

Representation of African Diaspora in Benchmark Advance Texts

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K	1	Plants and Animals Have Needs	Whole Group	Tommy	Poetry	This poem by a female African American poet is about a growing plant; male in photograph is African American and/or of African descent	English	Gwendolyn Brooks	Female, African American, American	USA
K	3	Rules at Home and School	Whole Group	Rules Are Cool	Literary	In this fiction story, 2 young girls (one of African American descent and one of European descent) discuss the rules in school. It is free from gender, racial, and ethnic stereotypes.	English	Brenda Parks	Female, Australian	Australia
K	3	Rules at Home and School	Whole Group	What Are Some Rules at School?	Informational	This text contains images of students of different genders, racial/ethnic backgrounds (including students of African, European, and South American descent). It is free from gender, racial, and ethnic stereotypes.	English	Margaret McNamara	Female, American	USA
K	3	Rules at Home and School	Small Group	At School	Informational	This story follows three friends of various racial and ethnic backgrounds as they welcome a new student to their class. No stereotypes are perpetuated.	Spanish	Nuria Pino	Female, Hispanic, Latin American	Unknown
K	3	Rules at Home and School	Small Group	They Like to Help	Informational	This informational text depicts a broad and diverse spectrum of parents and children of different races, genders, and ethnicities doing helpful tasks. No stereotypes are perpetuated.	Spanish	Barbara Andrews and Paul Leveno	Female, American Male, Mexican American	USA
K	4	Writers Tell Many Stories	Small Group	Brave Jim	Literary	This story depicts an African American scientist observing animals in the Serengeti National Park in Tanzania.	English	Marcie Aboff	Female, American	USA
K	5	Technology at Home and School	Small Group	My Story	Informational	This informational text features an African American girl presenting her writing project.	Spanish	Barbara Andrews Paul Leveno	Female, American Male, Mexican American	USA
K	5	Technology at Home and School	Small Group	Science Tools	Informational	An African American girl, Hispanic boy, and White girl, demonstrates the use of different science tools	English	Rose Birnbaum	Female, American	USA
K	5	Technology at Home and School	Small Group	We Can Move Things	Informational	In this science text, children of different races/ethnicities demonstrate how they use pushes and pulls to move objects.	English	Matt Smith	Male, American	USA
K	7	Holidays and Celebrations	Whole Group	P-E-A-C-E!	Song	This piece features the Civil Rights leader, and American hero, Martin Luther King Jr.	English	Pamela Chanko	Female, American	USA
K	7	Holidays and Celebrations	Whole Group	People We Celebrate	Informational	This book features three men, for whom we celebrate National Holidays: Martin Luther King Jr. Abraham Lincoln, and Geroge Washington	English	Margaret McNamara	Female, American	USA

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K	7	History and Celebrations	Small Group	Make a Plan of the Library	Informational	This informational text depicts an Asian American male and an African American female working together to make a map of their school library. It is free from stereotypes.	English	Courtney Silk	Female, American	USA
K	9	Meeting our Needs and Wants	Whole Group	What Do I Want?	Literary	In this text focuses on economics concepts. It features an African American man and young boy explain the differences between needs and wants.	English	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
K	9	Meeting our Needs and Wants	Whole Group	Jaylen's Juice Box	Fiction	This story written and illustrated by the celebrated children's author/illustrator Jerry Craft, features two young African American boys that work together and open a juice stand. This text explains basic economics concepts and features main characters of African American descent. It is free of ethnic, linguistic and gender stereotypes.	English	Jerry Craft	Male, African American, American	USA
K	9	Meeting Our Needs and Wants	Small Group	They Eat Well	Informational	This informational text shows a girl of African descent and a boy of European descent trying different healthy food together. This book is free from gender, racial, and cultural stereotypes.	Spanish	Barbara Andrews	Female, American	USA
K	10	Push and Pull	Small Group	Push and Pull in the Garden	Informational	This physical science book- about push and pull forces- has an evenly diverse representation of people of African, South American, European, and Asian descent—of all ages— working together in a community garden.	English	Nicole Mellion	Female, American, Jewish American	USA
1	2	Many Kinds of Characters	Whole Group	By Myself	Poetry	This poem, written by a female, African American poet, contains an image of an African American girl playing in the leaves.	English	Elosie Greenfield	Female, African American, American	USA
1	2	Many Kinds of Characters	Small Group	Andre's Dream	Realistic Fiction	In this realistic fiction story by Chilean author Paulina Ugarte Chelén, the characters are depicted in illustrations as Afro-Latino by African illustrator Lydia Mba Blazquez. The story is illustrated by a female illustrator of African descent and free from gender, racial, and ethnic stereotypes.	Spanish	Paulina Ugarte Chelén	Female, Hispanic, Latin American	Chile

