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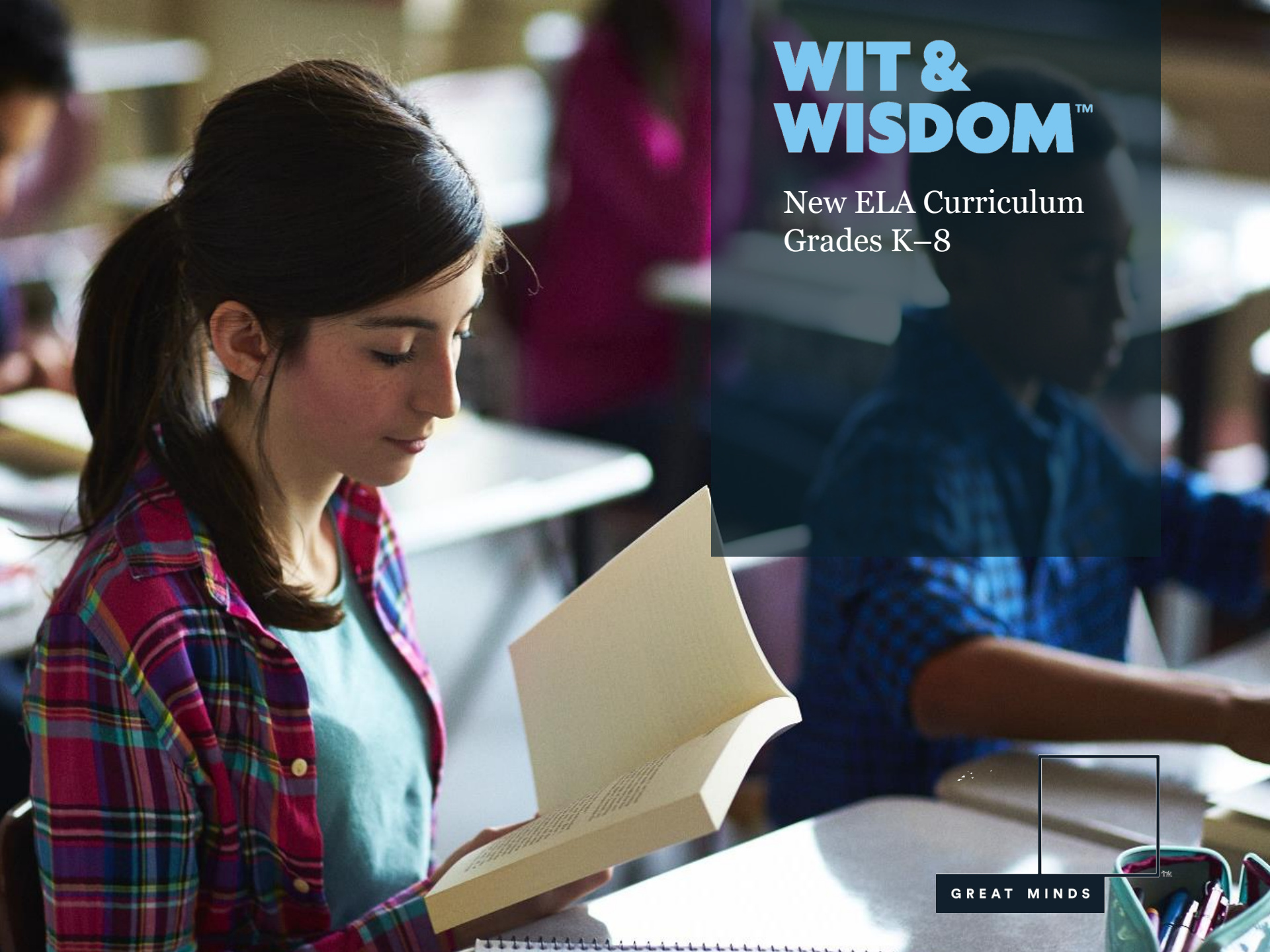
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What is “More Meaningful English”?

- Books, not basals
- Building knowledge about important topics
- Integrated, not isolated



