

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

5th Grade Literature

UNIT 2: THE BREADWINNER

Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

Fighting for human rights:

- *The Breadwinner: A Graphic Novel* by Cartoon Saloon and Melusine Aircraft Pictures and Deborah Ellis (GN510L)
- *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed (HL600L)**
- *A Little Piece of Ground* by Elizabeth Laird (830L)
- *19 Varieties of Gazelle: Poems of the Middle East* by Naomi Shihab Nye (910L)

Escaping war/human rights violations:

- *The Red Pencil* by Andrea Davis Pinkney (HL620L)
- *I Lived on Butterfly Hill* by Marjorie Agosin (770L)**
- *Amina's Voice* by Hena Khan (800L)**
- *Shooting Kabul* (The Kabul Chronicles) by N.H. Senzai (800L)
- *The Only Road* by Alexandra Diaz (830L)**
- *The Bone Sparrow* by Zana Fraillon (840L)
- *Escape from Aleppo* by N.H, Senzai (880L)**

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Understanding Afghanistan Today* by Don Nardo (NL)
- *I Am Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced* by Nujood Ali (NL)**
- *Who is Malala Yousafzai* by Disha Brown (680L)*
- *Three Wishes: Palestinian and Israeli Children Speak* by Deborah Ellis (790L)
- *Kids of Kabul* by Deborah Ellis (800L)
- *Tasting the Sky: A Palestinian Childhood* by Ibtisam Barakat (870L)**
- *Every Human Has Rights: A Photographic Declaration for Kids* by Mary Robinson (880L)

Additional Texts by the Author

- *My Name is Parvana* by Deborah Ellis (670L)
- *Parvana's Journey* by Deborah Ellis (700L)
- *Mud City* by Deborah Ellis (740L)

* lower Lexile or qualitative measures than core text

** higher Lexile or qualitative measures than core text