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1	2	Many Kinds of Characters	Small Group	Stormy Stuart	Fantasy	In this fantasy story, the main character and his family are depicted in illustrations as African-American. Secondary characters are depicted as a mix of ethnicities and genders. The story is free from gender, racial, and ethnic stereotypes.	English	Lesli Favor	Unknown	Unknown
1	3	Being a Good Community Member	Small Group	Students Vote	Informational	This informational text shows an equally diverse representation of students of African, Asian, South American/Hispanic/Latinx, and European descent participating in a school election.	Spanish	Alejandra Crespo	Female, Hispanic, Latin American	Unknown
1	3	Being a Good Community Member	Small Group	I Can Help	Informational	This informational text shows diverse representation of students of African, Asian, South American, and European descent, as well as a child who uses a wheelchair, participating in recycling.	Spanish	Nuria Pino	Female, Hispanic, Latin American	Unknown
1	3	Being a Good Community Member	Small Group	A Neighborhood of Friends	Informational	This informational text shows diverse representation of children and adults of African, Asian, South American, and European descent in a neighborhood.	Spanish	Ana Galán	Female, Hispanic, Latin American	Spain
1	3	Being a Good Community Member	Small Group	Let's Vote!	Realistic Fiction	Julio, the main character in this realistic fiction piece about choosing a class pet is depicted as Hispanic/Latinx. The secondary characters in the story are shown in the illustrations as a diverse mix of African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latinx, and White.	Spanish	Graciela Vidal	Female, Mexican American,, Hispanic,, Latin American	Mexico
1	3	Being a Good Community Member	Small Group	The President of the United States	Informational	This cover of this informational text shows an African-American boy holding the Great Seal of the United States. The rest of the text seal does not contain images of people.	Spanish	Alejandra Gritsipis	Female, Mexican American,, Hispanic,, Latin American	
1	5	Technology at Work	Whole Group	Technology Breakdown	Literary	The central characters are an African-American male and his daughter. The daughter is the narrator. She describes the type of work that her father does with technology. Supporting characters are of European and South American descent.	English	Brenda Parks Jeffery B. Fuerst	Female, Australian Male, Jewish-American	Australia USA
1	5	Technology at Work	Whole Group	Safe to Go!	Informational	The subject of this biography is the African-American inventor, Garrett Morgan, and his contribution to safety. It is a celebration of a great American engineer of African descent. It is free of gender, racial, and ethnic stereotypes.	English	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

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1	6	Stories Teach Many Lessons	Whole Group	Tall and Small Play Ball	Literary	This realistic fiction story, written and illustrated by Award-winning children's author Jerry Craft has two central characters: an African American male and white American female who use their height differences to win a game of basketball. The supporting characters are children and adults from different racial and ethnic backgrounds. This book is racially and ethnically diverse, culturally inclusive, and directly challenges gender and racial stereotypes.	English	Jerry Craft	Male, African American, American	USA
1	7	Past, Present and Future	Whole Group	Statues and Monuments	Informational	This text is about different statues that honor notable figures. It features a number of African American and Native American people including Harriet Tubman, Sacagawea, and Martin Luther King Jr.	English	Sarah Albee	Female, American	USA
1	7	Past, Present and Future	Whole Group	Who Was Harriet Tubman	Informational	This text discusses the renowned abolitionist Harriet Tubman and her contributions to history, freedom, and equality. This text recognizes African Diaspora content as valid and true.	English	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
1	7	Past, Present, and Future	Small Group	Mary McLeod Bethune: An Educator	Historical Fiction	This historical fiction, written by African American author Erica David, shares the life of African-American leader and educator, Mary McLeod Bethune. This book challenges gender and ethnic stereotypes and recognizes Bethune's contributions to education, policy, and the ongoing fight for equality in the United States.	English	Erica David	Female, African American, American	USA
1	7	Past, Present, and Future	Small Group	The Neighbors Next Door	Realistic Fiction	This realistic fiction is about two families who think they are different but really the same. The characters include American families of African, European, and Hispanic/Latin American descent. This book is racially and ethnically diverse, culturally inclusive, and directly challenges stereotypes.	English	Marcie Aboff	Female, American	USA
1	7	Past, Present, and Future	Small Group	Good Friends	Informational	This informational text about caring for friends contains a diverse mix of male and female children caring for one another. It includes representation of people of African, Asian, South American, and European descent.	Spanish	Candy Rodo	Unknown	Unknown