Builds Knowledge: Science

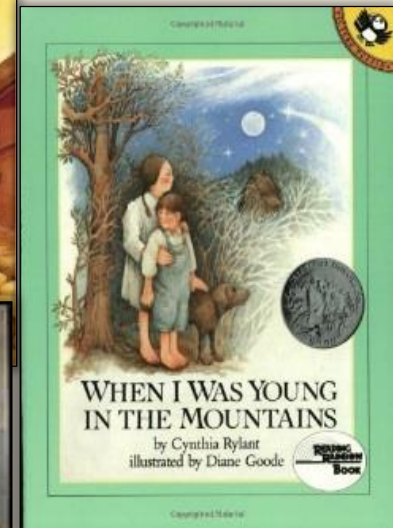
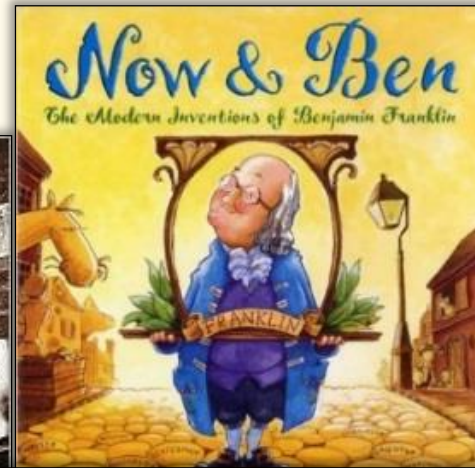
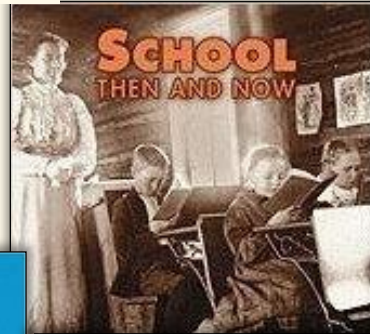
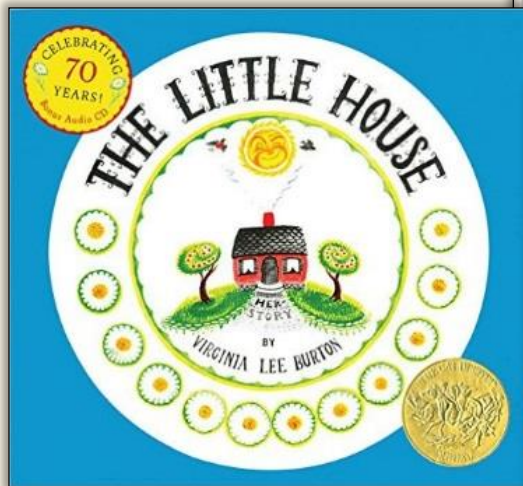
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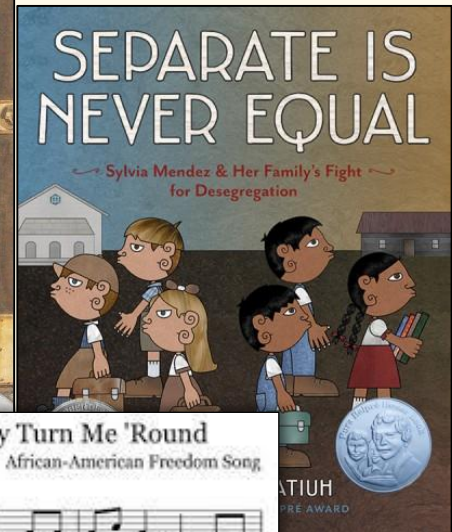
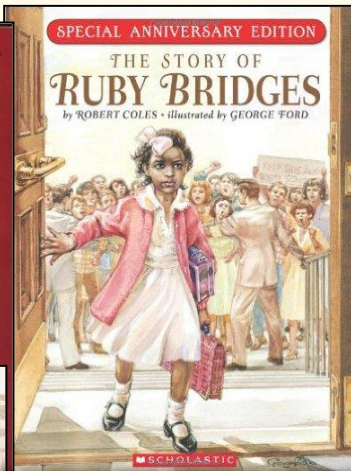
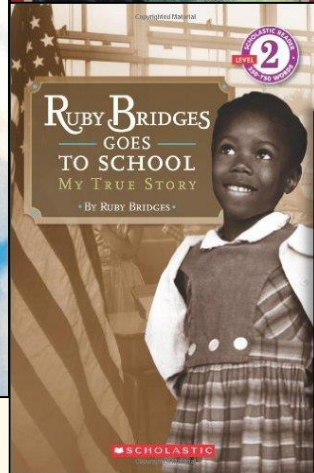
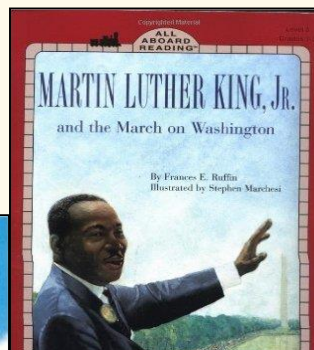
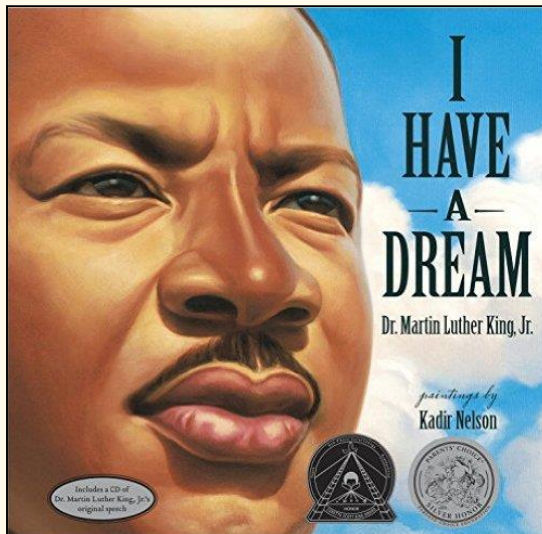
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GKM3: America, Then and Now



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G2M3: Civil Rights Heroes



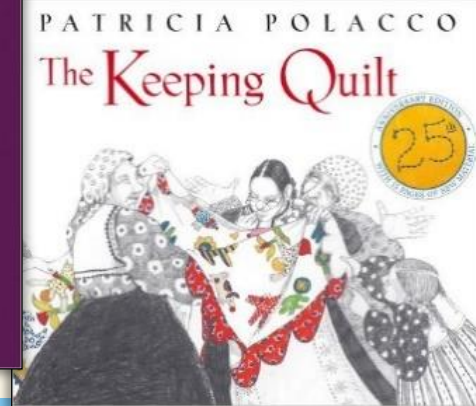
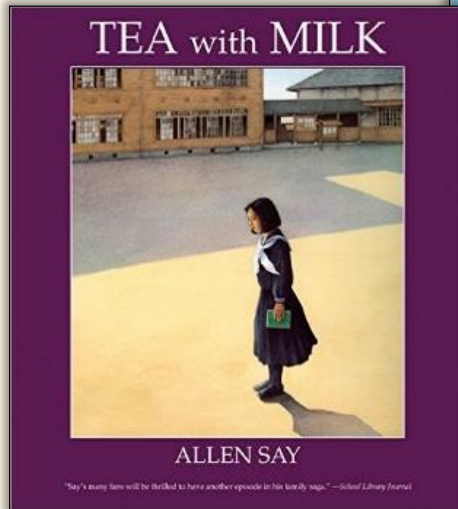
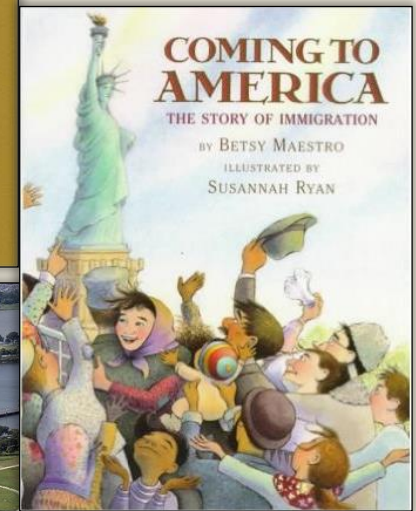
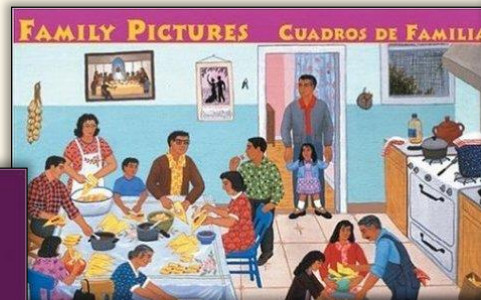
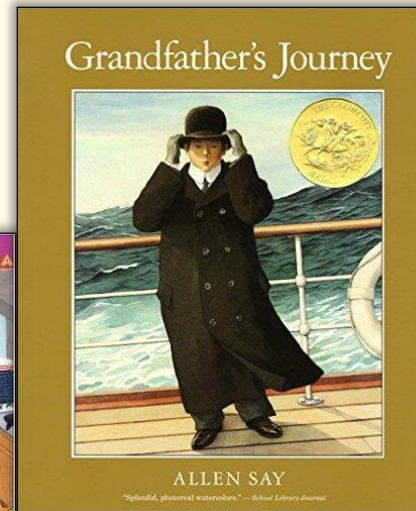
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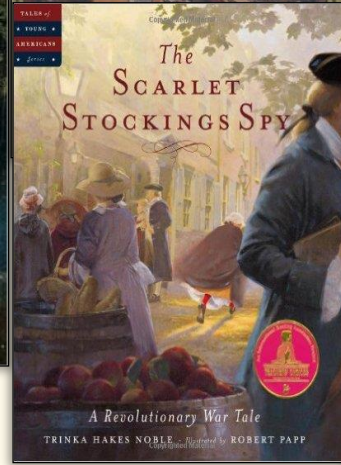
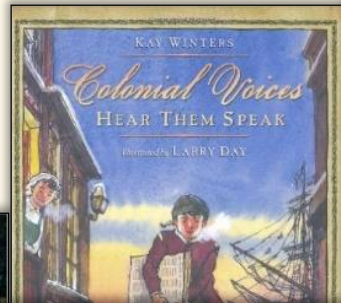
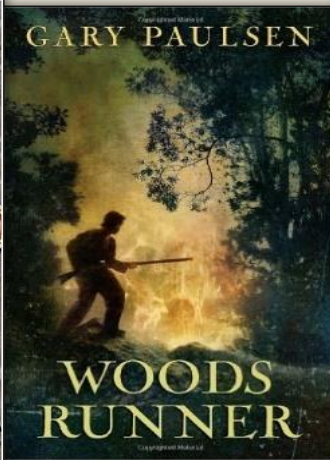
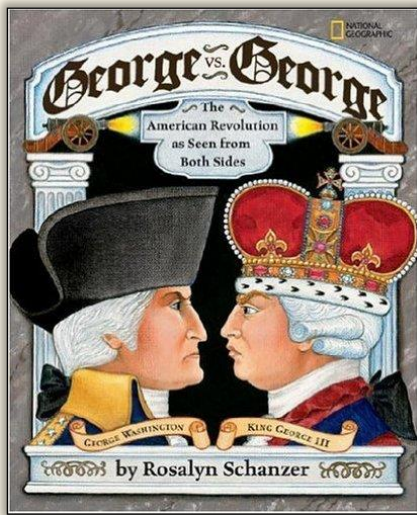
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G3M3: A New Home



