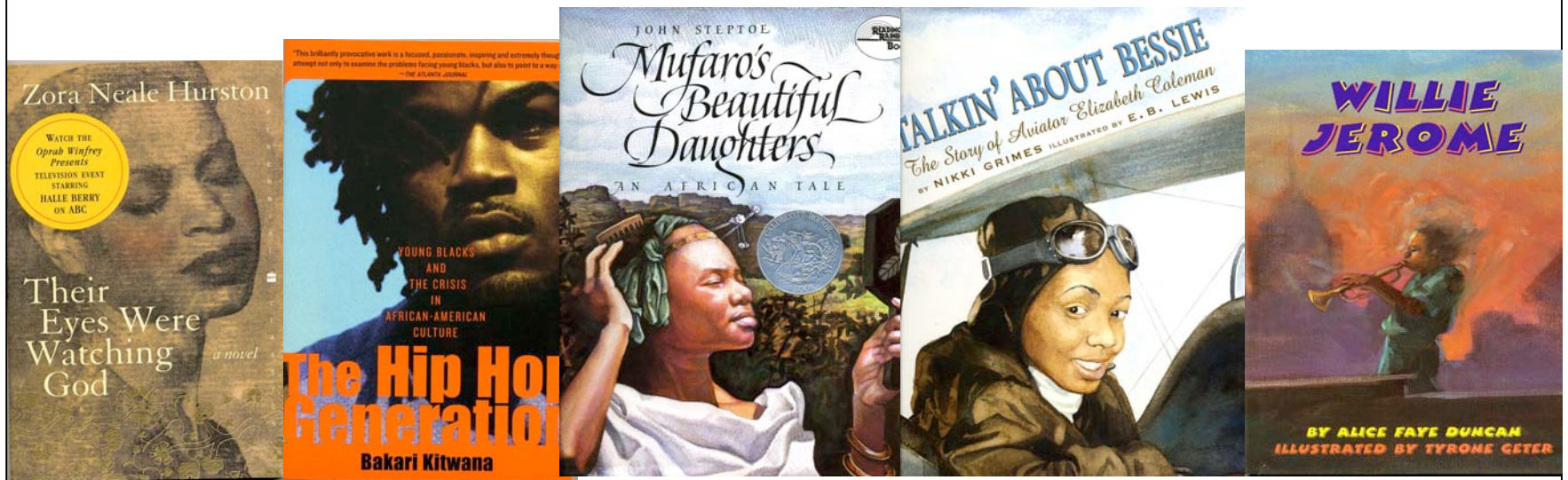


Culturally Relevant Literature for Classroom Use

An Instructional Support Tool for Standard English Learners (SELs)

Recommended African American Literature Titles by Grade Level



What is Culturally Relevant Literature?

Culturally Relevant Literature makes critical connections to who students are. It reflects the culture, history, and experiences of students and builds on the cultural capital they bring to the learning environment to enhance learning. Access to culturally relevant literature that motivates students to engage with print is important to both language and literacy acquisition.

Culturally Relevant Literature...

- Uses student's culture and prior experiences to make learning relevant
- Reflects the day-to-day experiences and activities of students
- Shows the student's culture and history positively and accurately
- Celebrates the culture and traditions of the student
- Students can identify with the struggles and lives of the characters
- Often includes the home language of students
- Comes in various genres (realistic and historical fiction, folktales, poetry, non-fiction, biographies/autobiographies) to tell the story of the people.

Reference: V. Harris (1993)

How to Use Culturally Relevant Books in the Classroom

- Teachers should have a ***Culturally Relevant Classroom Library*** of at least 200 titles that represent the language, culture, and experiences of the students in their classroom, including Standard English Learner (SEL) populations
- Books should be displayed in the classroom in an inviting and accessible manner
- Students should be provided with opportunities– throughout the school day– to engage in Free Voluntary Reading (FVR) and Silent Sustained Reading (SSR)
 - As SELs engage with print they intuit the structure of language
 - “The more students read the better they read and the better they write”
 - Books in the classroom can serve as models of Standard English for SELs
- Reading to SELs on a daily basis supports the acquisition of language and literacy skills
 - Being read to is often not a part of the early literacy experiences of SELs so the classroom has to become the venue for developing emergent literacy skills and an appreciation of books
- Books on tape should be made accessible to SELs through Listening Centers so they can ***hear*** the language of school modeled
- Encourage students to check-out books for personal enjoyment
- Use books that incorporate the home language of SELs for “*Contrastive Analysis*” activities

African American Literature for Contrastive Analysis Use

The following literature titles may be used to support “Linguistic Contrastive Analysis” with African American Standard English Learners (SELs). The selected titles are culturally relevant titles that incorporate African American Language throughout the text. Contrastive Analysis strategies support the acquisition of *Standard American* and *Academic English* by making explicit the structural and grammatical differences between African American Language and the language of school, Standard American and/or Academic English.

