



A stack of mentor texts helps students become acquainted with authentic models of the writing genre for each unit. Teachers can use focused minilessons to tailor their instruction to students' needs and interests.

Stacks of mentor texts provide a mental model for a genre of writing or a particular writing focus. These are the suggested texts listed in each unit and available in many classroom libraries. Stacks can also include works authored by teachers and students.

## GRADE K TITLES

	UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4	UNIT 5
	Non-Genre	List Books	Fiction	Personal Narrative	Literary Nonfiction (Q&A Format)
1	<i>All Kinds of Books</i> by Susan Cañizares, Betsey Chessen, S. Berger	<i>What Do Living Things Need?</i> by Elizabeth Austen	<i>I Want a Dog</i> by Helga Bansch	<i>My Apron</i> by Eric Carle	<i>Who Hoots?</i> by Katie Davis
2	<i>My Apron</i> by Eric Carle	<i>On a Farm</i> by Alexa Andrews	<i>Wemberly Worried</i> by Kevin Henkes	<i>Joshua's Night Whispers</i> by Angela Johnson	<i>What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?</i> by Steve Jenkins
3	<i>Who Hoots?</i> by Katie Davis	<i>What Lives at the Pond?</i> by Caroline Hutchinson	<i>Little Nino's Pizzeria</i> by Karen Barbour	<i>Every Friday</i> by Dan Yaccarino	<i>Why?</i> by Lila Prap
4	<i>I Want a Dog</i> by Helga Bansch	<i>The Very Hungry Caterpillar's ABCs</i> by Eric Carle	<i>Just Like Daddy</i> by Frank Asch	<i>Salt Hands</i> by Jane Chelsea Aragon	<i>Do I Bug You?</i> by Bob Moog
5	<i>In My New Yellow Shirt</i> by Eileen Spinelli	<i>I Read Signs</i> by Tana Hoban	<i>If You Give a Mouse a Cookie</i> by Laura Joffe Numeroff	<i>Knuffle Bunny</i> by Mo Willems	<i>Who Has These Feet?</i> by Laura Hulbert

## GRADE 1 TITLES

	UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4	UNIT 5
	Non-Genre	Informational Book	Poetry	Personal Narrative	Procedural/How-To Book
1	<i>Ralph Tells a Story</i> by Abby Hanlon	<i>Lots and Lots of Zebra Stripes: Patterns in Nature</i> by Stephen Swinburne	<i>Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin</i> by Lloyd Moss	<i>Ralph Tells a Story</i> by Abby Hanlon	<i>How to Babysit a Grandpa</i> by Jean Reagan
2	<i>Places in My Neighborhood</i> by Shelly Lyons	<i>Wax to Crayons</i> by Inez Snyder	<i>Quick as a Cricket</i> by Audrey Woods	<i>Owl Moon</i> by Jane Yolen	<i>How to Teach a Slug to Read</i> by Susan Pearson
3	<i>Lots and Lots of Zebra Stripes: Patterns in Nature</i> by Stephen Swinburne	<i>My Baseball Book</i> by Gail Gibbons	<i>Hailstones and Halibut Bones</i> by Mary O'Neill	<i>Fireflies</i> by Julie Brinckloe	<i>How to Make a Pancake</i> by Dave Max
4	<i>How to Babysit a Grandpa</i> by Jean Reagan	<i>National Geographic Readers: Snakes!</i> by Melissa Stewart	<i>Charlie Parker Played Be Bop</i> by Chris Raschka	<i>Tulip Sees America</i> by Cynthia Rylant	<i>How to Make Slime</i> by Lori Shores
5	<i>Zin! Zin! Zin! A Violin</i> by Lloyd Moss	<i>Red-Tailed Hawks at Big Bend</i> by Frances Ruffin	<i>A Poke in the I</i> by Paul Janeschko	<i>Kitchen Dance</i> by Maurie J. Manning	<i>Walk On</i> by Marla Frazee



## GRADE 2 TITLES

	UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4	UNIT 5
	Non-Genre (Launching Writer's Notebook)	List Article	Poetry	Personal Narrative	Procedural/ How-To Book
1	<i>I Lost My Tooth in Africa</i> by Baba Wague Diakite	<i>National Geographic for Kids</i> (magazine and online)	<i>Animalia</i> by Graeme Base (alliteration)	<i>I Lost My Tooth in Africa</i> by Baba Wague Diakite	<i>How To Raise Mom and Dad</i> by Josh Lerman
2	<i>How To Raise Mom and Dad</i> by Josh Lerman	<i>Young Rider</i> (magazine)	<i>Spider</i> (magazine)	<i>Canoe Days</i> by Gary Paulsen	<i>Ingredient</i> (magazine for kids curious about food)
3	<i>Animalia</i> by Graeme Base (alliteration)	<i>Dig</i> (magazine)	<i>The New Kid on the Block</i> by Jack Prelutsky	<i>Sports Illustrated for Kids</i> (magazine and online)	<i>Ranger Rick</i> (magazine)
4	<i>Bugs</i> by Joan Richards Wright and Nancy Winslow Parker (nonfiction text)	<i>Faces: People, Places, and Cultures</i> (magazine)	<i>Kids Pick the Funniest Poems</i> by Bruce Lansky	<i>American Girl</i> (magazine)	<i>Jack &amp; Jill</i> (magazine)
5	<i>My Little Island</i> by Frank Lessac (fiction text)	<i>chickaDEE</i> (magazine)	<i>Laughing Out Loud, I Fly: Poems in English and Spanish</i> by Juan Felipe Herrera	<i>chickaDEE</i> (magazine)	<i>Ask</i> (magazine)