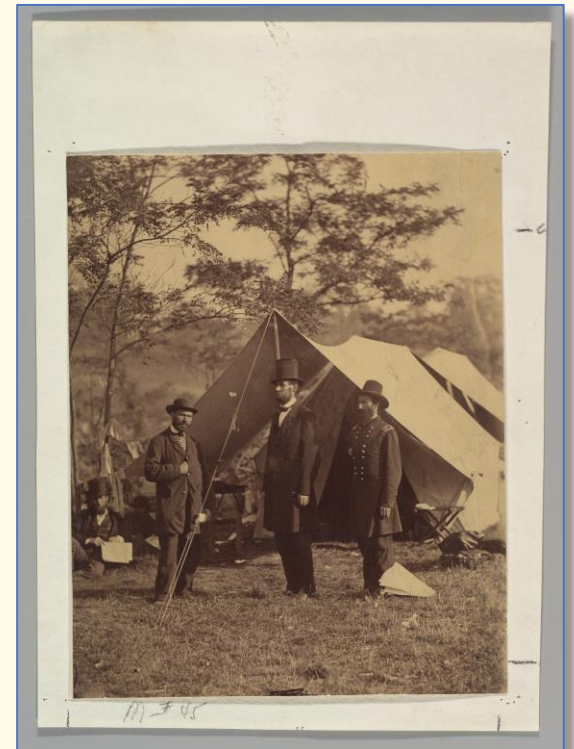
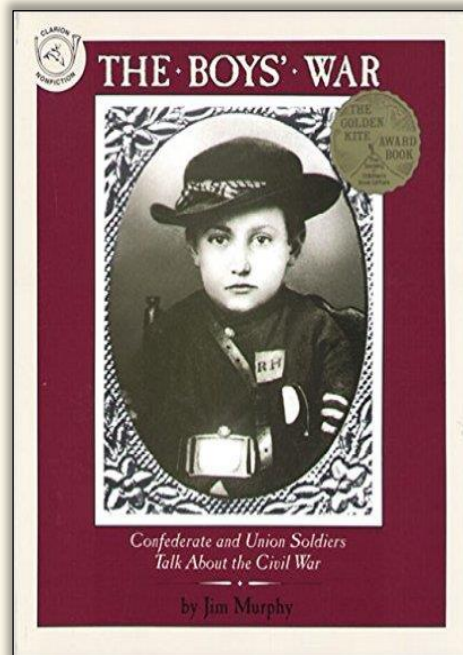
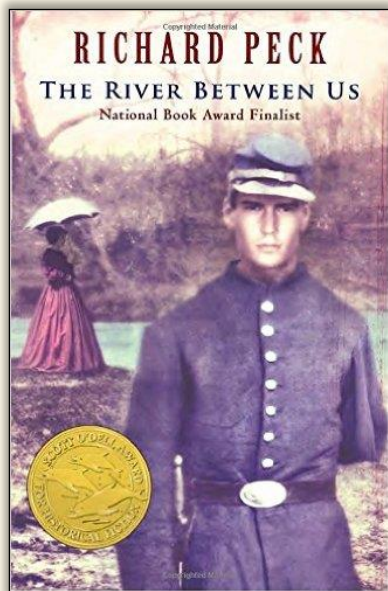
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G4M3: The Redcoats Are Coming!



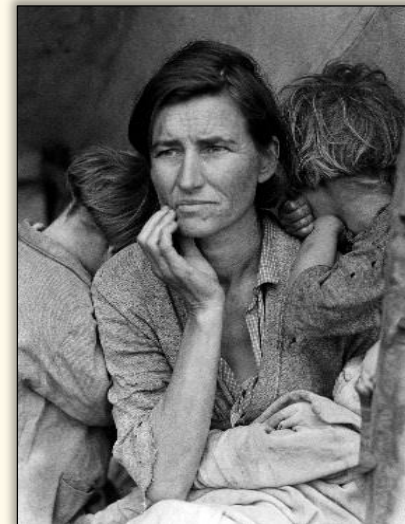
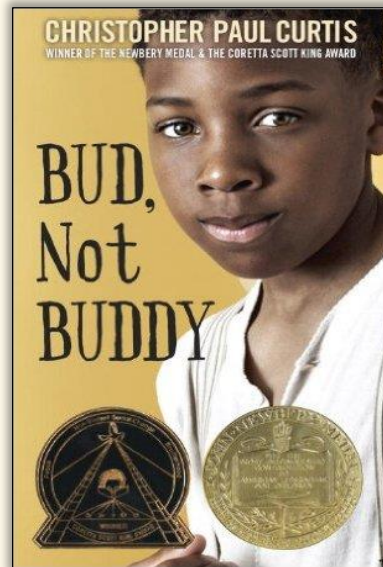
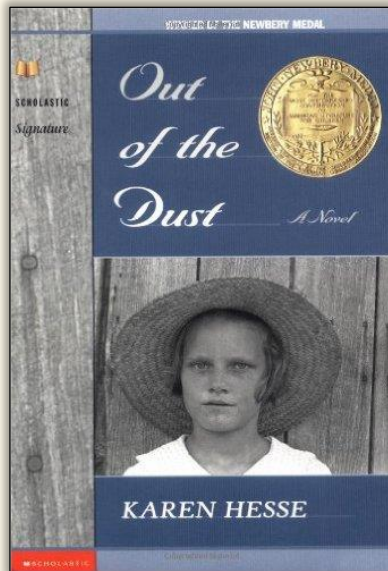
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G5M3: A War Between Us