Grade	Title	Author	Grade	Title	Author
Pre K - K	She Come Bringing Me That Little Baby Girl	Greenfield, Eloise	4 - 5	The Dragon Takes A Wife	Myers, Walter Dean
K - 1	Flossie And The Fox	McKissack, Patricia	4 - 5	All Us Come Cross The Water	Clifton, Lucille
K - 1	Kinda Blue	Grifalconi, Ann	4 - 5	The People Could Fly	Hamilton, Virginia
K - 1	Talking Eggs	San Souci, Robert	4 - 5	Double Dutch and Voodoo Shoes	Warren Coleman
K - 1	My Brother Fine With Me	Clifton, Lucille	4 - 7	The Hundred Penny Box Mathis,	Sharon Bell
K - 1	People Who Could Fly	Hamilton, Virginia	5 - 6	Roll of Thunder	Taylor, Mildred D.
K - 4	Barber’s Cutting Edge	Battle-Levert, G.	5 - 6	Phillip Hall Likes Me, I Recon	Green, Bette
1 - 2	The Drinking Gourd	Monjo F. M			
1 - 7	Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt	Hopkinson, Deborah			
Grade	Title	Author	Grade	Title	Author
2 - 3	Flossie And the Fox	McKissack, Patricia	5 - 9	Patchwork Quilt	Flournoy, Valerie
2 - 3	Kinda Blue	Grifalconi, Ann	5 - 8	Shimmershine Queens	Yarbrough, Camille
2 - 3	Talking Eggs	San Souci, Robert	5 - 9	I Live In Music	Ntozake Shange
2 - 3	<i>Double Dutch & Voodoo Shoes</i>	Coleman, Warren	7 - 10	Mississippi Bridge	Taylor, Mildred D.
2 - 3	Willie Jerome	Duncan, Alice Faye	8 - 12	Poetry	Dunbar, Paul Laurence
			9 - 12	Black Boy	Wright, Richard
			9 - 12	<i>My Eyes Were Watching God</i>	Hurston, Zora Neal

Poetry by Langston Hughes - Langston Hughes Reader

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR CLASSROOM USE:
Kindergarten through First Grade Titles

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
Kinder & 1st.	A is For Africa	Carey, Jean	
Kinder & 1st.	Aaron and Gayla's Counting Book	Greenfield, Eloise	
Kinder & 1st.	The All Johdu Story Book	Roberson, Paul	Big Book Available
Kinder & 1st.	Anansi and the Moss-Covered Rock	Kinnel, Eric A	
Kinder & 1st.	A Child's First Book of African	Bryan Ashley	
Kinder & 1st.	A Country Far Away	Grey, Higel	Big book Available
Kinder & 1st.	American Spirituals		
Kinder & 1st.	Abby	Caines, Jeannette	
Kinder & 1st.	At the Crossroads	Isadora, Rachel	
Kinder & 1st.	Baby Says	Steptoe, John	
Kinder & 1st.	Big Mama's	Crews, Lucille	
Kinder & 1st.	Black Mother Goose	Oliver, E.	
Kinder & 1st.	Bright Eyes, Brown Skin	Hudson, Cheryl	
Kinder & 1st.	Brother to the Wind	Walter, Mildred Pitts	
Kinder & 1st.	Baby Animals	Wise, Margaret	
Kinder & 1st.	Big Friend, Little Friend	Green, Carol	Big Book Available
Kinder & 1st.	Bimwilli and the Zimwi	Aardema, Verna	
Kinder & 1st.	Birthday	Steptoe, John	
Kinder & 1st.	The Black A B.C's	Clifton, Lucille	
Kinder & 1st.	Black is Brown is Tan	Adoff, Arnold	
Kinder & 1st.	Calypso Alphabet	Agard, John	
Kinder & 1st.	Caribbean Alphabet	Lessac, Fran	
Kinder & 1st.	Caribbean Canvas	Lessac, Fran	

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR CLASSROOM USE Gr. K-I CONTINUE...

