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K–8 Whole Books and Fine Art List

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The texts that are a part of each *Arts & Letters*™*: Language Arts* module include content-rich books, articles, videos, fine art, audio recordings, and more. Below you will find a list of the books and works of arts students will encounter in each module. **Suggested quantities include one teacher copy and support class sets of 24 students in Grades K–2, 30 students in Grades 3–5, and three classes of 30 students (total of 90 students) in Grades 6–8. Quantities vary based on whether the text is whole group read aloud or reading occurs in a small group, pairs, or independently.**

	Module and Title	Books and Content	Created By	Sugg Qty
K	1 *The Five Senses*	*My Five Senses*	Aliki	13
		Last Stop on Market Street	Matt de la Peña and Christian Robinson	13
		Rap a Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles—Think of That!	Leo Dillon and Diane Dillon	7
		"Smelly" Kelly and His Super Senses: How James Kelly's Nose Saved the New York City Subway	Beth Anderson and Jenn Harney	13
		Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story	Kevin Noble Maillard and Juana Martinez-Neal	13
		*Let's Explore the Sense of Hearing**	Emma Carlson Berne	1
		Children's Games (Fine Art)	Pieter Bruegel the Elder	NA
		Apples (Fine Art)	Paul Cézanne	NA

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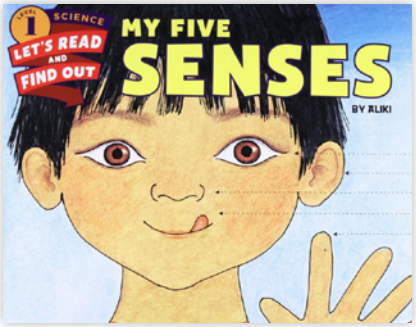