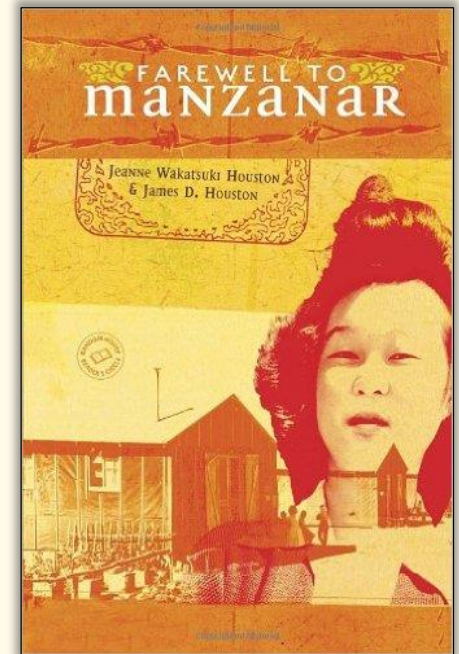
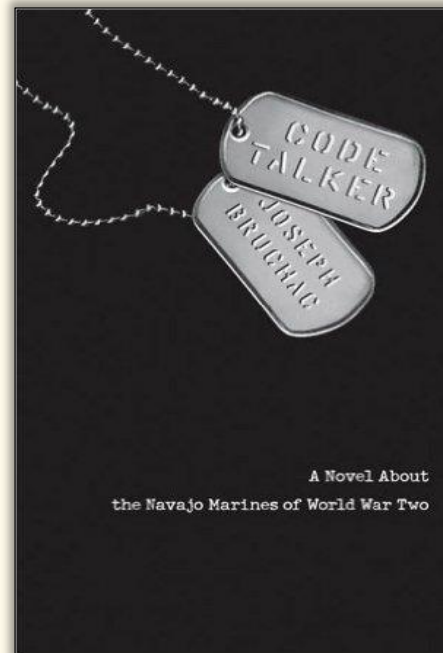
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G6M1: Resilience in the Great Depression



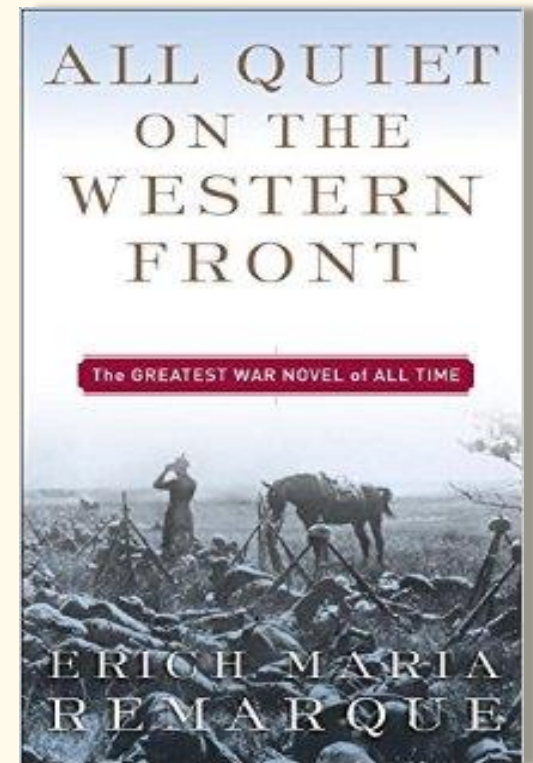
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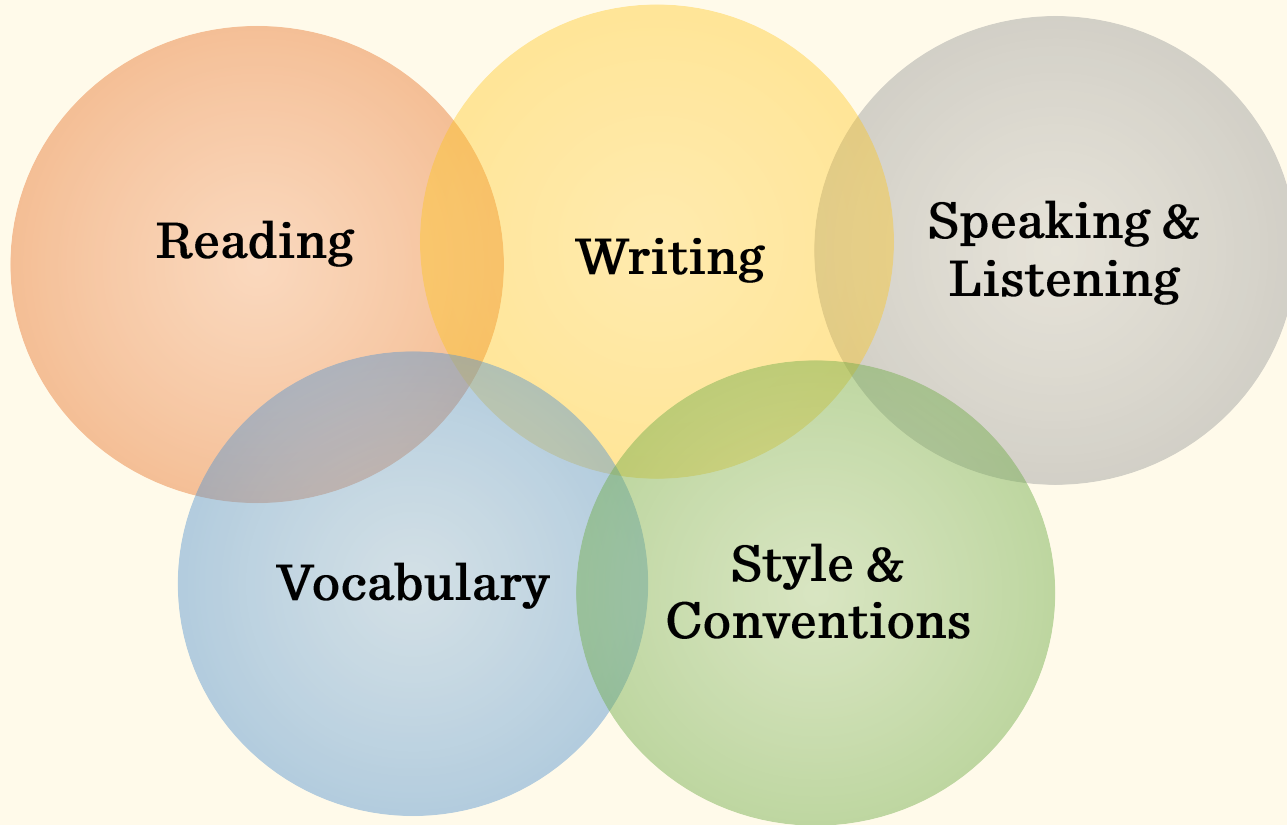


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G8M2: The Great War



Integrated, Not Isolated



Content Framing Questions

WONDER

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ORGANIZE

What is happening in this text?