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
Kinder & 1st.	Carry Go, Bring Home	Samuels, Vyanne	
Kinder & 1st.	Cherries and Cherries Pitts	Williams, Vera B.	
Kinder & 1st.	A Country Far Away	Gray, Higel	
Kinder & 1st.	Daddy	Gaines, Jeanette	
Kinder & 1st.	Daddy and I	Greenfield, Eloise	
Kinder & 1st.	Daniel's Dog	Bogart, JoEllen	
Kinder & 1st.	Darkness and the Butterfly	Grifalconi, Ann	
Kinder & 1st.	Daydreams	Greenfield, Eloise	
Kinder & 1st.	Day of the Rainbow		
Kinder & 1st.	Designed by God So I Must Be Special	Sose, Bonnie	
Kinder & 1st.	Doctor Shawn	Breingburg, Petronella	
Kinder & 1st.	Evan's Corner	Starr Hill, Elizabeth	
Kinder & 1st.	Everett Anderson's Christmas Coming	Clifton, Lucille	
Kinder & 1st.	Everett Anderson's Good-Bye	Clifton, Lucille	
Kinder & 1st.	Everett Anderson's Nine Months	Clifton, Lucille	
Kinder & 1st.	Everett Anderson's Year	Clifton, Lucille	
Kinder & 1st.	First Pink Light	Greenfield, Eloise	
Kinder & 1st.	Follow The Drinking Gourd	Winter, Jeanette	
Kinder & 1st.	Freight Train	Crews, Donald	
Kinder & 1st.	From My Window	Wong, Olive	
Kinder & 1st.	Galimoto	Williams, Karen	
Kinder & 1st.	Golden Bear	Young, Ruth	
Kinder & 1st.	Good Morning Baby	Hudson, C. and Wesley, V	
Kinder & 1st.	Good Night Baby	Hudson, C. and Wesley, V	
Kinder & 1st.	Grandma's Joy	Greenfield, Eloise	
Kinder & 1st.	Grandapa's Face	Greenfield, Eloise	

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR CLASSROOM USE Gr. K-I CONTINUE...

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
Kinder & 1st.	The Great Greedy Orge	Cooper, Gail	Big Book Available
Kinder & 1st.	Hugo Hippo's Coloring Book of Africa	Porter, Gail A.	Big Book Available
Kinder & 1st.	Hugo Hippo's ABC Fun Book in Africa	Porter, Gail, A.	Big Book Available
Kinder & 1st.	I Like Me	Comer Cocker, Deborah	
Kinder & 1st.	I Make Music	Greenfield, Eloise	
Kinder & 1st.	I Need A Lunchbox	Caines, Jeanette	
Kinder & 1st.	Island Baby	Keller, Holly	
Kinder & 1st.	Jamaica's Find	Havill, Juanita	
Kinder & 1st.	Jamaica Tag Along	Havill, Juanita	
Kinder & 1st.	Jamal's Busy Day	Hudson, Wade	
Kinder & 1st.	Josephine's Imagination	Dobrin, Arnold	
Kinder & 1st.	Joshua's Masai Mask	Hru, Dakan	
Kinder & 1st.	Little Baby Girl	McKissack, Patricia	Some AAL Text
Kinder & 1st.	Masai and I	Kroll, Virginia	Big Book Available
Kinder & 1st.	Mary Had A Little Lamb	Hale, Sarah Josepha	
Kinder & 1st.	My Best Friend	Hinds, Mignonp	
Kinder & 1st.	Mecheshi Goes to the Game Park	Mbuja, Kioi	Big Book Available
Kinder & 1st.	Mechshi Goes to the Market	Mbuja, Kioi	Big Book Available
Kinder & 1st.	My First Kwanzaa	Greenfield, Eloise	
Kinder & 1st.	Night on Neighborhood Street	Greenfield, Eloise	
Kinder & 1st.	Not so Fast Songololo	Daily, Niki	
Kinder & 1st.	Not Yet Yvette	Ketteman, Helen	
Kinder & 1st.	One of Three	Johnson, Angela	
Kinder & 1st.	Osa's Pride	Grifalconi, An	
Kinder & 1st.	The People Could Fly	Hamilton, Virginia	AAL Text

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR CLASSROOM USE Gr. K-I CONTINUE...

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
Kinder & 1st.	Say it Again	Aagard, John	
Kinder & 1st.	School Bus	Crews, Donald	
Kinder & 1st.	Sock It To The One You Love the Best	Maddox, Cheryl	
Kinder & 1st.	Shawn Goes to School	Breinburg, Petronella	
Kinder & 1st.	Shawn's Red Bike	Breinburg, Petronella	
Kinder & 1st.	She Come Bringing Me that Little Baby Girl	Greenfield, Eloise	AAL Text
Kinder & 1st.	Story Of The Jumping Mouse	Steptoe, John	
Kinder & 1st.	Tell Me a Story Mama	Johnson, Anglea	
Kinder & 1st.	Ten Black Dots	Crews, Donald	
Kinder & 1st.	Ten, Nine, Eight	Bang, Molly	
Kinder & 1st.	Truck	Crews, Donald	
Kinder & 1st.	Ty's One-Man Band	Walter, Mildred Pitts	