## GRADE 3 TITLES

	UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4	UNIT 5
	Personal Narrative	How-to Article	Historical Fiction	Opinion Essay	Poetry
1	<i>Everything but the Horse</i> by Holly Hobby	<i>Cricket: The Realm of Imagination</i> (magazine)	<i>Island Boy</i> by Barbara Cooney	<i>Stone Soup</i> (magazine - includes book reviews)	<i>It's Raining Pigs and Noodles</i> by Jack Prelutsky
2	<i>April from My Year</i> by Roald Dahl	<i>Chop Chop</i> (magazine)	<i>Ox-Cart Man</i> by Donald Hall	<i>Stella Writes an Opinion</i> by Janiel Wagstaff	<i>Swirl by Swirl: Spirals in Nature</i> by Joyce Sidman
3	<i>American Girl</i> (magazine)	<i>Ranger Rick</i> (magazine)	<i>She's Wearing a Dead Bird on Her Head!</i> by Kathryn Lasky	<i>I Wanna Iguana</i> by Karen Kaufman Orloff	<i>Spider</i> (magazine)
4	<i>Storyworks</i> (magazine)	<i>Jack &amp; Jill</i> (magazine)	<i>Goin' Someplace Special</i> by Patricia C. McKissack	<i>You Can Write a Terrific Opinion Piece</i> by Jennifer Fandel	<i>Skippping Stones</i> (magazine)
5	<i>Spider</i> (magazine)	<i>Ask</i> (magazine)	<i>The Wheat Doll</i> by Alison L. Randall	<i>In My Opinion</i> by Deb Bird	<i>Kids Pick the Funniest Poems</i> by Bruce Lansky



## GRADE 4 TITLES

	UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4	UNIT 5
	Personal Narrative	Travel Article (informational)	Realistic Fiction	Opinion Essay	Poetry
1	<i>The Bike</i> by Gary Soto	<i>National Geographic Kids</i> (magazine)	<i>Eleven</i> by Sandra Cisneros	<i>Stone Soup</i> (magazine - includes book reviews)	<i>Silver</i> by Walter de la Mare (assonance and alliteration)
2	<i>June</i> from <i>My Year</i> by Roald Dahl	<i>Faces</i> (magazine)	<i>The Marble Champ</i> from <i>Baseball in April</i> by Gary Soto	<i>I Want a Dog: My Opinion Essay</i> by Darcy Pattison	<i>The Robin Makes a Laughing Sound</i> by Sallie Wolf (rhyme scheme)
3	<i>Spider</i> (magazine)	<i>Skipping Stones</i> (magazine)	<i>Stone Soup</i> (magazine - includes book reviews)	<i>I Wanna New Room</i> by Karen Kaufman Orloff	<i>Spider</i> (magazine)
4	<i>Storyworks</i> (magazine)	<i>Mexico for Kids: People, Places and Cultures - Children Explore the World Books</i> by Baby Professor	<i>Cricket: The Realm of Imagination</i> (magazine)	<i>What Do You Think, Katie?: Writing an Opinion Piece with Katie Woo</i> by Fran Manushkin	<i>Skipping Stones</i> (magazine)
5	<i>Faces</i> (magazine)	<i>Cultures Around the World</i> by Jeanne Dustman	<i>Each Kindness</i> by Jacqueline Woodson	<i>Pick a Picture, Write an Opinion</i> by Kristen McCurry	<i>Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars</i> by Douglas Forian

## GRADE 5 TITLES

	UNIT 1	UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 4	UNIT 5
	Personal Narrative	Informational Article	Poetry	Personal Narrative	Procedural/How-To Book
1	<i>Teeth from Marshfield Dreams</i> by Ralph Fletcher	<i>National Geographic Kids</i> (magazine)	<i>Stone Soup</i> (magazine - includes book reviews)	<i>All Summer in a Day</i> by Ray Bradbury	<i>Drum Dream Girl</i> by Margarita Engle (stanzas/line breaks)
2	entries from the book <i>Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</i> by Anne Frank	<i>Time for Kids</i> (magazine)	<i>I Want a Cat: My Opinion Essay</i> by Darcy Pattison	<i>The Pedestrian</i> by Ray Bradbury	<i>Ode to My Shoes</i> by Francisco X. Alarcon (punctuation)
3	<i>Storyworks</i> (magazine)	<i>Scholastic - Science World</i> (magazine)	<i>Persuasive Paragraphs</i> by Frances Purslow	<i>The Fun They Had</i> by Isaac Asimov	<i>Spider</i> (magazine)
4	<i>Faces</i> (magazine)	<i>Earth Explained: A Beginner's Guide to Our Planet</i> by Barbara Taylor	<i>I Wanna Go Home</i> by Karen Kaufman Orloff	<i>Stone Soup</i> (magazine - includes book reviews)	<i>Skipping Stones</i> (magazine)
5	<i>Skipping Stones</i> (magazine)	<i>Muse</i> (magazine)	<i>Teen Ink</i> (teenink.com/opinion)	<i>Owl Magazine</i> (magazine)	<i>Poetrees</i> by Douglas Forian