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1	7	Past, Present, and Future	Small Group	Flag Day	Realistic Fiction	The characters in this realistic fiction story illustrated by Gustavo Mazali contains a diverse mix of male, female, people with disabilities and represents people of African, Asian, South American/Latin American, and European descent.	Spanish	Nina Levetin	Female, Hispanic, Latin American	Unknown
1	9	We Use Goods and Services	Whole Group	Goods and Services Are Important	Informational	This text, by a male African American author, contains images of children from different racial and ethnic backgrounds. It is free from bias, or racial or ethnic stereotypes.	English	Andre Thomson	Male, African American, American	USA
1	9	We Use Goods and Services	Small Group	Pam's New Puppy	Realistic Fiction	This realistic fiction has a female character who is African-American. There are other supporting characters of diverse mix among African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latinx, and White. The text is free of racial, ethnic, or gender stereotypes.	English	Marcie Aboff	Female, American	USA
1	10	Exploring Sound, Light, and Heat	Small Group	A Visit to the Aquarium	Realistic Fiction	This realistic fiction written by Tomoko Nagano, is about a grandpa and his grandson visiting the aquarium. The two main characters are Japanese American but there is a diverse mix of African American, Asian American, Hispanic/Latinx and White children and adults. The text is free of racial, ethnic, or gender stereotypes.	English	Tomoko Nagano	Male, Japanese American, Asian American	USA
2	1	Habitats Around the World	Small Group	Turtles in Trouble	Literary	In this story the main characters are an African American family that helps a turtle who is going to lay her eggs.	Spanish	Patricia Fontanels	Female, Hispanic, Latin American	Unknown
2	2	Our Government	Whole Group	The Daydreaming Sprinter	Literary	This story's main character is an African American who runs on his school trackteam in this modern retelling of "The Foolish Milkmaid." Other characters in the story are of mixed genders, races, and ethnicities. It is written by an African American author.	English	Charles R. Smith J	Male, African American, American	USA
2	2	Characters Learning to Grow	Small Group	Clara and Dolores	Realistic Fiction	This story features different cultures and ethnicities. The main character, Clara is Hispanic and she becomes friends with a female, African American librarian.	Spanish	Jorge Dominguez	Unknown	Unknown
2	3	Our Government	Whole Group	Our Government's Laws	Informational	This text, written by an African American female, addresses the government's law-making processes and the laws objectives. Photos in this text show a young African American girl and and older hispanic woman.	English	Nya Brown	Female, African American, American	USA

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2	3	Our Government	Whole Group	Words Like Freedom	Poetry	This Langston Hughes poem recognizes the language of the African Diaspora as valid, true and contributing to important literature and thought. Langston Hughes was a celebrated American poet, novelist, and playwright from Joplin, Missouri. He was of African decent and was one of the leaders of a cultural movement called the Harlem Renaissance. His poetry has been read to jazz and blues music.	English	Langston Hughes	Male, African American, American	USA
2	4	Different Characters, Different Points of View	Small Group	Tilly and Millie Go Camping	Realistic Fiction	One of the main/title characters in this book is African American. This story is about two friends who go camping in the woods. Both characters are female and in the same age group and are examples of strong female characters.	English	Marcie Aboff	Female, American	USA
2	4	Different Characters, Different Points of View	Small Group	The Mystery of the Missing Pencil	Realistic Fiction	This story features a diverse group of friends who work together to solve a mystery. The main characters are of Hispanic/Latin American, African, and European descent.	English	Amanda Jenkins	Female, American	USA
2	5	Technology and Society: Solving Problems Through Technology	Whole Group	Two Famous Inventors	Biography	Text includes contributions of the African Diaspora to the infrastructure of global society and avoids stereotypes. George Washington Carver - male/African American. Carver survived slavery and went on to obtain a college education, and then create influential agricultural inventions. Photos and diagrams throughout the text depict the inventors and the products they created.	English	Margaret McNam	Female, American	USA
2	5	Technology and Society: Solving Problems Through Technology	Whole Group	Music for Joy	Literary	This short story, by and African American female author, is about the power of family love contains no ethnic, racial, cultural, and gender stereotypes.	English	Ruth White	Female, African American, American	USA
2	5	Technology and Invention	Small Group	Our School Garden	Informational	This informational text features children of different races, ages and genders helping take care of a school garden. It represents people of African, Asian, European and Hispanic	English	Kathy Furgang	Female, American	USA
2	5	Technology and Invention	Small Group	Exploring with Science Tools	Informational	This Informational text features people of different backgrounds, including African American, Asian and Hispanic American.	English	Kira Freed	Female, American	USA

