



		Module 1: Becoming a Close Reader and Writing to Learn	Module 2A: Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others	Module 3A: Considering Perspectives and Supporting Opinions	Module 4: Gathering Evidence and Speaking to Others
GRADE 3	Topic	The Power of Reading	Adaptations and the Wide World of Frogs	Staging Stories	The Role of Freshwater around the World
	Central Texts*	RI— <i>My Librarian Is a Camel: How Books Are Brought to Children around the World</i> , Margriet Ruurs	RL— <i>Bullfrog at Magnolia Circle</i> , Deborah Dennard RI— <i>Everything You Need to Know about Frogs and Other Slippery Creatures</i> , DK Publishing	RL—Classic Starts: <i>Peter Pan</i> , J.M. Barrie, retold from the original by Tania Zamorsky	RI— <i>One Well: The Story of Water on Earth</i> , Rochelle Strauss
	Writing Tasks**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informative Writing: Accessing Books around the World Bookmark (RI.3.2, W.3.2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research-based Narrative: Freaky Frogs Trading Cards (W.3.2, 3.3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Narrative: Writing a Newly Imagined Scene from <i>Peter Pan</i> (W.3.3) Summary and Opinion Writing: Who Is Your Favorite Character in <i>Peter Pan</i>, and Why? (RL.3.3, 3.5, W.3.1, 3.2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Writing and Speaking: Public Service Announcement—the Importance of Water (W.3.1, 3.6, 3.7, SL.3.4, 3.5, 3.6, L.3.3b) Informative Writing: Challenges to Having Enough Clean Water for Everyone (W.3.2)
GRADE 4	Topic	Oral Tradition, Symbolism, and Building Community ¹	Interdependent Roles in Colonial Times	Simple Machines: Force and Motion	Susan B. Anthony, the Suffrage Movement and the Importance of Voting
	Central Texts*	RI— <i>The Iroquois: The Six Nations Confederacy</i> , Mary Englar RL— <i>The Keeping Quilt</i> , Patricia Polacco (teacher copy only) RL— <i>Eagle Song</i> , Joseph Bruchac (optional)	RI— <i>The Scoop on Clothes, Homes, and Daily Life in Colonial America</i> , Elizabeth Raum RI— <i>If You Lived in Colonial Times</i> , Ann McGovern	RI— <i>Simple Machines: Forces in Motion</i> , Buffy Silverman	RL— <i>The Hope Chest</i> , Karen Schwabach
	Writing Tasks**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informative Writing: Classroom Community Quilt (W.4.2, W.4.5, W.5.9, and L.43) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research-based Narrative: An Important Event in a Colonial Village (RI.4.9, W.4.3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Writing: An Editorial on Simple Machines (RI.4.3, W.4.1, 4.7, 4.9) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Writing and Speaking: Public Service Announcement—the Importance of Voting (RI.4.9, W.4.1, SL.4.4, 4.3, 4.6, 4.5)
GRADE 5	Topic	Stories of Human Rights	Biodiversity in Rainforests of the Western Hemisphere	Sports and Athletes' Impact on Culture	Natural Disasters in the Western Hemisphere
	Central Texts*	RL— <i>Esperanza Rising</i> , Pam Muñoz Ryan RI—Universal Declaration of Human Rights (excerpts)	RI— <i>The Most Beautiful Roof in the World: Exploring the Rainforest Canopy</i> , Kathryn Lasky	RI— <i>Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America</i> , Sharon Robinson	RL— <i>Eight Days: A Story of Haiti</i> , Edwidge Danticat ²
	Writing Tasks**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analytical Essay: How Esperanza Changes over Time (RL.5.2, 5.3, W.5.9) Narrative: Readers Theater Script and Performance of Scenes from <i>Esperanza Rising</i> (W.5.3, 5.9, SL.5.6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis: Meg Lowman's Research in the Rainforest (W.5.2, W.5.8, and W.5.9) Research-based Narrative: Rainforest Field Journal Page (RI.5.7, 5.9, W.5.2, 5.3, 5.7, 5.9.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Writing: Letter to a Publisher—a Famous Athlete's Impact (RI.5.9, W.5.1, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9) Opinion Writing: Jackie Robinson's Legacy (W.5.1, 5.9) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Writing and Speaking: Preparing for and Responding to Natural Disasters (RI.5.7, 5.9, W.5.1, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9) Informative Writing: What Makes a Hurricane a Natural Disaster? (W.5.2, 5.9)

