

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

4th Grade Science and Social Studies

UNIT 1: NATURAL DISASTERS

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Eruption!: Volcanoes and the Science of Saving Lives* by Elizabeth Rusch (NL)**
- *Volcanoes* (Let's Read and Find Out Science series) by Dr. Franklyn Branley (590L)*
- *Eruption! The Story of Volcanoes* by Anita Ganeri (640L)*
- *Earthquakes* (Let's Read and Find Out Science series) by Dr. Franklyn Branley (750L)
- *Planet Earth/Inside Out* by Gail Gibbons (800L)
- *Tsunamis* (True Books: Earth Science series) by Chana Stiefel (830L)
- *Volcano: Eruption and Healing of Mt. St. Helen's* by Patricia Lauber (830L)
- *Earthquakes* (True Books: Earth Science series) by Ker Than (890L)
- *Volcanoes & Earthquakes* by Tom Jackson (NC910L)
- *Volcano & Earthquake* (Eyewitness Books series) by Susanna Van Rose (1060L)*
- *Mountains* by Seymour Simon (1140L)**

Fiction Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

- *I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake* by Lauren Tarshis (610L)*
- *I Survived the Eruption of Mount St. Helens, 1980* by Lauren Tarshis (640L)*
- *I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011* by Lauren Tarshis (650L)*
- *Surviving the San Francisco Earthquake* (Eye on History Graphic Illustrated series) by Jo Cleland (GN690L)
- *Quake!: Disaster in San Francisco 1906* by Gail Karwoski (770L)

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