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2	6	Theme: Tales to Live By	Whole Group	Why the Sky Is Far Away	Literary	This Nigerian folktale, retold by an African American author, includes African Diasporic content shares cultural experiences, history and traditions through the use of stories, legends, and myths derived from a balance of primary and secondary sources. The illustrations depict Nigerian males and females.	English	Eileen Robinson	Female, African American, American	USA
2	6	Tales that Teach Us	Small Group	Honorable Minu	A West African folktale	This West African folktale, retold by and African American author, Erica David, and illustrated by an African/Ghanese illustrator Elkanah Mpesumah , shares cultural experiences, history and traditions from Africa and the African Diaspora.	English	Erica David	Female, African American, American	USA
2	7	History and Culture: Investigating the Past	Whole Group	Baseball	Literary	This text, by an African American author, tells the story of a boy and his grandad.	English	Lonnie Smith	Male, African American, American	USA
2	7	History and Culture: Investigating the Past	Whole Group	The History Lady	Literary	This text, by an African American author, tells about a history teacher.	English	Taylor Michael	Female, African American, American	USA
2	8	Wind and Water Shape the Land	Small Group	The Storm Chaser	Realistic Fiction	The main character in this contemporary realistic fiction story is African American and it recounts stories from his uncle, who is an African American meteorologist.	English	Erica Mennerich	Female, Jewish American, American	USA
2	10	Physical Science: States of Matter	Whole Group	New Planets	Literary	This science fiction adventure about discovering a new planet was written by an African American female author.	English	Taylor Michael	Female, African American, American	USA
2	10	Changing Matter	Small Group	Stan's Trip Out West	Realistic Fiction	This story features two main characters an African American grandfather and grandson. Supporting characters include people of European and Asian descent.	English	Marcie Aboff	Female, American	USA
3	1	Animal Adaptations	Whole Group	Caterpillar Self-Defense	Informational Science	This scientific text was written by a female African American author.	English	Taylor Michael	Female, African American, American	USA
3	1	Animal Adaptations	Whole Group	Why Loons Have Flat Backs	Literary	This folktale is jointly retold by and African American and Native American authors.	English	James Vukelich Kaagegaabaw Odia Wood-Krueger	Male, African American, American Female, Native American, American Indian,	USA
3	1	Animal Adaptations	Small Group	Growing Plants	Informational	This informationalbook features a text on the life and work of the African American scientist George Washington Carver.	English	Helen Scully	Female, American	USA

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3	1	Animal Adaptations	Small Group	Rain Forest Mystery	Literary	This story features a young female detective of African American descent who has a female boss of unidentified Asian American descent.	English	Cynthia Clampitt	Female, American	USA
3	2	Ways Characters Shape Stories	Whole Group	Two Aesop's Fables: Dog and Bone & Ant and Dove	Literary	These fables are illustrated by well-known African-American children's book author and illustrator Jerry Pinkney. There are no people depicted.	English	Jerry Pinkney	Male, African American, American	USA
3	2	Ways Characters Shape Stories	Whole Group	Two Famous Poems	Literary	These poems honor the cultural assets of the African Diaspora in text and resources. One poem is about the legendary John Henry- Male, African American folk hero and the other about a blacksmith, who is depicted as a man of African descent.	English	Anonymous Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	Unknown Male, American	Unknown USA
3	2	Characters Shape Their Stories	Small Group	Tommy Thompson's Talking Parrot	Realistic Fiction	This story, by the award-winning author and illutrator Jerry Craft (male, African American) about a boy who is African American; features a supporting cast of racially and ethnically diverse characters and does not perpetuate stereotypes.	English	Jerry Craft	Male, African American, American	USA
3	2	Characters Shape Their Stories	Small Group	Bex Falcon and the Mystery of the Missing Muffins	Realistic Fiction	This book by award-winning author Derrick Barnes (male, African American) features a main character who is a young female detective. The main character and all supporting characters are African-American. This book actively defies gender and racial stereotypes.	English	Derrick Barnes	Male, African American, American	USA
3	2	Characters Shape Their Stories	Small Group	I Was There	Literary	This story, written by African American author Frances Ruffin, and illustrated by African American illutrator Alleana Harris has diverse cast of characters from different races and ethnicities and highlights historical figures Thomas Edison, Martin Luther King, Jr. Mae Jemison, and Lewis Hine. Of those featured, two are White males , one is an an African American man, and the other is an African American woman.	English	France E. Ruffin	Male, African American, American	USA
3	3	Government for the People	Whole Group	Election Day	Informational	Photographs supporting this informational text feature an African-American male in a voting booth, an African American senior citizen volunteer at polls, and an ethnically ambiguous female making a speech.	English	Nell Wilson	Unknown	Unknown

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3	3	Government for the People	Whole Group	Thomas Paine	Informational	Thomas Paine was a British citizen who emigrated to the Americas and helped support the cause of the American Revolution. There is no indication of race or ethnicity in the text. The text is written by a female, African American author.	English	Ruth White	Female, African American, American	USA
3	3	Government for the People	Whole Group	African-Americans and Women Get the Right to Vote	Informational	This text focuses on African American history, including pictures, content and language without stereotypes. It shows historical images of white female and African-Americans suffragists.	English	T. P. Durban	Unknown	Unknown
3	3	Government for the People	Whole Group	Lincoln Monument: Washington	Poetry	This poem by celebrated African American poet and writer Langston Hughes recognizes the language of the African Diaspora as valid, true and contributing to important literature and thought. A photo of Langston Hughes and an image of the Lincoln memorial are shown.	English	Langston Hughes	Male, African American, American	USA
3	3	We the People	Small Group	Making a Difference	Biography	This book features biographies of three women: Clara Barton, Helen Keller, and Ruby Bridges.	English	Caren Churchbuilder	Female, American	USA
3	3	We the People	Small Group	Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" Speech	Informational	The focus of this text is a primary source, the famous I Have a Dream speech written and orated by the African American minister and leader.	English	Susan Buckley	Female, American	USA
3	4	Why Points of View Differ	Small Group	Cricket Concert	Fantasy	This fantasy does not contain images of people. It was written by an African American woman.	English	Christine Taylor-Butler	Female, African American, American	USA
3	4	Why Points of View Differ	Small Group	Home is Where the Art Is	Realistic Fiction	This book by a Nigerian author, Lydia Okutoro-Seck and illustrated by Nigerian artist, Henry Ezeokeke tells the story of a young Nigerian boy who has been adopted by a White woman in the United States and his friendship with an African American boy. It represents different genders and ethnicities including: Male Black/African/Nigerian, African American, and female, White, American, and disabled/differently-abled.	English	Lydia Okutoro-Seck	Female, African, Nigerian	Nigeria