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¹ 4M1A has been revised by NYSED. The revised version will be posted in summer 2014. *The Iroquois: The Six Nation Confederacy* will continue to be used as a central text. *The Keeping Quilt* has been added as a read-aloud in Unit 3. *Eagle Song* will no longer be a required text for this module; it will be an optional independent read with an independent reading guide. There also will be several mini-lessons for in-class discussions if teachers choose to use this novel.

² Based on field feedback, the novel *Dark Water Rising* has been removed from 5M4. Districts using 5M4 in the 2013-14 school year: teach just Units 1 and 3. For 2014-15, Unit 2 of 5M4 will be revised. *Eight Days: A Story of Haiti* will remain. The new unit will not require any new text purchases.



		Module 1B	Module 2B: Researching to Build Knowledge and Teach Others	Module 3B: Considering Perspectives and Supporting Opinions
GRADE 3	Topic	N/A	Connecting Literary and Informational Texts to Study Culture “Then and Now”	Wolves: Fact and Fiction
	Central Texts*	GRADE 4 ONLY	RL - <i>Magic Tree House #37: Dragon of the Red Dawn</i> , Mary Pope Osbourne RI - <i>Exploring Countries: Japan</i> , Colleen Sexton (Additional texts for book clubs)	RL - <i>Lon Po Po</i> , Ed Young RL - <i>Aesop’s Fables</i> , Jerry Pinkney RI - <i>Face to Face with Wolves</i> , Jim and Judy Brandenburg
	Writing Tasks**	GRADE 4 ONLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reading and Writing about a New Informational Text (RI.3.1, 3.2, 3.5, W.3.2, and 3.8) Research-Based Letter to Author (W.3.2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wolf Narrative (W.3.3)
GRADE 4	Topic	Poetry, Biography and Writer’s Identity	Animal Defense Mechanisms	The American Revolution
	Central Texts*	RL— <i>Love That Dog</i> , Sharon Creech RI— <i>A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams</i> , Jennifer Bryant (teacher copy only)	RI - <i>Animal Behavior: Animal Defenses</i> , Christina Wilsdon	RL - <i>Divided Loyalties: The Barton Family During the American Revolution</i> , Gare Thompson and Barbara Kiwak RI – The Declaration of Independence (excerpts)
	Writing Tasks**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biographical Essay: Selected Poet (RI.4.9, W.4.2, W.4.5) Inspired Poem (W.4.11) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Writing about the Pufferfish (RI.4.9, W.4.2, 4.4, 4.7, and 4.8) Choose-Your-Own- Adventure Animal Defense Narrative (RI.4.9, W.4.2, and 4.3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opinion Writing: American Revolution Broadside (W.4.1)
GRADE 5	Topic	N/A	Inventions that Changed Peoples Lives	Balancing Competing Needs in Canada
	Central Texts*	GRADE 4 ONLY	RL - <i>Investigating the Scientific Method with Max Axiom, Super Scientist</i> , Donald B. Lemke RI - <i>The Boy Who Invented TV: The Story of Philo Farnsworth</i> , Kathleen Krull	RI - <i>The Inuit Thought of It: Amazing Arctic Innovations (We Thought Of It)</i> , Alooook Ipellie and David MacDonald
	Writing Tasks**	GRADE 4 ONLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-Demand Informational Writing: Philo Farnsworth’s Invention of the Television and How It Changed People’s Lives (RL.5.3, W.5.2, and L.5.4) Graphic Style Novelette (RI.5.9, W.5.2, and 5.3) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Editorial Essay: The Effects of Mining on the Lives of Canada’s Inuit People (W.5.1)

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