REVEAL

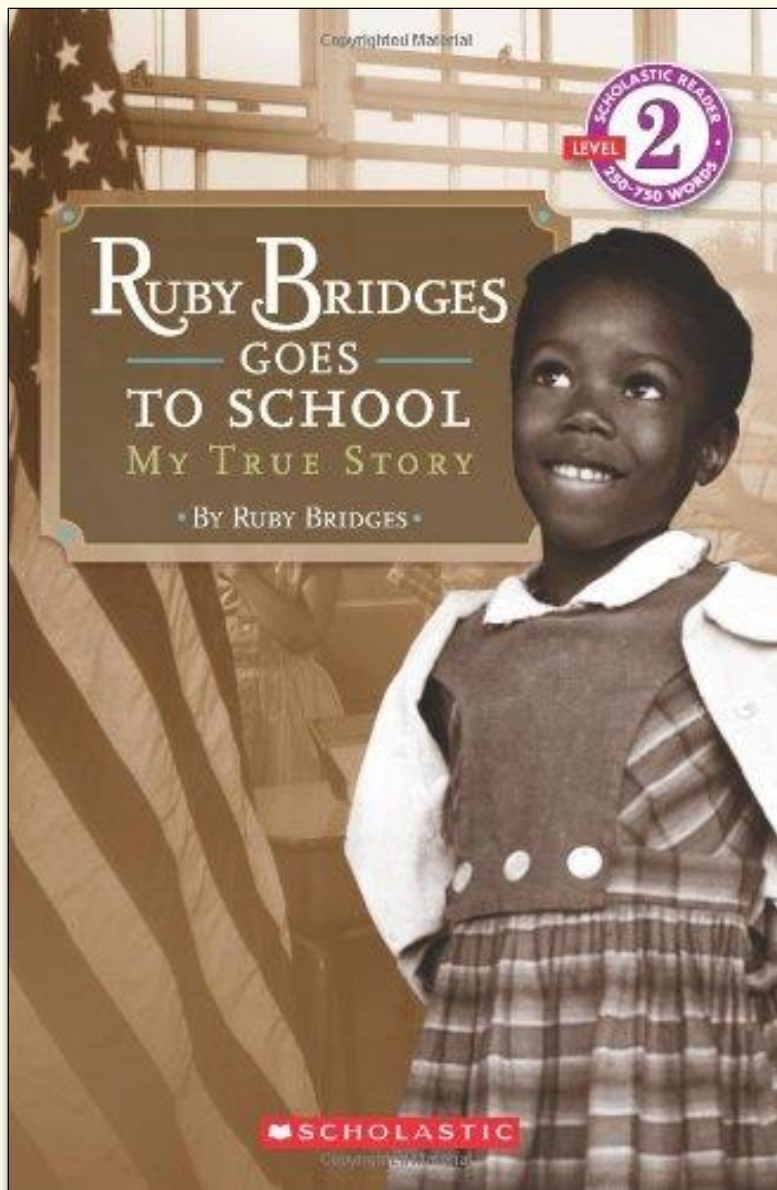
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What is the essential meaning of this text?

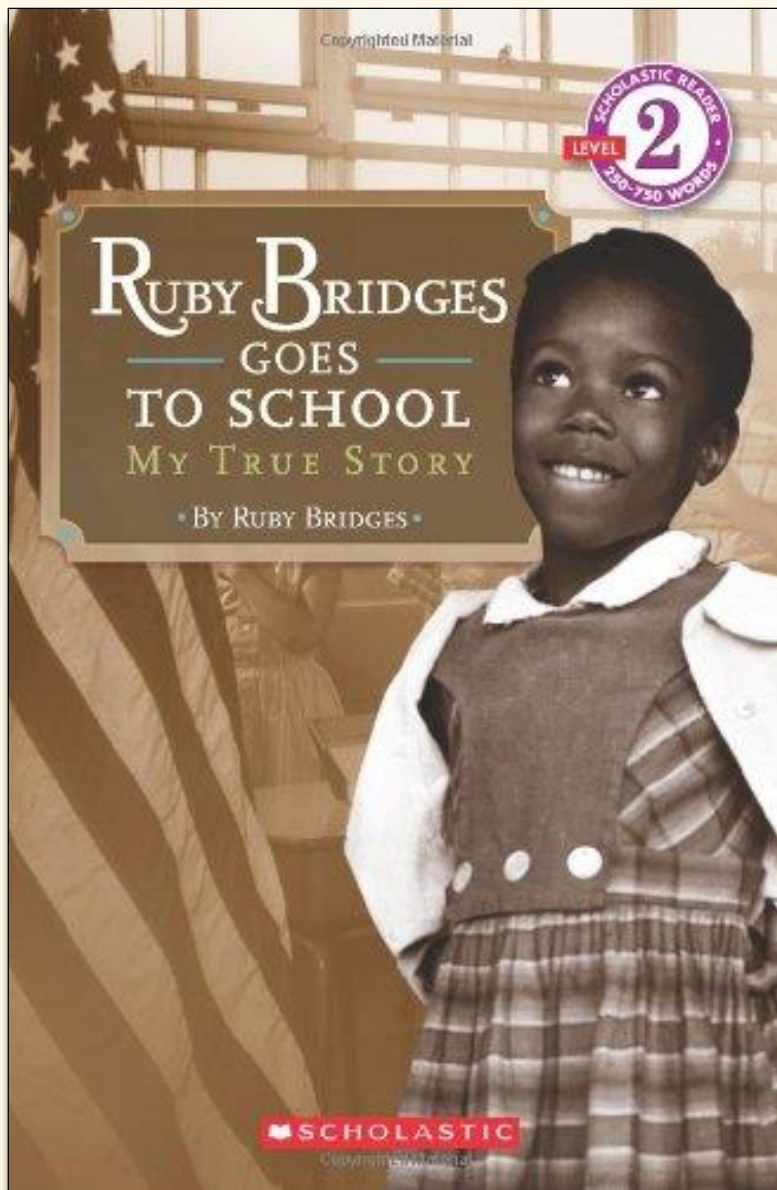
KNOW

How does this text build my knowledge?