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3	4	Why Points of View Differ	Small Group	Bex Falcon and the Mystery of the Broken Window	Realistic Fiction	The main character in this series by award-winning author Derrick Barnes is a young detective who is Female, Black African American; Supporting character are also African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and White/of European descent. It is illustrated by African American artist Darnell Johnson.	English	Derrick Barnes	Male, African American, American	USA
3	4	Why Points of View Differ	Small Group	The Blue Boys	Fantasy	This book, by African American author Charles R. Smith, includes characters that are White/French/of European descent.	English	Charles R. Smith, Jr.	Male, African American, American	USA
3	5	Advancements in Technology	Whole Group	Dr. Shirley Jackson's Scientific Mind	Biography	This text is about a woman of African descent and is free from racial, linguistic, and gender stereotypes. This text acknowledges what Dr. Jackson, a female African-American scientist, has contributed to science.	English	Roger K. Smith	Male, American	USA
3	5	Advancements in Technology	Whole Group	From Snapshots to Selfies	Informational	This informational text about innovations in photographic technology was written by an African American female author.	English	Taylor Michael	Female, African American, American	USA
3	5	Technological Advancements	Small Group	Breakthrough Ideas	Informational	This book celebrates science and invention and features five innovative minds of varying genders, race, and ethnicity, including: Garrett Morgan, Cyrus McCormick, Joans Salk, Maria Mitchell, and Patsy Mink.	English	Tom Cardigan	Male, American,	USA
3	6	Making Decisions	Whole Group	Addison and Rocky	Literary	An African American girl trains her neighbor's dog to do new tricks and shows them off to her friends (other children of different backgrounds). This text is free from racial, linguistic, and gender stereotypes. It is written by noted female African American author, Crystal Allen.	English	Crystal Allen	Female, African American, American	USA
3	6	Making Decisions	Whole Group	A President for Everyone	Literary	The illustrations show of students from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds participating in a student election. The text is free from racial, linguistic, and gender stereotypes. It is written by and contains a photo of noted female African American author Crystal Allen.	English	Crystal Allen	Female, African American, American	USA
3	6	Making Decisions	Whole Group	Rapping Magicians	Literary	The main characters are two girls (one African American and one White) who brainstorm an idea to afford summer camp. This text contains people of African descent and is free from racial, linguistic, and gender stereotypes. It is written by a noted female African American author, Crystal Allen and illustrated by South African artist, Pappy Onwuagbu.	English	Crystal Allen	Female, African American, American	USA

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3	6	Making Decisions	Whole Group	The Big Game	Literary	The main characters – Kyrie and Shawn - are African-American boys. The setting is a suburban-rural area of southwest Texas. This text is about people of African descent and is free from racial, linguistic, and gender stereotypes. It is written by a noted female African American author, Crystal Allen, and illustrated by the African American artist, Ashley Evans.	English	Crystal Allen	Female, African American, American	USA
3	6	Decisions, Decisions	Small Group	The Meal and the Deal	Realistic Fiction	This book features two folktales with main characters of Haitian/African descent and Indian/South Asian descent. Haitian author Ibi Zoboi and Haitian illustrator Chevelin Pierre write and illustrated the story.	English	Ibi Zoboi Vijaya Bodach	Haitian of African descent and Asian/ Indian Descent (respectively)	Haiti and India (respectively)
3	6	Decisions, Decisions	Small Group	Bex Falcon and the Mystery of the Missing Gecko	Realistic Fiction	This series, by Award-winning African American author, Derrick Barnes, and award-winning African American illustrator Darnell Johnson, features a main character/heroine who is an African American female; supporting characters are also predominantly African American.	English	Derrick Barnes	Male, African American, American	USA
3	7	Communities: Then and Now	Whole Group	My St. Augustine Journal	Journal	The author and her family (shown in a photo) are African-American. Lisa Benjamin is a veteran writer and editor of educational and trade books for children and adults. She has also written for the web and for television. She is a graduate of Princeton University.	English	Lisa Benjamin	Female, African American, American	USA
3	7	Communities: Then and Now	Whole Group	All Kinds of Communities	Informational	The text, written by three students from different geographic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds around the U.S. The text is free from ethnic, linguistic, and gender stereotypes. One of the three students is African American.	English	Elijah B.	Male, African	USA
3	7	Communities: Then and Now	Whole Group	The Levi Coffin House	Informational	This text, written by a female African American, tells of a landmark of African-American history: an important stop on the Underground Railroad.	English	Ruth White	Female, African American, American	USA
3	7	Communities: Then and Now	Whole Group	City	Poetry	Langston Hughes' poetic depiction and accompanying photo of an African-American city scene in the mid-20th century recognizes the language of the African Diaspora as valid, true and contributing to important literature and thought. A photo of African American poet Langston Hughes is included.	English	Langston Hughes	Male, African American	USA

