

Additional Readings:

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

By the Authors and Illustrators

Anaya, Rudolfo. *My Land Sings: Stories from the Rio Grande*. Harper Trophy, 1999. Haunting characters inhabit the author's collection of ten tales set in New Mexico.

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Soentpiet, Chris. *Around Town*. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard, 1994. An exuberant tour of New York City with detailed watercolors that capture the fun of the city.

APPROACHING

Related to the Theme

Hill, Elizabeth Starr. *Bird Boy*. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 1999. Chang can't talk, but he can help with his father's fishing cormorants. This story tells how Chang feels when he raises a young bird.

APPROACHING

Brown, Don. *One Giant Leap: The Story of Neil Armstrong*. Houghton, 1998. The life of the astronaut, from his dreams of flying to his first steps on the moon.

APPROACHING

Singer, Marilyn. *Block Party Today*. Knopf, 2003. Three friends resolve their differences and enjoy their neighborhood's block party.

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**** Rumford, James. *Traveling Man: the Journey of Ibn Battuta 1325-1354*. Houghton Mifflin, 2001.** The reader follows Ibn Battuta's incredible journey from Morocco to China during the fourteenth century.

APPROACHING

Havill, Juanita. *Eyes Like Willy's*. HarperCollins, 2004. Set on the eve of World War I, this story is about two French siblings who are friends with a German boy until war puts them on opposing sides.

ON LEVEL

Sis, Peter. *The Tree of Life: A Book Depicting the Life of Charles Darwin, Naturalist, Geologist, and Thinker*. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2003. A stunning picture biography of the complex and brilliant scientist.

ON LEVEL

**** Howard, Ellen. *A Circle of Giving*. Atheneum, 1984.** Two girls befriend one another under certain circumstances and unite an entire neighborhood.

ON LEVEL

Wells, Rosemary. *Mary On Horseback: Three Mountain Stories*. Dial, 1998. Moving narratives based on a nurse who changed the lives of the people in Appalachia during the 1920s.

ON LEVEL

Fleischman, Sid. *Bandit's Moon*. Greenwillow, 1998. Set during the Gold Rush, this story follows Annyrose as she is rescued from an orphanage by a famous Mexican bandit and teaches him how to read.

BEYOND

**** Lasky, Kathryn. *She's Wearing a Dead Bird On Her Head*. Hyperion, 1997.** This story details the history of the two women who began the Audubon Society.

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Perkins, Lynne Rae. *All Alone in the Universe*. Greenwillow, 1999. Debbie is surprised when her best friend Maureen starts spending time with someone she thinks is very boring.

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Stewart, Kelly J. *Gorillas: Natural History and Conservation*. Voyageur Press, 2003. Details the habits and lifestyles of gorillas and emphasizes the importance of protecting them.

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** Classroom Library Title

WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
<p>Editors of TIME For Kids. <i>TIME For Kids: John F. Kennedy: The Making of a Leader.</i> HarperTrophy, 2005. An introduction to Kennedy's life and his roles in the Cuban Missile Crisis and the civil rights movement.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Goble, Paul. <i>The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses.</i> Atheneum, 2001. A girl is truly happy living among the wild horses.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Lunge-Larsen, Lisa. <i>The Race of the Birkebeiners.</i> Houghton Mifflin, 2001. This story documents an incident in Norwegian history about the saving of a baby who happens to be heir to the throne.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Halperin, Wendy Anderson. <i>Once Upon a Company.</i> Orchard, 1998. Siblings decide to go into business to earn money for college.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Bruchac, Joseph. <i>A Boy Called Slow: The True Story of Sitting Bull. Philomel, 1994.</i> This book recounts the life of the Lakota Sioux hero using a subtle portrayal of Plains Indian life.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Dragonwagon, Crescent. <i>And Then It Rained.</i> Atheneum, 2003. The story of different people and how they react to days of rain and days of hot sun.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Rendon, Marcie R. <i>Farmer's Market: Families Working Together.</i> Carolrhoda, 2001. Concise color photos and the simple text focus on two farming families and their success.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Goble, Paul. <i>Iktomi and the Buzzard: A Plains Indian Story.</i> Orchard Books, 1994. In this traditional Lakota trickster tale, Iktomi tries to fool a buzzard into carrying him across a river.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Llewellyn, Claire. <i>Wild, Wet and Windy.</i> Candlewick Press, 1997. Describes all kinds of weather, including hurricanes, fog, rain, and tornadoes, and their effects on people.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Davies, Jacqueline. <i>The Boy Who Drew Birds: A Story of John James Audubon.</i> Houghton, 2004. Watercolor paintings and collages depict the childhood of the famous painter and naturalist.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Osborne, Mary Pope. <i>Buffalo Before Breakfast.</i> Random House, 1999. Jack and his sister Annie are taken to the Great Plains, where they learn about the Lakota Indians.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Berger, Melvin. <i>Hurricanes Have Eyes But Can't See And Other Amazing Facts About Wild Weather.</i> Scholastic, 2004. Here is a photographic exploration of the world of weather.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Isler, Claudia. <i>Volunteering to Help with Animals.</i> Children's Press, 2000. A good introduction to volunteering that gives ideas on how to get involved in caring for animals.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Robbins, Ken. <i>Thunder on the Plains.</i> Atheneum, 2001. A moving account of the American buffalo and how it was almost hunted to extinction.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Simon, Seymour. <i>Weather.</i> Morrow Junior, 1993. Explores the causes, changing patterns, and forecasting of weather conditions.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Kiefer, Jeanne. <i>Jobs for Kids: A Smart Kid's Q & A Guide.</i> Millbrook, 2003. This book answers questions about the five most popular jobs among young people.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Brill, Marlene Targ. <i>The Trail of Tears: The Cherokee Journey From Home.</i> Millbrook Press, 1995. A dramatic retelling of the removal of the Cherokee people to Oklahoma and an account of loss of their lands in the Southeast.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Breen, Mark. <i>The Kid's Book of Weather Forecasting.</i> Williamson, 2000. An informative and entertaining book that explains the science of weather forecasting.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>Wait, Lee. <i>Stopping to Home.</i> Simon & Schuster, 2001. In 1806, orphaned eleven-year-old Abigail and her little brother Seth find a home with a widow in the seaport of Wiscasset, Maine.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Waldman, Neil. <i>Wounded Knee.</i> Atheneum, 2001. An account of the events leading to the massacre at Wounded Knee, including a description of the battle itself.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Vogel, Carole Garbuny. <i>Weather Legends: Native American Lore and the Science of Weather.</i> Millbrook, 2001. The author explores weather from the perspectives of Native Americans and meteorologists.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>