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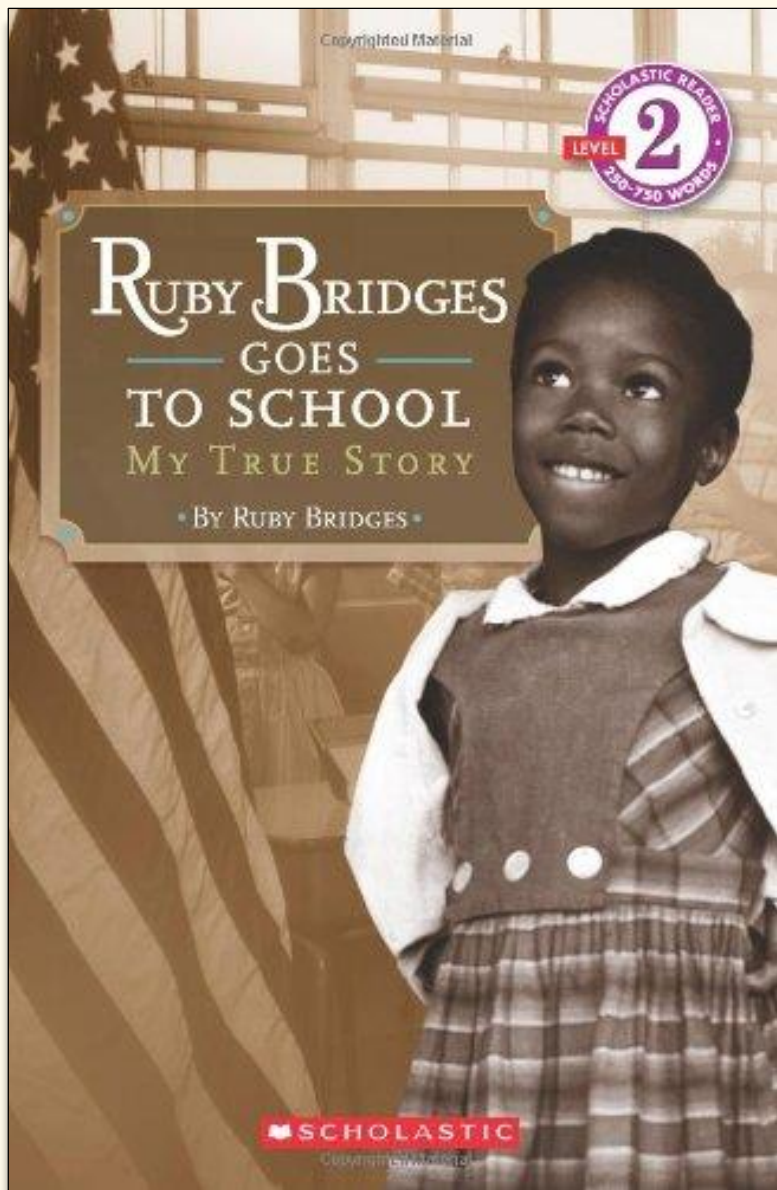
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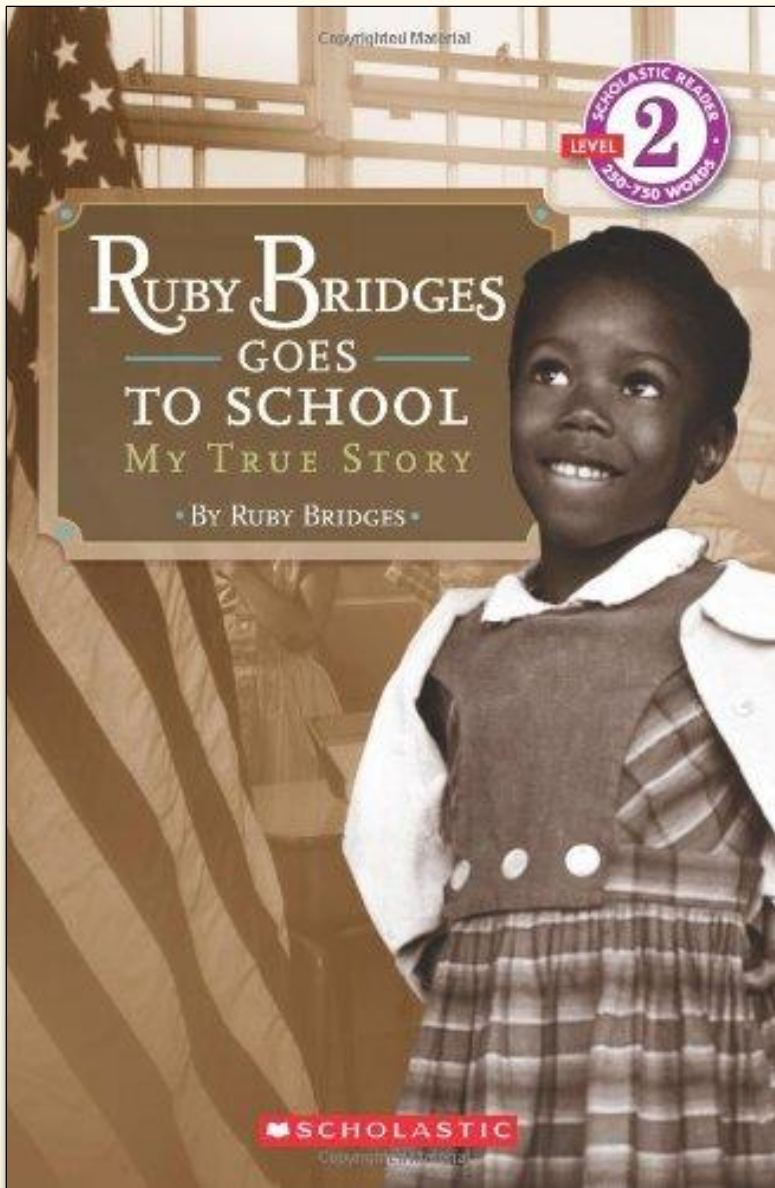