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3	8	Earth's Surface	Small Group	Mastering Maps	Informational	This informational text focuses on geography and contains images of mainly people of Black/African American and White/European American heritage.	English	Erica Mennerich	Female, Jewish American, American	USA
3	8	Earth's Surface	Small Group	Lost Along the Rio Grande	Realistic Fiction	This story is about a Black/African American family on a rafting trip. All of the main and supporting characters are African American, with the exception of a White, female river guide.	English	Lisa Jo Rudy	Female, American	USA
3	9	Spending Time and Money	Whole Group	Let it Grow: The Booming B	Informational	This economics text was written by Lisa Benjamin, an African American writer and editor of educational and trade books for children and adults. She has also written for the web and for television. She is a graduate of Princeton University.	English	Lisa Benjamin	Female, African American, American	USA
3	9	Spending Time and Money	Whole Group	Where Do You Get Your Pro	Informational	This text is written by Taylor Michael, an African American writer and essayist who graduated from Brown University.	English	Taylor Michael	Female, African American, American	USA
3	10	Forces and Interactions	Whole Group	Poems of Movement: "Base	poetry	These sports poems were conceived of and written by male African American author Charles Smith, Jr. The photos include a contemporary African American boy and a photo of the author.	English	Charles R. Smith,	Male, African American, American	USA
3	10	Actions, Reactions, Interactions	Small Group	Ultimate Sand Castle	Realistic Fiction	This story of a group of friends that enter a sandcastle competition has two main characters — an African American brother and sister—and supporting characters of Hispanic/ Latin American and white/European descent.	English	Michael Sandler	Male, American	USA
4	1	Observing Nature	Whole Group	Starting Off (from Mississippi Solo)	Personal Narrative	This text details the journey of travel writer Eddy L. Harris. The author, Eddy L. Harris is an African American journalist, travel writer and filmmaker writing about his experiences canoing down the Mississippi River. This text provides a positive view of African Americans free of stereotypes and highlights the contributions they have made. A photo of the author is included. The text is free of racial, ethnic, or cultural stereotypes.	English	Eddy L. Harris	Male, African American, American	USA

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4	2	Characters Actions and Reactions	Whole Group	Dorothy Meets the Scarecrow (from <i>The Wiz</i>)	Drama	The <i>Wiz</i> is an all-African American adaptation of <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> made during the Black Arts Movement. The drama was ground-breaking in its inclusion of an all-Black cast who dramatize a classic American fairy tale. Photos of the African American cast, as well as Black composer Charlie Smalls, are included. This text celebrates people of African descent and the contributions of musician and composer Charlie Smalls (1943-1987) who won a Tony Award in 1975 for <i>The Wiz</i> .	English	William F. Brown	Male, African American, American	USA
4	2	Character	Small Group	Finding Jacob	Historical Fiction	This historical fiction story, written by and African American author, and illustrated by an African American illustrator, is set in the Reconstruction Era South and focuses on the efforts of a determined and heroic formerly enslaved girl searching for her family after emancipation.	English	Frances E. Ruffin	Female, African American, American	USA
4	2	Character	Small Group	Tyler and Noah	Realistic Fiction	This realistic fiction story by noted author, Floyd Cooper, features an African American protagonist who joins the swim team. The supporting cast is depicted as racially and gender diverse, including an Asian American coach and female teammates. This book is illustrated by Randy Duburke, an African American illustrator.	English	Floyd Cooper	Male, African American, American	USA
4	3	Government in Action	Whole Group	Solving Problems	Informational	This Informational text about how government provides aid to citizens is written by an African American author.	English	Lisa Benjamin	Female, African American, American	USA
4	4	Understanding Different points of View	Whole Group	The Drum	Poetry	This is a poem by the Caldecott-winning author Nikki Giovanni. The brief poem depicts a positive relationship between a father and daughter. A photo of African American poet Giovanni is included, as well as a photo of African American Artist James Denmark. Denmark's painting of African American musicians is also shown.	English	Nikki Giovanni	Female, African American, American	USA

