

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

5th Grade Literature

UNIT 3: RETURN TO SENDER

Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

Migrant workers:

- *The Turtle of Oman* by Naomi Shihab Nye (700L)
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Munoz Ryan (750L)
- *What the Moon Saw* by Laura Resau (750L)**
- *Sylvia & Aki* by Winifred Conkling (760L)
- *The Tequila Worm* by Viola Canales (830L)**
- *Becoming Naomi Leon* by Pam Muñoz Ryan (830L)*
- *Only Road* by Alexandra Diaz (830L)
- *Habibi* by Naomi Shihab Nye (850L)
- *My Name is Mar'a Isabel* by Alma Flor Ada (860L)*

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *The Circuit: Stories from the Life of a Migrant Child* by Francisco Jiménez (880L)
- *La Causa: The Migrant Farmworkers' Story* by Dana Catharine de Ruiz and Richard Larios (NL)
(Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 2)
- *César Chávez: A Photographic Essay* by Ilan Stavans (1030L)
(Supporting text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 2)
- *National Geographic Countries of the World: Mexico* by Beth Gruber (1180L)**

Additional Texts by the Author

- Tia Lola Stories series by Julia Alvarez (810-850L)

* lower Lexile or qualitative measures than core text

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