

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

5th Grade Literature

UNIT 5: ONE CRAZY SUMMER

Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

- *The Watsons Go to Birmingham--1963* by Christopher Paul Curtis (920L)
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson (990L)
- *The Lions of Little Rock* by Kristin Levine (630L)
- *The First Rule of Punk* by Celia C. Perez (670L)
- *It All Comes Down to This* by Karen English (680L)*
- *Feathers* by Jacqueline Woodson (710L)
- *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia (710L)**
- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds (730L)
- *Stella by Starlight* by Sharon M. Draper (740L)

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *The Civil Rights Movement: An Interactive History Adventure* (You Choose series) by Heather Adamson (680L)
- *The Voting Rights Act of 1965: An Interactive History Adventure* (You Choose series) by Michael Burgan (740L)
- *Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories* by Ellen S. Levine (760L)
(Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 3)
- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery (780L)
(Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 3)
- *Selma, Lord, Selma: Girlhood Memories of the Civil Rights Days* by Frank Sikora (830L)
(Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 3)
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose (1000L)
(Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 3)
- *Witnesses to Freedom: Young People Who Fought for Civil Rights* by Belinda Rochelle (1040L)
(Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 3)
- *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History* by Vashti Harrison (1050L)**

Additional Texts by the Author

- *Clayton Byrd Goes Underground* by Rita Williams-Garcia (710L)
- *Gone Crazy in Alabama* by Rita Williams-Garcia (740L)
- *P.S. Be Eleven* by Rita Williams-Garcia (770L)

* lower Lexile or qualitative measures than core text

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