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR CLASSROOM USE: **Second through Third Grade Titles**

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
2nd. & 3rd.	Abby	Caines, Jeanette	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	The Adventures of Spiderman	Arkhurst, Joyce	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	African Dream	Greenfield, Eloise	
2nd. & 3rd.	Afro-Bets Book of Black Heroes from A-Z	Hudson, W. and Wesley, V.	
2nd. & 3rd.	African American Art For Young People	Lewis, Samella	
2nd. & 3rd.	Aida	Price, Leontyne	
2nd. & 3rd.	All Us Come Cross The Water	Clifton, Lucille	AAL Text
2nd. & 3rd.	Amazing Grace	Hoffman, Mary	
2nd. & 3rd.	All Night, All Day	Bryan, Ashley	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	Amifika	Clifton, Lucille	
2nd. & 3rd.	A Million Fish...More Or Less	McKissack, Patricia	
2nd. & 3rd.	Anansi The Spider	McDermott, Gerald	
2nd. & 3rd.	A Promise to the Sun	Mollett	
2nd. & 3rd.	At the Crossroads	Isadora, Rachel	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	A Story, A Story	Haley, E.	
2nd. & 3rd.	Aunt Flossie's Hat (And Crab Cakes Later)	Howard, Elizabeth	
2nd. & 3rd.	Back Home	Pinkney, Gloria	
2nd. & 3rd.	Beat The Story Drum, Pum-Pum	Bryan, Ashley	
2nd. & 3rd.	The Boy Who Didn't Believe In Spring	Clifton, Lucille	
2nd. & 3rd.	Benjie On His Own	Lexau, Joan	
2nd. & 3rd.	Ben's Trumpet	Isadora, Rachel	
2nd. & 3rd.	The Best Bug To Be		

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR CLASSROOM USE Gr. 2-3 CONTINUE...

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
2nd. & 3rd.	Boss Cat	Hunter, Kristen	
2nd. & 3rd.	Barber's Cutting Edge	Battle-Levert	AAL Text
2nd. & 3rd.	Brown Angeles	Myers, Walter Dean	
2nd. & 3rd.	Brown Honey in Broomwheat Tea		
	Brown Is Beautiful	Bond, Jean Carey	
2nd. & 3rd.	Children of Long Ago	Little, Lessie Jones	
2nd. & 3rd.	Chita's Christmas Tree	Howard, Elizabeth	
2nd. & 3rd.	Can't Sit Still	Lotz, K.	
2nd. & 3rd.	Cornrows	Yarbrough, Camille	
2nd. & 3rd.	Count Your Ways Through Africa	Haskin, Jim	
2nd. & 3rd.	Cow-Tall Switch and Other West African Stories	Couriander, Harold	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	Daddy is a Monster Sometimes	Steptoe, John	
2nd. & 3rd.	Dancing Granny	Bryan, Ashley	
2nd. & 3rd.	Dancing With Indians	Meadearis, Angela	
2nd. & 3rd.	Do You Like Kyla?	Johnson, Angela	
2nd. & 3rd.	Don't You Remember	Clifton, Lucille	
2nd. & 3rd.	The Drinking Gourd	Monjo, F.M.	AAL Text
2nd. & 3rd.	Ears and Tails and Common Sense	Davis, Ossie	
2nd. & 3rd.	Emily and the Klunky Baby and the Dog Next Door	Lexau, Joan	
2nd. & 3rd.	Enchanted Hair Tale,	DeVeaux, A.	
2nd. & 3rd.	Flossie and the Fox	McKissack, Patricia	Some AAL Text
2nd. & 3rd.	Fly Jimmy, Fly	Myers, Walter Dean	
2nd. & 3rd.	For the Life of Laetitia	Hodge, M.	
2nd. & 3rd.	George Washington Carver	Green, Carol	

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR CLASSROOM USE Gr. 2-3 CONTINUE...