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4	4	Point of View	Small Group	Nathan and the Secret Project	Realistic Fiction	This story is by a female, African American author Gwendolyn Hooks, and illustrated by an African American illustrator, Alleana Harris. It features a young African American protagonist who uses a wheelchair. The supporting cast includes characters of African, European, and Asian descent including an accomplished African American research scientist.	English	Gwendolyn Hooks	Female, African American, American	USA
4	4	Point of View	Small Group	The Girl Who Met the Greatest Lawman	Graphic Novel/Historical Fiction	This historical fiction graphic story, by African American author and illustrator Joel Christian Gill, features a young Black female protagonist and a famous African American lawman from the 1800s. The story actively challenges stereotypical depictions of gender and race in the American West.	English	Joel Christian Gill	Male, African American, American	USA
4	5	Technology and Society	Small Group	The Only Kid on Mars	Science Fiction	This science fiction story focuses on the adventures of a resourceful, brave, community-oriented young African American man. His parents are positive role models, presented as important leaders in their community.	English	William Caper	Unknown	unknown
4	6	Confronting Challenges	Whole Group	Humanity	Poetry	In this poem, African American poet Elma Stuckey writes about looking beyond race and to a person's humanity. The accompanying illustration shows an African American person and a white person.	English	Elma Stuckey	Female, African American, American	USA
4	6	Theme	Small Group	The Big Race	F/Graphic Story	This graphic story features diverse characters (an African-American male, Asian-American male, and a Hispanic-American female) who are positive and support each other. The story is written and illustrated by a renowned African American children's author, and is free of ethnic, racial, cultural, and gender stereotypes.	English	Jerry Craft	Male, African American, American	USA
4	8	Earth Science	Small Group	Electricity for Saburo	Realistic Fiction	In this realistic fiction story, the main characters are West African and the setting is Sierra Leone. The story includes details that are authentic to life in a West African village.	English	Amy Weber	Female, American	USA

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4	9	Resources and Their Impact	Whole Group	They Were My People	Poetry	This poem speaks of people who were enslaved and forced on sugar plantations in the Caribbean and the legacy of colonialism. It includes a large painting depicting enslaved people working on a sugar plantation. It also includes a photo of the Guyanese poet Grace Nichols. Her award-winning poetry reflects the rich culture and rhythmic language of the Caribbean., combining Creole dialect and standard English.	English/ Creole	Grace Nichols	Female, South American, Guyanese	Guyana
4	10	Physical Science	Small Group	Dr. Suzo's Blizzard Busters	Science Fiction	This science fiction story focuses on the adventures of an African American boy as he helps his inventor neighbor.	English	Michael Sandler	Male, American	USA
5	2	Character's Relationships	Whole Group	The Drive Down	Literary	This excerpt from the novel by the award-winning author, Jason Reynolds (male, African American), is about two young African American boys who leave their Brooklyn home for the summer to visit their grandparents in Virginia. This excerpt captures the car ride on the way to Virginia. It is illustrated by Ashley Evans (female, African American) and perpetuates no stereotypes.	English	Jason Reynolds	Male, African American, American	USA
5	2	Character's Relationships	Whole Group	Grandpop's Surprise	Literary	In this excerpt, the main character Genie (African American boy), learns his grandfather is blind. All main and supporting characters in this text are African American. It is written by Jason Reynolds (male, African American) and illustrated by Ashley Evans (female, African American).	English	Jason Reynolds	Male, African American, American	USA
5	2	Character's Relationships	Whole Group	Sky-Glitter	Literary	In this excerpt, Genie feels guilty about breaking one of his Grandpa's modeled cars. The illustrations are of Genie and his Grandpa (both African American). This text is free of gender, ethnic, and linguistic stereotypes.	English	Jason Reynolds	Male, African American, American	USA
5	2	Character's Relationships	Whole Group	Ernie's Secret	Literary	In this excerpt, we see the two brothers Genie and Ernie interacting. Ernie accidentally shoots his tooth. The illustrations are the two brothers (both African American). This text is free of gender, ethnic, and linguistic stereotypes.	English	Jason Reynolds	Male, African American, American	USA
5	2	Developing Characters' Relationships	Whole Group	Meet Jason Reynolds	Biography	This text talks about author Jason Reynold's as he discusses where inspiration for his writing comes from. It is written by Taylor Michael (female, African American)	English	Taylor Michael	Female, African American, American	USA