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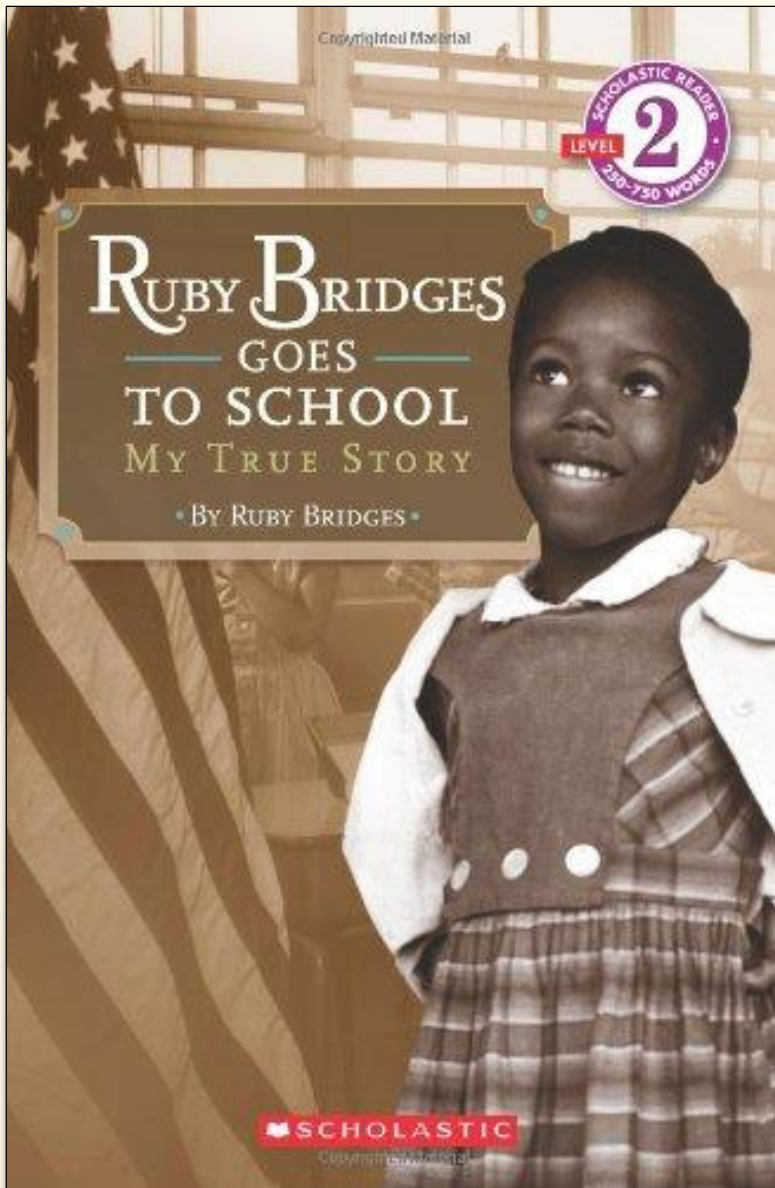
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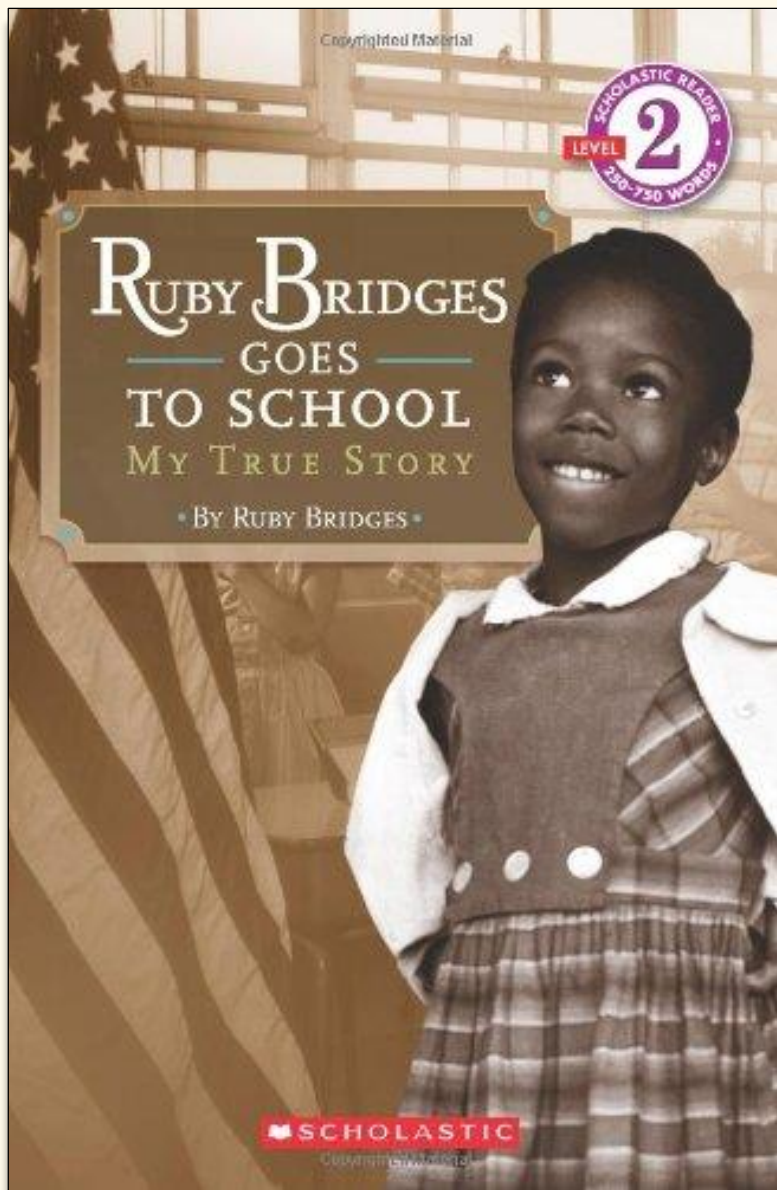
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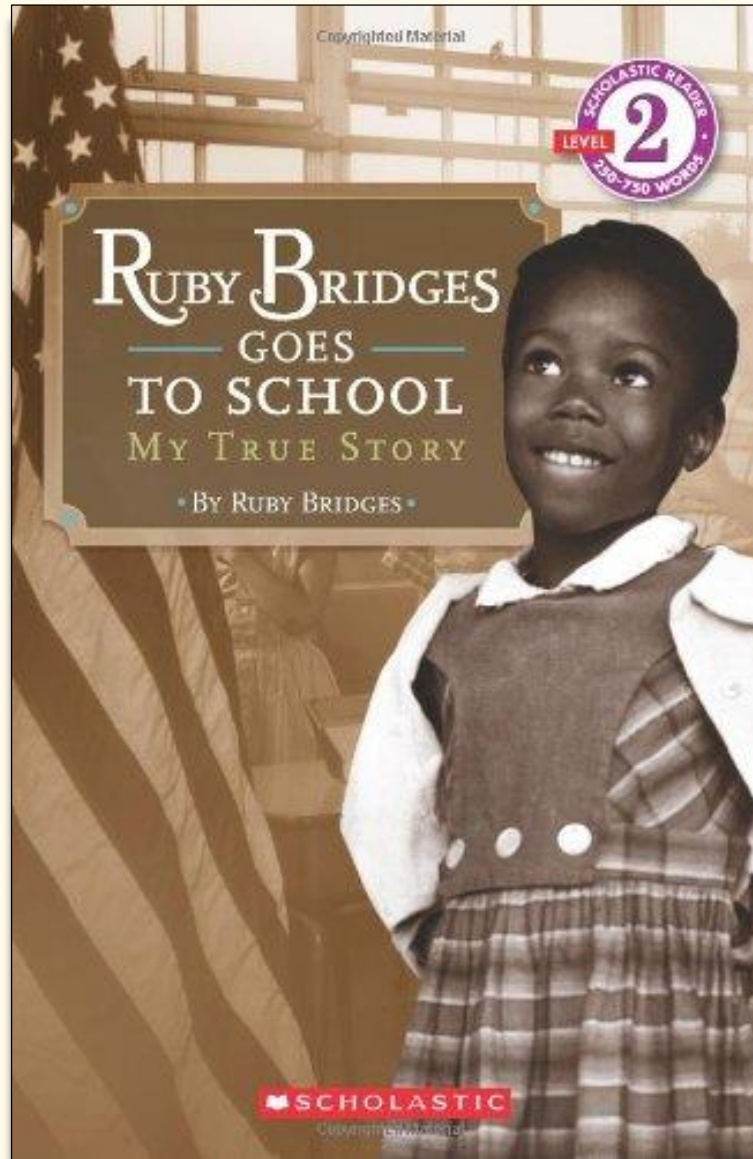
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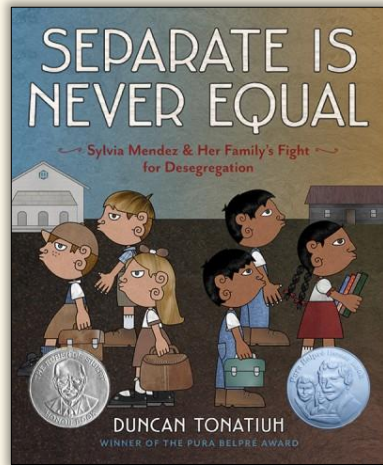
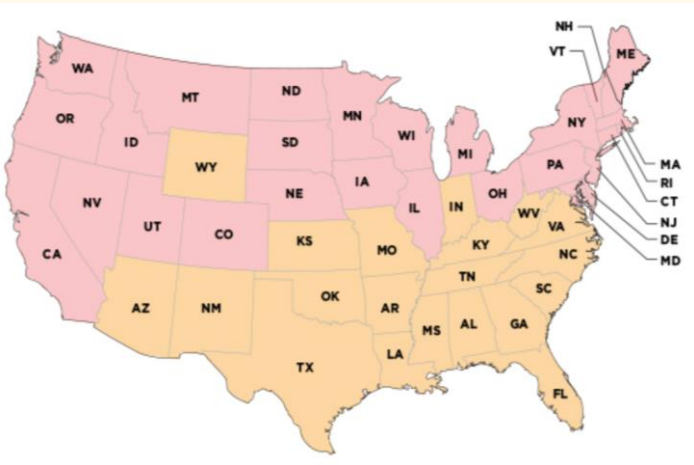
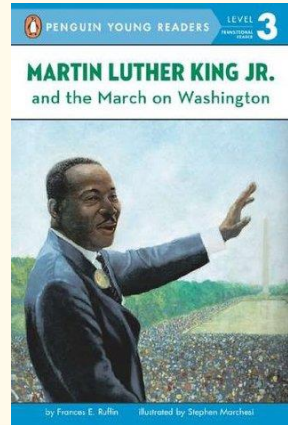
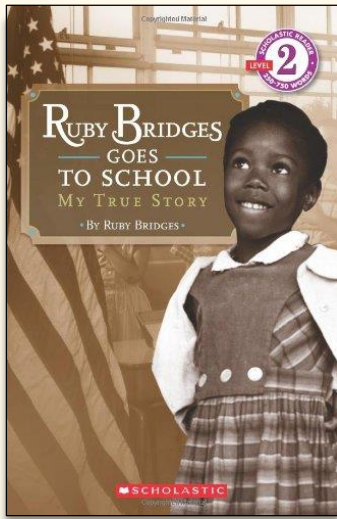
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Craft Questions

