown Girl' Who Dreams"	Kat Chow for NPR	Article	Section five	Brown Girl Dreaming Unit Reader
"Hi. I'm Nic"	Nic Stone	Narrative Nonfiction	Section five	Brown Girl Dreaming Unit Reader

Use the following texts for the unit, *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*.

Required Texts	Author, Source	Genre/Format	Guidebook Use	Access Point
<i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i>	William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer	Novel	Sections one - six; Core	Purchase (book)
“A Tour of Malawi, the ‘Warm Heart of Africa’”	Marcus Westberg, <i>The New York Times</i>	Article	Section one; Core	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Unit Reader
Political Map of Africa		Map	Section one; Core	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
Physical Map of Africa		Map	Section one; Core	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
Malawi Map		Map	Section one; Core	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
Political Map of Malawi		Map	Section one; Core	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
Physical Map of Malawi		Map	Section one; Core	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
“Debunking Common Myths and Stereotypes About Africa”	Aperian Global		Section one; Core	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Unit Reader
“Epitaph for the Race of Man: X”	Edna St. Vincent Millay	Poem	Section two; Core	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Unit Reader



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“Windmill Diagram”	LDOE	Image	Section three; Core	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Unit Reader
“How I Built a Windmill”	William Kamkwamba, TED Talk	Video	Section four; Core	<a href="#">Digital Access</a>
“What Makes Some People More Resilient Than Others”	Eilene Zimmerman	Article	Section four; Core	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Unit Reader
<i>Heroes of the Environment: True Stories of People Who Are Helping to Protect Our Planet</i>	Harriet Rohmer	Non-Fiction	Section five; Core	The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind Unit Reader