

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

3rd Grade Science and Social Studies

UNIT 3: UNDERSTANDING THE ANIMAL KINGDOM AND ADAPTATIONS

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Follow the Moon Home: A Tale of One Idea, Twenty Kids, and a Hundred Sea Turtles* by Philippe Cousteau (NC590L)

Fiction Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

- *Let's Classify Animals!* by Kelli Hicks (550L)
- *Ocean Animal Adaptations* (Amazing Animal Adaptations series) by Lisa Murphy (NC580L)
- *Desert Animal Adaptations* (Amazing Animal Adaptations series) by Julie Murphy (NC600L)
- *Polar Animal Adaptations* (Amazing Animal Adaptations series) by Lisa J. Amstutz (NC600L)
- *How and Why do Animals Adapt?* (All About Animals Close-Up series) by Bobbie Kalman (NC650L)
- *Rainforest Animal Adaptations* (Amazing Animal Adaptations series) by Lisa J. Amstutz (NC680L)
- *What are Camouflage and Mimicry?* by Bobbie Kalman (NC930L)**

* lower Lexile or qualitative measures than core text

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