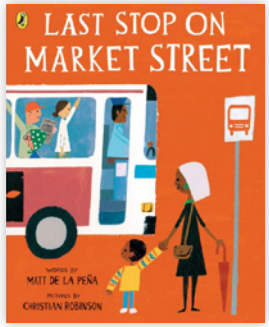

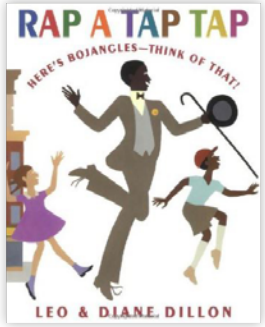

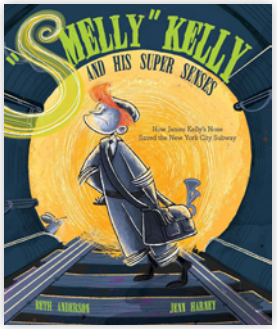

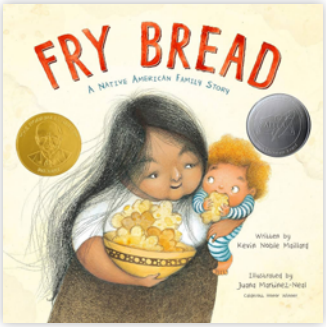

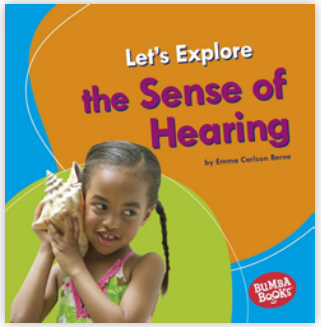

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K	2 *Once Upon a Farm*	*Hare and Tortoise*	Alison Murray	7
		Harlem Grown: How One Big Idea Transformed a Neighborhood	Tony Hillery and Jessie Hartland	13
		No Small Potatoes: Junius G. Groves and His Kingdom in Kansas	Tonya Bolden and Don Tate	7
		Hey, Hey, Hay! A Tale of Bales and the Machines That Make Them	Christy Mihaly and Joe Cepeda	7
		Three Little Pigs	Raina Moore and Thea Kliros	13
		The Little Red Hen	Jerry Pinkney	13
		*Before We Eat: From Farm to Table**	Pat Brisson	1
		Red Barn Farm	Sarah Green	7
		American Gothic (Fine Art)	Grant Wood	NA
		The Harvesters (Fine Art)	Pieter Bruegel the Elder	NA
		The Cornell Farm (Fine Art)	Edward Hicks	NA
	3 *America, Then and Now*	*The Little House*	Virginia Lee Burton	13
		Transportation Then and Now	Nadia Higgins	13
		Wood, Wire, Wings	Kirsten W. Larson and Tracy Subisak	7
		Communication Then and Now	Nadia Higgins	13
		Take a Picture of Me, James VanDerZee!	Andrea J. Loney and Keith Mallet	13
		Now and Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin	Gene Barretta	13
		Ice Harvest	Rachel Zindler and Chuck Gonzales	7
		Lightning Ben	Michelle Palmieri and Laura Barella	7
		*Bess the Barn Stands Strong**	Elizabeth Gilbert Bedia	1
		Washington Crossing the Delaware (Fine Art)	Emanuel Leutze	NA
		Struggle Series—No. 10: Washington Crossing the Delaware (Fine Art)	Jacob Lawrence	NA

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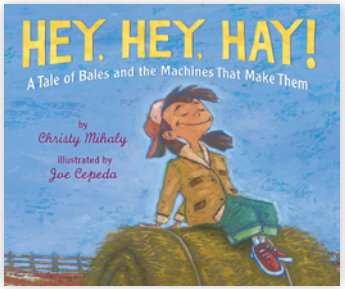

K	4 *The Continents*	*Continents: What You Need to Know*	Jill Sherman	13
		Beginner's World Atlas, 5th Edition	National Geographic Kids	1
		My First Day	Phùng Nguyên Quang and Huỳnh Kim Liên	13
		Sing to the Moon	Nansubuga Nagadya Isdahl and Sandra van Doorn	13
		Titanosaur: Discovering the World's Largest Dinosaur	José Luis Carballido, Diego Pol, and Florencia Gigena	13
		Winged Wonders: Solving the Monarch Migration Mystery	Meeg Pincus and Yas Imamura	13
		*A Gift for Amma: Market Day in India**	Meera Sriram	1
		Carta Marina (Fine Art)	Olaus Magnus	NA
		Earth from Space (Fine Art)	NASA	NA
1	1 *A World of Books*	*The White Cat and the Monk: A Retelling of the Poem "Pangur Bán"*	Jo Ellen Bogart and Sydney Smith	13
		That Book Woman	Heather Henson and David Small	13
		Tomás and the Library Lady	Pat Mora and Raul Colón	13
		Ready to Fly: How Sylvia Townsend Became the Bookmobile Ballerina	Lea Lyon, A. LaFaye, and Jessica Gibson	13
		The Book Rescuer: How a Mensch from Massachusetts Saved Yiddish Literature for Generations to Come	Sue Macy and Stacy Innerst	7
		*Waiting for the Biblioburro**	Monica Brown	1
		Laila and Majnun in School (Fine Art)	Shaikh Zada	NA
		Saint Jerome in His Study (Fine Art)	Albrecht Dürer	NA
		The Library (Fine Art)	Jacob Lawrence	NA

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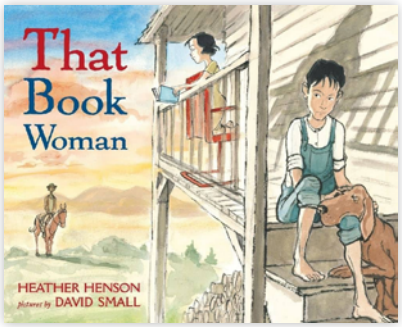