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
2nd. & 3rd.	Good News: Formerly "Buddies"	Greenfield, Eloise	
2nd. & 3rd.	Growin'	Grimes, Nikki	
2nd. & 3rd.	Habari Gani? What's the News:	Moringhouse, Sundaria	
2nd. & 3rd.	Harriet Tubman	Petry, Ann	
2nd. & 3rd.	Honey, I Love	Greenfield, Eloise	
2nd. & 3rd.	Iguana's Tail	Sherlock, Sir Phillip	
2nd. & 3rd.	An Island Christmas	Joseph, Lynn	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	Imani's Gift at Kwanzaa	Patmon, Denise Burden	
2nd. & 3rd.	I Want To Be	Moss, Tyllias	
2nd. & 3rd.	JAMBO Means Hello	Feelings, Muriel and Ton	
2nd. & 3rd.	Jimmy Lee Did It	Cummings, Pat	
2nd. & 3rd.	Julian's Glorious Summer	Cameron, Ann	
2nd. & 3rd.	Just Us Women	Caines, Jeanette	
2nd. & 3rd.	Kimako's Story	Jordan, June	
2nd. & 3rd.	Kinda Blue	Grifalconi, Ann	AAL Text
2nd. & 3rd.	Knee-High Man and Other Tales	Lester, Julius	
2nd. & 3rd.	Kwanzaa	Porter, A. P.	
2nd. & 3rd.	Lillie of Watts	Walter, Mildred Pitts	
2nd. & 3rd.	Lil Sis' and Uncle Willie	Everett, Green	
2nd. & 3rd.	Make A Joyful Sound	Siler, Deborah	
2nd. & 3rd.	Me and Neesie	Greenfield, Eloise	
2nd. & 3rd.	Mirandy and Brother Wind	McKissack, Patricia	
2nd. & 3rd.	Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	Steptoe, John	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	Moja Means One	Feelings, Muriel and Tom	
2nd. & 3rd.	More Stories Julian Tells	Cameron, Ann	
2nd. & 3rd.	My Brother Fine With Me	Clifton, Lucille	AAL Text

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Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
2nd. & 3rd.	My Friend Jacob	Clifton, Lucille	
2nd. & 3rd.	My Special Best Words	Steptoe, John	
2nd. & 3rd.	Mummies in Egypt	Aliki	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	Nanja The Snake and Mangus the Mongoose	Kilpatrick, Oliver	
2nd. & 3rd.	Nathaniel Talking	Greenfield, Eloise	
2nd. & 3rd.	Nessie Jo's Friend	McKissack, Patricia	
2nd. & 3rd.	Oh Kojo, How Could You	Aardema, Verna	
2nd. & 3rd.	One Smiling Grandma	Linden. A	
2nd. & 3rd.	Orphan Boy	Mollet, Tololwa	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	Over the Green Hills	Turner, Rachel	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	Pass It On: African American Poetry for Children	Hudson,	
2nd. & 3rd.	Patchwork Quilt	Flournoy, Valerie	
2nd. & 3rd.	Paul Robeson	Greenfield, Eloise	
2nd. & 3rd.	The Picture Book Of Martin Luther King Jr.	Young, Margaret	
2nd. & 3rd.	Picture Life Of Malcolm X	Haskins, James	
2nd. & 3rd.	Princess Gorilla and a New Kind of Water	Aardema, Verna	
2nd. & 3rd.	Princess of the Full Moon	Guima, Frederic	
2nd. & 3rd.	Rabit Makes A Monkey Out Of A Lion	Pinkney, Jerry	
2nd. & 3rd.	Rehema's Journey	Margolis, Barbara	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	Rosa Parks	Greenfield, Eloise	
2nd. & 3rd.	Rose for Abby	Guthrie, Donna	
2nd. & 3rd.	Sam Patch, the High, Wide and	Bontemps, Arma	
2nd. & 3rd.	The Handsome Jumper		

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Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
2nd. & 3rd.	Shaka, King of the Zulus	Stanley, D. & Vennema, P.	Big Book Available
2nd. & 3rd.	Handsome Jumper		
2nd. & 3rd.	Seven Candles for Kwanzaa	Pinkney, Andrea & Brian	
2nd. & 3rd.	She Wanted To Read	Greenfield, Eloise	
2nd. & 3rd.	Sing to the Sun	Ashley, Bryan	
2nd. & 3rd.	Singing Tales of African	Robinson, Adiji	
2nd. & 3rd.	Sidewalk Story by Mathis	Mathis, Sharon Bel	
2nd. & 3rd.	Some of the days of Everett Anderson	Clifton, Lucille	
2nd. & 3rd.	Something On My Mind	Grimes, Nikki	
2nd. & 3rd.	Something to Count On	Moore, E	
2nd. & 3rd.	Songs and Stories form Uganda	Serwadda, William	
2nd. & 3rd.	Soul Looks Back In Wonder	Angelou, Maya et al	
2nd. & 3rd.	Spin A Soft Black Song	Giovanni, Nikki	
2nd. & 3rd.	Starting Home: The Story of Horace Pippin Painter	Lyons, Mary	
2nd. & 3rd.	Stevie	Steptoe, Joh	
2nd. & 3rd.	Stitching Stars: The Story Quilts of Harriet Powers		
2nd. & 3rd.	Stories Julian Tells	Cameron, Ann	
2nd. & 3rd.	Storm In The Night	Stolz, Mar	
2nd. & 3rd.	Sundiata: Lion King of Mali	Wisniewski, David	
2nd. & 3rd.	The Sunflower Garden	Udry, May Janic	
2nd. & 3rd.	Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt	Hopkinson, Deborah	Some AAL Text
2nd. & 3rd.	Take A Walk In Their Shoes	Turner, Glennette Tiley	
2nd. & 3rd.	Tales of Mogho	Guirma, Federi	
2nd. & 3rd.	The Tale of Uncle Remus	Lester, Julius	
2nd. & 3rd.	Talk About Family	Greenfield, Eloise	