EXAMINE

Why is [specific skill] important?

EXPERIMENT

How does [specific skill] work?

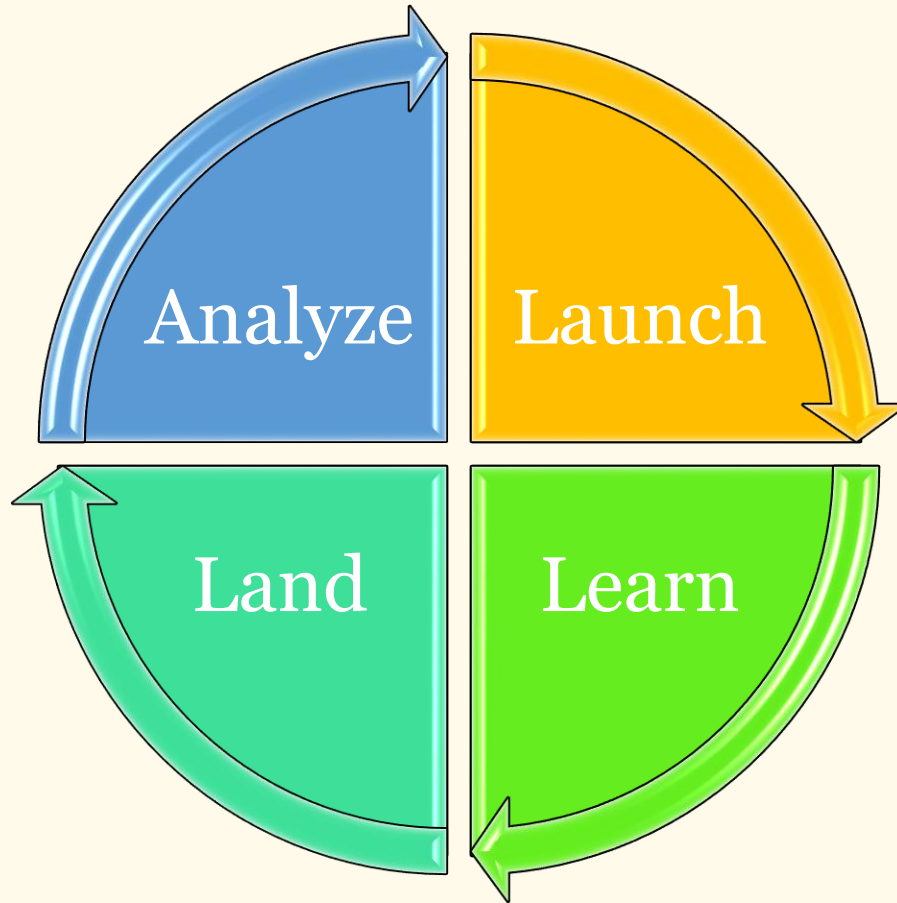
EXECUTE

How do I use [specific skill] in [specific task]?

EXCEL

How do I improve my use of [specific skill]?

Lesson Design



A Day in the Life

90 min	<i>Wit & Wisdom</i> English
30 min.	Small Group Instruction
30 min.	Foundational Skills
60 min.	Lunch
75 min.	Math
45 min.	Science or History
60 min.	Art, Music, P.E., etc.



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- Carefully curated texts
- Balance of literary and informational
- Intentionally sequenced

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- Art

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- Speaking & Listening
- Vocabulary
- Style & Conventions

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Great Content +
Compelling Questions +
Time to Engage =
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