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5	2	Character	Small Group	Dad Came Home	Historical Fiction	Written by an African American navy wife, this story centers on a mixed race family who is preparing for the return of their Dad from active duty in the U.S. Navy. It is illustrated by Aaron Boyd, who is a German illustrator of African decent.	English	Latoyoua Topping	Female, African American, American	USA
5	3	The Constitution: Then and Now	Whole Group	President Lyndon Johnson's	Speech	This text features President Lyndon B. Johnson's (White American) speech to congress, as he discusses the challenges of enforcing voting rights and overcoming prejudice and social and racial injustice.	English	President Lyndon B Johnson	Male, American	USA
5	3	The Constitution: Then and Now	Whole Group	Susan B. Anthony	Biography	This text, by an African American author and essayist, discusses Susan B. Anthony's contribution to women suffrage as an activist and how that led to future women gaining the right to vote after centuries of oppression.	English	Taylor Michael	Female, African American, American	USA
5	3	The Constitution: Then and Now	Whole Group	Fighting for the Right to Vote	Informational	This text highlights the notable African American figures who fought for the right to vote. It also includes the cultural experiences and history of African Americans.	English	Margaret Macon	Unknown	Unknown
5	3	The Constitution: Then and Now	Whole Group	Thurgood Marshall's Liberty	Speech	This text features Thurgood Marshall as he delivers his Liberty Medal speech. In this speech, Marshall discusses the fight for freedom and equality is an ongoing battle. It also includes African-American men and women, with a few White females who have been awarded this medal.	English	Justice Thurgood Marshall	Male, African American, American	USA
5	3	Government	Small Group	Voting Matters!	Realistic Fiction	This selection features two stories about voting rights in the United States, one about a white woman suffragist in the early 1900s and the other about an African American family in the South during the Civil Rights movement.	English	Carol Ellis	Female, American	USA
5	4	Author's Point of View	Whole Group	The Presidential Medal of Freedom	Informational	This text, written by an African American author, details the creation of the Medal of Freedom and acknowledges the recipients of this medal.	English	Lisa Benjamin	Female, African American, American	USA

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5	4	Author's Point of View	Whole Group	I Hear America Singing / Call	Poetry	The first poem is written by a Walt Whitman (a White, American, male) and the second by Maya Angelou (an African-American female). Walt Whitman's poem boasts of the best parts of America, while Angelou brings a different perspective, one that is of oppression and racial injustices. The language of Angelou's poem recognizes African Diaspora as valid and true and contributing to important literature and thought.	English	Walt Whitman/ Maya Angelou	Male, American, Female, African American, American	USA USA
5	4	Author's Point of View	Whole Group	I, Too	Poetry	Langston Hughes' poem depicts the struggles many African Americans faced because of racial injustices. The language of Hughes' poem recognizes Africa Diaspora as valid and true and contributing to important literature and thought.	English	Langston Hughes	Male, African American, American	USA
5	5	Technology's Impact on Society	Whole Group	Eli Whitney's Cotton Gin	Informational	This text is about the creation of the cotton gin and the role it played in the Industrial Revolution. Part of this text includes contributions of the African Diaspora to the infrastructure of global society and acknowledges and examines the role the Cotton Gin, the cotton industry, and the Northern and Southern economies played in perpetuating the enslavement of people of people of African descent.	English	Judi Black	Female, American	USA
5	6	Theme	Small Group	Nia's Palace Garden	Realistic Fiction	This story focuses on a mixed-race family (African-American and white) who are moving from an apartment to a house. The main character is a strong, creative, and hardworking girl who cultivates a garden at her new home with the help of her new neighbor. No racial, ethnic, or gender stereotypes are in this tale.	English	Jennifer Kroll	Female, American	USA
5	7	Conflicts that Shaped A Nation	Whole Group	The Banners of Freedom	Personal Narrative/Memoir	This passage is about a an enslaved African American who served in the Connecticut militia during the independence war. This passage discusses that although many were fighting for freedom African Americans were not free. This passage includes African Diasporic content including culutral experiences.	English	Boyrereau Brinch	African descent	USA

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5	7	History and Culture	Small Group	Revolutionary Women	Informational	This book features three prominent women who became famous because of their actions during the Revolutionary War: Deborah Sampson, who disguised herself as a man and fought as a soldier; Phyllis Wheatley, the famous African poet and former enslaved person; and Sybil Ludington, a hero who made an all-night ride to warn revolutionaries of British arrival.	English	Kathy Furgang	Female, American	USA
5	9	Economics	Whole Group	The Great Migration and the	Informational Text	This text discusses the Great Migration of African Americans from the South to the North. It explores the search of economic opportunity and the need to escape violence, torture, and oppression that African Americans often faced. This piece also discusses African American contributions to history and culture and does not perpetuate gender, racial, cultural, or ethnic stereotypes.	English	Monica Halpern	Unknown	Unknown
5	9	Economics	Small Group	Zora's Great Migration	Historical Fiction	This historical fiction story, written by African American author Evan Nicole Brown, centers around an African American family moving from rural Mississippi to Chicago during the Great Migration. It contains no gender, racial, ethnic, or cultural stereotypes. It is illustrated by Alleana Harris, an artist of African American descent.	English	Evan Nicole Brown	Female, African American, American	USA
5	9	Economics	Small Group	Trade in Early America	Informational	This informational text is about trade in Colonial North America. It includes sections on trade among colonists, Native people, and other nations/Continents. The section on Triangular Trade details the brutality of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and the enslavement of men, women, and children of African descent.	English	Tiffany Gibson	Female, American	USA
5	10	Physical Science: Changes in Matter	Whole Group	Marie M. Daly: Biochemistry	Biography	The focus of this biography is a pioneering scientist in the field of biochemistry. She was the first African-American woman to earn a PhD in chemistry and the many scientific breakthroughs she helped discover. This text is about an African American woman and challenges gender, racial, ethnic, and linguistic stereotypes.	English	Drake Conyers	Male, African American, American	Unknown