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Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
2nd. & 3rd.	Talking Eggs	Greenfield, Eloise	AAL Text
2nd. & 3rd.	Tar Beach	Ringgold, Faith	
2nd. & 3rd.	Things I like About Grandma	Haskin, Francine	
2nd. & 3rd.	The Third Gift	Carew, Jan	
2nd. & 3rd.	Three Wishes	Clifton, Lucille	
2nd. & 3rd.	Tommy Traveler in the World of Black History	Feeling, Tom	
2nd. & 3rd.	Tower of Heaven	Dee, Ruby	
2nd. & 3rd.	Train to Lulu's	Howard, Elizabeth	
2nd. & 3rd.	Train Ride	Steptoe, John	
2nd. & 3rd.	Traveling to Kondo	Aardema, Verna	
2nd. & 3rd.	Turtle Knows Your Name	Ashley, Bryan	
2nd. & 3rd.	Twins Strike Back	Flourney, Valerie	
2nd. & 3rd.	Two and Too Much	Walter, Mildred Pitts	
2nd. & 3rd.	Two Ways to Count Ten	Dee, Ruby	
2nd. & 3rd.	Uncle Jed's Barbershop	Mitchell,	
2nd. & 3rd.	Under the Sunday Tree	Greenfield, Elois	
2nd. & 3rd.	Village of Round and Square Houses	Grifalconi, Ann	
2nd. & 3rd.	Vingananee and the Tree Toad	Aardema, Verma	
2nd. & 3rd.	Walk Together Children	Brown, Ashley	
2nd. & 3rd.	Wave in Her Pocket	Lynn, Joseph	
2nd. & 3rd.	A Weed is a Flower	Alkil	
2nd. & 3rd.	We Keep A Store	Shelby, Anne	
2nd. & 3rd.	We Read A to Z	Crews, Donald	
2nd. & 3rd.	West Indian Folktales	Crews, Donald	
2nd. & 3rd.	What Kind of Babysitter is This	Johnson, B	

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR CLASSROOM USE Gr. 2-3 CONTINUE...

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
2nd. & 3rd.	What Marry Jo Shared	Udry, Janice May	
2nd. & 3rd.	What's So Funny, Ketu?	Aardema, Verna	
2nd. & 3rd.	When I Am Old With You	Johnson, Angela	
2nd. & 3rd.	When The Rattlesnake Sounds	Childress, Alice	
2nd. & 3rd.	Where Does The Trail Lead?	Burton, Albert	
2nd. & 3rd.	Who Look At Me	Jordan, June	
2nd. & 3rd.	Who's In Rabbit's House	Aardema, Verna	
2nd. & 3rd.	Why Mosquitoes Buzz in Peoples Ears	Aardema, Verna	
2nd. & 3rd.	Why the Sun and the Moon Live in the Sky	Dayrell,	
2nd. & 3rd.	Wiley and the Harry Man	Bang, Moll	
2nd. & 3rd.	Willie Jerome	Duncan, Alice Faye	AAL Text
2nd. & 3rd.	Willie's Not the Hugging Kind	Barrett, Joyce	
2nd. & 3rd.	Window Wishing	Caines, Jeanette	
2nd. & 3rd.	Words by Heart	Sebestyne, Quida	
2nd. & 3rd.	Working Cotton	William, Shirley Ann	
2nd. & 3rd.	Your Hand In Mine	Comish, Sam	
2nd. & 3rd.	Zomo, the Rabbit	McDermott, Gerald	

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Fourth through Fifth Grade Titles