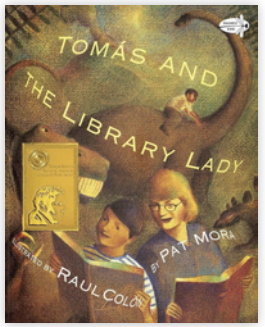

1	2 *Creature Features*	*Seven Blind Mice*	Ed Young	13
		What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?	Steve Jenkins and Robin Page	13
		Dear Treefrog	Joyce Sidman and Diana Sudyka	7
		Feathers: Not Just for Flying	Melissa Stewart and Sarah S. Brannen	13
		Me … Jane	Patrick McDonnell	7
		Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of Charles Henry Turner	Janice N. Harrington and Theodore Taylor III	7
		*Anna & Samia: The True Story of Saving a Black Rhino**	Paul Meisel	1
		Elephant Talk	Catherine Schmidt	7
		Rabbit or Hare?	Mamie Goodson and Rebecca Trahan	7
		Thorny Devil	Marya Myers	7
		Young Hare (Fine Art)	Albrecht Dürer	NA
		Hippopatums (“William”) (Fine Art)	Unknown Artist	NA
	3 *Wind Power*	*Wild Is the Wind*	Grahame Baker-Smith	13
		Feel the Wind	Arthur Dorros	13
		Gilberto and the Wind	Marie Hall Ets	13
		Brave Irene	William Steig	13
		The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind	William Kamkwamba, Bryan Mealer, and Elizabeth Zunon	13
		Energy Island: How One Community Harnessed the Wind and Changed Their World	Allan Drummond	13
		*Finding Out About Wind Energy (Chapter 1 only)**	Matt Doeden	1
		Kite Messengers	Jennifer Marin and Christopher Cyr	7
		Ejiri in Suruga Province (Windy Weather) (Fine Art)	Katsushika Hokusai	NA
		A Sudden Gust of Wind (After Hokusai) (Fine Art)	Jeff Wall	NA
	4 *World Tales*	*Cinderella*	Charles Perrault and Marcia Brown	13
		Beginner’s World Atlas, 5th Edition	National Geographic Kids	7
		Lon Po Po: A Riding-Hood Story from China	Ed Young	13
		The Girl and the Wolf	Katherena Vermette and Julie Flett	13
		The Lizard and the Sun	Alma Flor Ada and Felipe Dávalos	13
		*Tiny Feet Between the Mountains**	Hanna Cha	1
		First Steps (Fine Art)	Jean-François Millet	NA
		First Steps, After Millet (Fine Art)	Vincent van Gogh	NA

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2	1 *A Season of Change*	*Sky Tree: Seeing Science Through Art*	Thomas Locker	13
		Why Do Leaves Change Color?	Betsy Maestro and Loretta Krupinski	13
		The Little Yellow Leaf	Carin Berger	13
		The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder	Mark Cassino, Jon Nelson, and Nora Aoyagi	13
		Poetree	Shauna LaVoy Reynolds and Shahrzad Maydan	13
		*Little Tree**	Loren Long	1
		Bathers at Asnières (Fine Art)	Georges Seurat	NA
		Autumn Landscape (Fine Art)	Maurice de Vlaminck	NA
		Fall Begins (Fine Art)	Alma Thomas	NA
	2 *The American West*	*Buffalo Bird Girl: A Hidatsa Story*	S. D. Nelson	13
		Where the Buffalo Roam: Bison in America	Kate Waters	13
		The Buffalo Are Back	Jean Craighead George and Wendell Minor	13
		Powwow Day	Traci Sorell and Madelyn Goodnight	13
		*Fearless Mary**	Tami Charles	1
		The Lakota and the Buffalo	Marya Myers and Madelyn Goodnight	13
		Among the Sierra Nevada, California (Fine Art)	Albert Bierstadt	NA
		Buffalo Bull, Grazing on the Prairie (Fine Art)	George Catlin	NA
		Buffalo Hunter (Fine Art)	Julian Martinez	NA

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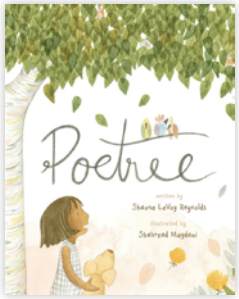
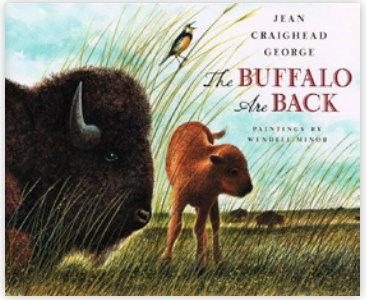
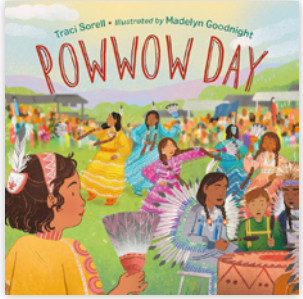
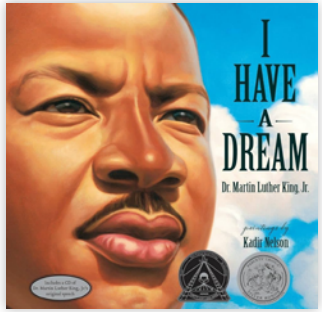
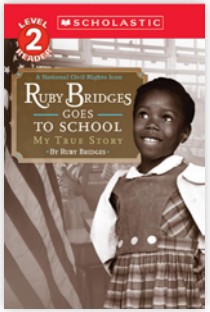


