

## RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature

#### UNIT 1: SEEDFOLKS

##### Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

Building community:

- *Nowhere Boy* by Katherine Marsh (NL)
- *The Vanderbeekers and the Hidden Garden* by Karina Yan Glaser (NL)
- *Junebug* by Alice Mead (570L)\*
- *Any Small Goodness: A Novel of the Barrio* by Tony Johnston (600L)
- *The Year of the Garden* by Andrea Cheng (620L)\*
- *Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar (670L)\*\*
- *The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora* by Pablo Cartaya (750L)
- *The Harlem Charade* by Natasha Tarpley (800L)

##### Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Hand to Heart: Improving Communities* by TIME FOR KIDS (NL)
- *101 Small Ways to Change the World* by Lonely Planet Kids (NL)

\* lower Lexile or qualitative measures than core text

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