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
4th. & 5th.	Anansi Goes Fishing	Kimmell, Eric	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	Ajeemah And His Son	Berry, J.	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	Alice	Goldberg, Whoppi	
4th. & 5th.	Ashanti to Zulu	Musgrove, Margaret Ann	
4th. & 5th.	Aunt Harriet and the Underground Railroad in the Sky	Ringgold, Faith	
4th. & 5th.	All Us Come Cross The Water	Ringgold, Faith	AAL Text
4th. & 5th.	Banza	Wolkstein, Diane	
4th. & 5th.	Belling the Tiger	Stolz, Mary	
4th. & 5th.	Bells of Christmas	Hamilton, Virginia	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	Benjamin Banneker	Patterson, Lillie	
4th. & 5th.	Beneath the Rainbow	Gakuo, Kariuki	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	Black Heroes of the American Revolution	Davis, Burk	
4th. & 5th.	Black Snowman	Phil Mendez	Some AAL Text
4th. & 5th.	Booker T. Washington	Patterson, Lillie	
4th. & 5th.	Boy of the Pyramids	Jones, Ruth F.	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	Boy and the Ghost	Boyd, C.	
4th. & 5th.	Breadsticks and the Blessing Places	Glover, D.	
4th. & 5th.	Brer Rabbit and the Wonderful Tar Baby	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Brother Rush	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Buffalo Soldiers	Heuman, William	
4th & 5th.	Caribbean Canvas	Lessac, Frane	
4th. & 5th.	Carousel	Cruz, Donald	
4th. & 5th.	Cat in the Mirror	Stolz, Mary	

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE FOR CLASSROOM USE Gr. 4-5 CONTINUE...

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
4th. & 5th.	Celebrating Kwanzaa	Hoit-Goldsmith, Diane	
4th. & 5th.	Charlie Parker Played Be Bop	Raschka, Christopher	
4th. & 5th.	Children of Promise	Sullivan, Charles	
4th. & 5th.	Childtime	Greenfield, Eloise	
4th. & 5th.	Chain of Fire	Naidoo, Beverly	Big Book Available
4th & 5th.	Cousins	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Clean Your Room Harvey Moon	Cummings, Pat	
4th. & 5th.	Coconut Kind of Day	Joseph, Lynn	
4th. & 5th.	Crocodile and Hen	Lexau, Joan	
4th. & 5th.	Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural		
4th. & 5th.	The Dark Way	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	The Disappearance	Guy, Rosa	
4th. & 5th.	Dinner At Aunt Connie's House	Ringgold, Faith	
4th. & 5th.	Drylongso	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	The Dragon Takes A Wife	Myers, Walter Dean	AAL Text
4th. & 5th.	Dustland	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	The Egyptian Cinderella	Climo, Shirley	Big Book Available
4th & 5th.	Egyptian Hieroglyphs for Everyone	Scott, Joseph	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	Elephant's Wrestling Match	Sierra, Judy	
4th. & 5th.	Elija's Ange;	Rosen, Michael J.	
4th. & 5th.	Efan The Great	Schotter, Roni	
4th. & 5th.	Famous American Negroes	Hughes, Langston	
4th. & 5th.	Famous Negro Music Makers	Hughes, Langston	

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Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
4th. & 5th.	Fannie Lou Hammer	Jordan, June	
4th. & 5th.	Frederick Douglas	Bontemps, Arna	
4th. & 5th.	Fast Sam, Cool Clyde and Stuff	Myers, Walter Dean	
4th. & 5th.	Father and Son	Lautere, Denize	
4th. & 5th.	Femi and Old Grandaddle	Robinson, Adjai	
4th & 5th.	Finding the Green Ferris Wheel: Storm in the Night	Stolz, Mary	
4th. & 5th.	The Friendship	Taylor, Mildred	
4th. & 5th.	Fortune Tellers	Alexander, Lloyd	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	The Gathering	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Gift-Giver	Hensen, Joyce	
4th. & 5th.	The Gold Cadillac	Taylor, Mildred	
4th. & 5th.	Have A Happy	Walter, Mildred Pitts	
4th & 5th.	House of Dies Dread	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Hundred Penny Box	Mathis, Sharon Bell	
4th. & 5th.	Ida B. Wells Barnett: Women of Courage	Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth	
4th. & 5th.	In the Beginning	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	It Ain't All For Nothing	Meyers, Walter Dean	AAL Text
4th. & 5th.	In The Mummy's Tomb	Reeves, Nicholas	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	Jahdu	Hamilton Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	James VanDerzee: The Picture	Haskin, James	
4th. & 5th.	Journey to Jo'burg	Naidoo, Beverly	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	James Weldon Johnson	McKissack, Patricia	
4th. & 5th.	Jesse Jackson: A Biography	McKissack, Patricia	

