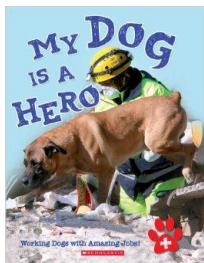


Recommended Novels for Board Approval December 2013



1. HBS (Lexile: Unleveled)(Guided Reading Level: S/T)

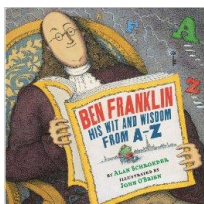
Description: In this book, you'll learn about the awesome dogs that are trained to save lives and brave the most dangerous situations. From tracking dogs to space dogs, police dogs to mountain rescue dogs, guide dogs to guard dogs-find out how these furry pets are trained for their special missions and how they carry them out. In *My Dog is a Hero*, readers will get a history of help dogs, meet the most famous canines, see real-life photos of the pets in action, and learn easy-to-understand facts about how help dogs got their start.

(Source: www.amazon.com)

Unit of Study: Non-Fiction Unit of Study

2.

Ben Franklin From Wit to Wisdom by Alan Schroeder HBS (Lexile: Unleveled)(Guided Reading Level: S)



Description: This nontraditional tribute to Benjamin Franklin all in almanac format is brimming with humorous cartoons, instructive adages, and a wealth of information about a Founding Father who was as amusing as he was amazing. Benjamin Franklin devised armonicas and bifocals, helped bring us the Constitution and signed the Declaration of Independence, and even experimented with electricity and invented the Franklin stove. He amassed enough noteworthy accomplishments to cover the entire alphabet from A to Z! (Source: www.amazon.com)

Unit of Study: Non fiction unit of study HBS

3.

Disasters The Biggest Disasters in History from Salt in the Indus Valley to Hurricane Sandy by Kieron Connolly (Lexile: 710)(Guided Reading Level: X/Y/Z)

Description: What was the impact of Hurricane Sandy? How many people were killed in the Indian Ocean Tsunami? Why did the Titanic sink? What caused the Bhopal Chemical Blast? How long did the Little Ice Age last? And what started the Great Fire of London? Earthquakes, volcanoes, famines, tsunamis, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, fires, plagues, and much more are featured in *Disasters*. A collection of more than 40 of the worst disasters in history from across the world. Includes information and maps describing the fascinating facts about each disaster. (Source: The back of the book)

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4.

Fast and Furious On Land, In the Air, and on the Water by Octopus Publishing (Lexile:)(Guided Reading Level: T/U)

Description: Bold, colorful and in-your-face-much like the wild rides it features—this book is packed with the most powerful vehicles ever to take to the road, the sky and the water. With superb photos and key facts, this is the definitive guide to the fastest machines on earth. Includes stunning action photos, essential stats and facts, close up on key features, amazing insights with Did you Know? And terminology explained. (Source: the back of the book)

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5. Power Passers by K. C. Kelley (Lexile:Unleveled)(Guided Reading Level: Unleveled)

Description: A look at the hottest quarterbacks going into the 2013 football season! A look at the hottest quarterbacks heading into the 2013 football season, with a focus on players with strong arms, great leadership skills, and football smarts. Including Tom Brady, Matt Ryan, Peyton Manning, and Aaron Rodgers. Will also include several key rookie quarterbacks hoping to crack the "power passers" list.

(Source: www.booksource.com)

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6. The Revolutionary War by John Malam (Lexile:)(Guided Reading Level: X/Y/Z)

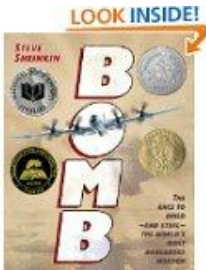
Description: The story of the Civil War that divided a nation and shaped the destiny of modern day America. The Civil War of 1861-65 was the bloodiest conflict in the history of the United States of America and had a huge effect on the shaping of the nation as one of the world's greatest democracies. From the opening shots fired at Fort Sumter, to the decisive Battle of Gettysburg and the assassination of Lincoln, this book brings the story of the Civil War to life. (Source: The back of the book.)

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7. Civil War The Conflict that Created Modern America by Peter Christ (Lexile:)(Guided Reading Level: X/Y/Z)

Description: Eight years of fighting, lasting from 1775-1783, saw Britain's thirteen colonies on the East Coast of America transformed into a new nation. This book charts the progress of the Revolutionary War from a few scattered protests to a bloody armed conflict that left many thousands dead and changed the face of the globe. (Source: The back of the book)

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8. Bomb The Race to Build and Steal the World's Most Dangerous Weapon by Steve Sheinkin (Lexile: 920)(Guided Reading Level: Y/Z)

Description: In December of 1938, a chemist in a German laboratory made a shocking discovery: When placed next to radioactive material, a Uranium atom split in two. That simple discovery launched a scientific race that spanned 3 continents. In Great Britain and the United States, Soviet spies worked their way into the scientific community; in Norway, a commando force slipped behind enemy lines to attack German heavy-water manufacturing; and deep in the desert, one brilliant group of scientists was hidden away at a remote site at Los Alamos. This is the story of the plotting, the risk-taking, the deceit, and genius that created the world's most formidable weapon. This is the story of the atomic bomb. *Bomb* is a 2012 National Book Awards finalist for Young People's Literature. *Bomb* is a 2012 *Washington Post* Best Kids Books of the Year title. *Bomb* is a 2013 Newbery Honor book. (Source: www.amazon.com)

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