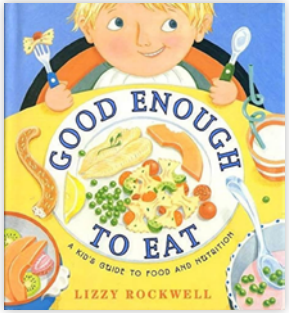




2	3 *Civil Rights Advocates*	*Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March on Washington*	Frances E. Ruffin and Stephen Marchesi	25
		I Have a Dream	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Kadir Nelson	7
		Freedom on the Menu: The Greensboro Sit-Ins	Carol Boston Weatherford and Jerome Lagarrigue	13
		Ruby Bridges Goes to School: My True Story	Ruby Bridges	25
		We Want to Go to School! The Fight for Disability Rights	Maryann Cocca-Leffler and Janine Leffler	13
		Gordon Parks: Taking Pictures, Making Art	Michelle Palmieri	7
		Free to Move	Sumin Lee and John Joven	7
		My Freedom Story	Sheyann Webb-Christburg and Keith Henry Brown	7
		We Will Ride	Lior Klirs and Lesley Vamos	7
		Ondria Tanner and Her Grandmother Window-Shopping, Mobile, Alabama, 1965 (Fine Art)	Gordon Parks	NA
	4 *Good Eating*	*A Different Pond*	Bao Phi and Thi Bui	13
		Freedom Soup	Tami Charles and Jacqueline Alcántara	13
		Stone Soup	Marcia Brown	13
		Bone Button Borscht	Aubrey Davis and and Dušan Petričić	25
		The Digestive System	Christine Taylor-Butler	13
		Good Enough to Eat: A Kid's Guide to Food and Nutrition	Lizzy Rockwell	25
		Still Life with Cheese (Fine Art)	Floris Claesz van Dijck	NA
		Cakes (Fine Art)	Wayne Thiebaud	NA
		Dai Food (Fine Art)	Colette Fu	NA