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4th. & 5th.	Jump at the Sun	Porter, A.P.	
4th. & 5th.	Junis Over Far	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Like Martin	Davis, Ossie	
4th. & 5th.	Just My Luck	Moore, Emily	
4th. & 5th.	Justice and Her Brothers	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World	Walter, Mildred Pitts	
4th. & 5th.	Koya Delaney and the Good Girls Blues	Greenfield, Eloise	
4th. & 5th.	Let The Circle Be Unbroken	Taylor, Mildred	
4th. & 5th.	Little Love	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Long Journey Home	Lester, Julius	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	A Long Hard Journey	McKissack, Patricia	
4th. & 5th.	Lucky Stone	Clifton, Lucill	
4th & 5th.	The Lost Zoo	Cullen, Countee	
4th. & 5th.	Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary	Myers, Walter Dean	
4th. & 5th.	Mariah Keep Cool	Walter, Mildred Pitts	
4th. & 5th.	Mara, Daughter of the Nile	Jarvis, Eloise	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	Mariah Loves Rock	Walter, Mildred Pitts	
4th. & 5th.	Martin Luther King: A Man to Remember	McKissack, Patricia	
4th. & 5th.	Mary McLeod Bethune	Greenfield, Eloise	
4th. & 5th.	Me, Mop and the Moondance Kid	Meyers, Walter Dean	
4th. & 5th.	M.C. Higgins, The Great	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Mississippi Challenge	Walter, Mildred Pitts	
4th. & 5th.	My Souls High Song	Cullen, Countee	
4th. & 5th.	Mystery Of Dream House	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Native Artist of Africa	Moore, Reavis	
4th & 5th.	Nat Turner	Griffin, Judith	

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4th. & 5th.	Nelson Mandela	McKissack, Patricia	
4th. & 5th.	Now is Your Time	Myers, Walter Dean	
4th. & 5th.	Ntombi's Song	Seed, Jenny	Big Book Available
	Nyalgondhio wuod-Ombare and the Lost Woman from Lake Victoria	Oswaggo, Joel	
4th. & 5th.	Lake Victoria		Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	Nyumba Ya Mumbi	Gakuo, Kariuki	Big Book Available
4th. & 5th.	Paul Lawrence Dunbar	McKissack, Patricia	
4th. & 5th.	People Could Fly	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Planet of Junior Brown	Hamilton, Virginia	
4th. & 5th.	Reflection of a Black Cowboy	Miller, Robert	
4th. & 5th.	Road to Memphis	Taylor, Mildred D.	

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Middle through High School Titles (Grades 6-12)

Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
MS/HS	Roll of Thunder, Hear my Cry	Taylor, Mildred D	
MS/HS	Alvin Alley	Pinkney, A.D	
	Anthony Burns: The Defeat and Triumph of a Fugitive	Hamilton, Virginia	
MS/HS	Slave		
MS/HS	Black Theatre in America	Haskin, J.	
MS/HS	Blue Tights	Williams-Garcia, Rita	
MS/HS	The Bridges of Summer	Seabrooke, Brenda	
MS/HS	Charlie Pippin		
MS/HS	Children of Fire		
MS/HS	Climbing Jacob's Ladder	Langstaff, John	
MS/HS	Crystal	Myers, Walter Dean	
MS/HS	The Dear One	Woodson, J	
MS/HS	Definitely Cool	Wilkinson, Brenda	
MS/HS	Diana Ross	Halkins, James	
MS/HS	Duke Ellington	Collier, James	
MS/HS	The Egypt Game	Myers, Walter Dean	
MS/HS	Escape from Slavery Escape To Freedom	Davis, Ossie	
MS/HS	Every man Heart Lay Down	Graham, Lopez	
MS/HS	Extraordinary Black Americans	Altman, Susan	
MS/HS	Famous Negro Athletes	Bontemps, Arna	
MS/HS	Fashion By Tasha	Johnson, S	
MS/HS	Fannie Lou Hammer	Jordon, June	
MS/HS	Forever Friends	Boyd, Candy	
MS/HS	Frederick, Douglas	Bontemps, Arna	

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Grade levels	Title	Author (last name first)	Remarks
MS/HS	I Live In Music	Ntozake, Shange	AAL Text
MS/HS	Mississippi Bridge	Taylor, Mildred D	AAL Text
MS/HS	Phillip Likes Me, I Recon	Green, Bette	AAL Text
MS/HS	Poetry by Langston Hughes	Hughes, Langston	AAL Text
MS/HS	Shimmershine Queens	Yarbrough, Camille	AAL Text
MS/HS	Poetry	Dunbar, Paul Laurence	AAL Text
MS/HS	Black Boy	Richard Wright	AAL Text
MS/HS	My Eyes Were watching God	Hurston, Zora Neal	AAL Text