

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

5th Grade Literature

UNIT 4: SURVIVAL STORIES

Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

Adapting to survive:

- *Shipwreck* by Gordan Korman (610L)*
- *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg (700L)*
- *The Living* by Matt de La Pena (HL700L)
- *The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* by Avi (740L)*
- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown (740L)**
- *Heart of a Samurai* by Margi Preus (760L)
- *The Long Winter* by Laura Ingalls Wilder (790L)*
- *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick (820L)
- *The Swiss Family Robinson* by Johann David Wyss (830L)
- *Call it Courage* by Armstrong Sperry (830L)**
- *Doll Bones* by Holly Black and Eliza Wheeler (840L)
- *The Cay* by Theodore Taylor (860L)
- *The Island of the Blue Dolphins* by Scott O'Dell (1000L)

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Survivor Kid: A Practical Guide to Wilderness Survival* by Denise Long
- *Can You Survive the Wilderness?* (You Choose: Survival series) by Matt Doeden (680L)*
- *Shipwrecked!: The True Adventures of a Japanese Boy* by Rhoda Blumberg (1020L)**
- *Trapped: How the World Rescued 33 Miners from 2,000 Feet Below the Chilean Desert* by Marc Aronson (1070)**
- *A Storm Too Soon (Young Readers Edition)* by Michael J. Tougas (1090L)

Additional Texts by the Authors

- *My Side of the Mountain* (trilogy) by Jean Craighead George (810L)
- *One Day in the Woods* by Jean Craighead George (860L)*
- *One Day in the Desert* by Jean Craighead George (860L)
- *One Day in the Prairie* by Jean Craighead George (860L)
- *One Day in the Tropical Rain Forest* by Jean Craighead George (880L)
- A Hatchet Adventure series by Gary Paulsen
- *Threatened* (Ape Quartet) by Eliot Schrefer (910L)
- *Julie's Wolf Pack* by Jean Craighead George (950L)

* lower Lexile or qualitative measures than core text

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