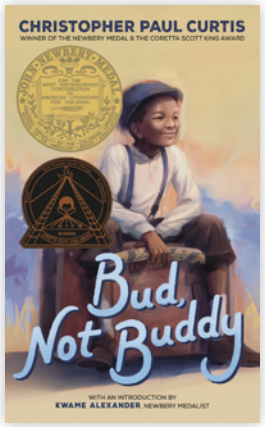


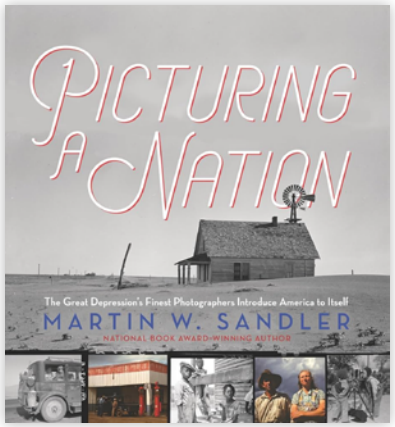
3	1 *The Sea*	*Amos and Boris*	William Steig	16
		The Fantastic Undersea Life of Jacques Cousteau	Dan Yaccarino	31
		Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor	Robert Burleigh and Raúl Colón	31
		Giant Squid: Searching for a Sea Monster	Mary M. Cerullo and Clyde F. E. Roper	16
		Shark Attack	Cathy East Dubowski	16
		Under the Wave off Kanagawa (Kanagawa oki nami ura) (Fine Art)	Katsushika Hokusai	NA
		The Boating Party (Fine Art)	Mary Cassatt	NA
		Mountains and Sea (Fine Art)	Helen Frankenthaler	NA
	2 *Outer Space*	*The Star People: A Lakota Story*	S. D. Nelson	16
		Starry Messenger	Peter Sís	16
		Moonshot: The Flight of Apollo 11	Brian Floca	16
		One Giant Leap: A Historical Account of the First Moon Landing	Robert Burleigh	31
		Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race	Margot Lee Shetterly and Laura Freeman	31
		Starfield (Fine Art)	Vija Celmins	NA
		Space Object Box: "Little Bear, etc." motif (Fine Art)	Joseph Cornell	NA
	3 *A New Home*	*Islandborn*	Junot Díaz and Leo Espinosa	31
		The Keeping Quilt	Patricia Polacco	16
		The Blessing Cup	Patricia Polacco	16
		Watercress	Andrea Wang and Jason Chin	31
		The Statue of Liberty (Fine Art)	Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi	NA
		Empirical Construction, Istanbul (Fine Art)	Julie Mehretu	NA
	4 *Artists Make Art*	*Action Jackson*	Jan Greenberg and Sandra Jordan	31
		When Marian Sang	Pam Muñoz Ryan and Brian Selznick	16
		Alvin Ailey	Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney	16
		Ella Fitzgerald: The Tale of a Vocal Virtuosa	Andrea Davis Pinkney and Brian Pinkney	16
		A River of Words: The Story of William Carlos Williams	Jen Bryant and Melissa Sweet	1
		Emma's Rug	Allen Say	16
		Number 1, 1950 (Lavender Mist) (Fine Art)	Jackson Pollock	NA
		Blue Poles (Fine Art)	Jackson Pollock	NA
		I Saw the Figure 5 in Gold (Fine Art)	Charles Demuth	NA

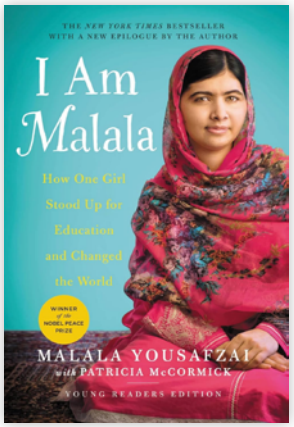
4	1 *A Great Heart*	*Love That Dog*	Sharon Creech	31
		The Circulatory Story	Mary K. Corcoran	31
		Mother and Child (Fine Art)	Barbara Hepworth	NA
		Portrait of Dr. Samuel D. Gross (The Gross Clinic) (Fine Art)	Thomas Eakins	NA
	2 *Myths and Enduring Stories*	*The Invention of Hugo Cabret*	Brian Selznick	31
		Gifts from the Gods: Ancient Words and Wisdom from Greek and Roman Mythology	Lise Lunge-Larsen	16
		Winged Victory (Fine Art)	Unknown Artist	NA
	3 *The American Revolution*	*Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak*	Kay Winters	31
		The Scarlet Stockings Spy	Trinka Hakes Noble	16
		A Spy Called James: The True Story of James Lafayette, Revolutionary War Double Agent	Anne Rockwell	31
		The Boston Massacre (Fine Art)	Paul Revere Jr.	NA
		Washington Crossing the Delaware (Fine Art)	Emanuel Leutze	NA
	4 *Let's Play Ball*	*We Are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball*	Kadir Nelson	31
		Testing the Ice: A True Story About Jackie Robinson	Sharon Robinson	16
		Joie de Vivre (Fine Art)	Mark di Suvero	NA
		Icarus (Fine Art)	Henri Matisse	NA
		Harmonizing (Fine Art)	Horace Pippin	NA
5	1 *Handed Down*	*The Birchbark House*	Louise Erdrich	31
		Across the Continent (Fine Art)	Frances Flora Bond Palmer	NA
		Chief Joseph (Fine Art)	Edward Curtis	NA
		Chief Joseph and Family (Fine Art)	F. M. Sargent	NA
		Untitled (Fine Art)	George Morrison	NA
	2 *Extreme Settings*	*All Thirteen: The Incredible Cave Rescue of the Thai Boys' Soccer Team*	Christina Soontornvat	31
		Ghost (Fine Art)	Rachel Whiteread	NA
		Rubbing/Loving (Fine Art)	Do Ho Suh	NA
	3 *Wordplay*	*The Phantom Tollbooth*	Norton Juster	31
		Time Transfixed (Fine Art)	René Magritte	NA
		The Persistence of Memory (Fine Art)	Salvador Dalí	NA
	4 *Windy City Poetry*	*Finding Langston*	Lesa Cline-Ransome	31
		The migration gained in momentum (Fine Art)	Jacob Lawrence	NA
		Sharecropper (Fine Art)	Elizabeth Catlett	NA

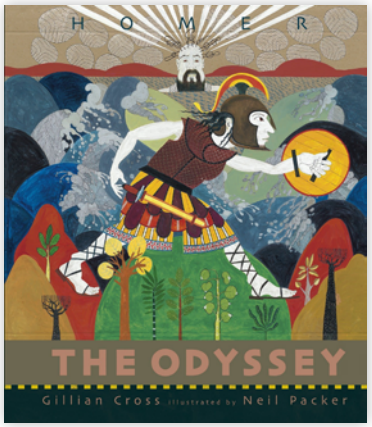
6	1 *The Great Depression*	*Bud, Not Buddy*	Christopher Paul Curtis	91
		Picturing a Nation	Martin W. Sandler	46
		Migrant Mother (Fine Art)	Dorothea Lange	NA
		The Louisville Flood (Fine Art)	Margaret Bourke-White	NA
	2 *Free to Learn*	*I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World*	Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick	91
		Crown from the Tillya Tepe, Tomb VI (Fine Art)	Unknown Artist	NA
	3 *Jade and Water*	*A Single Shard*	Linda Sue Park	91
		Delicate Carving on White Porcelain (Fine Art)	Lee Jong Min	NA
	4 *Epic Journeys*	*Ramayana: Divine Loophole***	Sanjay Patel	91
		*The Odyssey***	Gillian Cross	91
		Home to Ithaca (Fine Art)	Romare Bearden	NA
		Hua Mu Lan (Fine Art)	Jin Guliang	NA

**This module is designed so that students can read *The Odyssey* or *Ramayana*: *Divine Loophole*, or both as time and text availability allows.









7	1 *The Middle Ages*	*Castle Diary: The Journal of Tobias Burgess*	Richard Platt and Chris Riddell	91
		The Midwife's Apprentice	Karen Cushman	91
		Good Masters! Sweet Ladies! Voices from a Medieval Village	Laura Amy Schlitz and Robert Byrd	91
		Virgin and Child in Majesty (Fine Art)	Unknown Artist	NA
	2 *Navajo Code Talkers*	*Code Talker*	Joseph Bruchac	91
		Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima (Fine Art)	Joe Rosenthal	NA
		Two Navajo Code Talkers (Fine Art)	National Archives and Records Administration	NA
	3 *Rise and Fall*	*Animal Farm*	George Orwell	91
		90 Miles to Havana	Enrique Flores-Galbis	91
		Mechanical Head (The Spirit of Our Time) (Fine Art)	Raoul Hausmann	NA
	4 *Fever*	*An American Plague: The True and Terrifying Story of the Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1793*	Jim Murphy	91
		Fever 1793	Laurie Halse Anderson	91
		The Artist in His Museum (Fine Art)	Charles Willson Peale	NA
		Portrait of Dr. Samuel D. Gross (The Gross Clinic) (Fine Art)	Thomas Eakins	NA
8	1 *The Power of Poetry*	*The Crossover*	Kwame Alexander	91
		The Block (Fine Art)	Romare Bearden	NA
	2 *Montgomery*	*Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice*	Phillip Hoose	91
		10/27/69 (Fine Art)	Sam Gilliam	NA
	3 *Exploring Antarctica*	*Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World: The Extraordinary True Story of Shackleton and the Endurance*	Jennifer Armstrong	91
		Spryte Tracks, South Pole Plateau, Antarctica (Fine Art)	Stuart Klipper	NA
		Ice Flow in Open Pack, Amundsen Sea, Antarctica (Fine Art)	Stuart Klipper	NA
	4 *Shakespeare's Theater*	*A Midsummer Night's Dream*	William Shakespeare	91
		Birthday (Fine Art)	Marc Chagall	NA

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