

Additional Readings:

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

By the Authors and Illustrators

Rappaport, Doreen. Illustrated by Cornelius Van Wright. *We Are the Many: A Picture Book of American Indians*. HarperCollins, 2002. Biographies of sixteen influential Native Americans.

APPROACHING

White, E. B. Illustrated by Garth Williams. *Stuart Little*. Harper & Row, 1945. Born to a family of humans, Stuart finds adventure in New York City when his best friend, Margalo the bird, disappears from her nest.

ON LEVEL

Related to the Theme

Altman, Linda Jacobs. *The Legend of Freedom Hill*. Lee & Low, 2000. During the Gold Rush, Rosabel and Sophie decide to join forces and search for gold in order to buy freedom for Rosabel's mother.

APPROACHING

Hopcraft, Carol. *How It Was With Dooms: A True Story from Africa*. McElderry, 1997. Abandoned as a baby, Dooms the cheetah comes to live with the Hopcrafts in Kenya.

APPROACHING

Carlson, Laurie. *Boss of the Plains: The Hat That Won the West*. DK Ink, 1998. Tells the story of John Stetson, who joined the Gold Rush but had more luck making and selling his hat, the Stetson.

APPROACHING

Whitehouse, Patricia. *Elephant (Zoo Animals)*. Heinemann-Raintree, 2002. An introduction to elephants that discusses their size, diet, and the differences between those living in zoos and in the wild.

APPROACHING

Fleischman, Sid. *Bo & Mzzz Mad*. Greenwillow, 2001. After his father dies, Bo moves to the Mojave Desert to live with relatives. Now one of them wants to search for a lost, disputed gold mine.

ON LEVEL

Turner, Pamela S. *Gorilla Doctors: Saving Endangered Great Apes*. Houghton, 2005. The story of the Mountain Gorilla Veterinary Project, a group formed by scientists working to save the mountain gorilla.

ON LEVEL

Schanzer, Rosalyn. *Gold Fever! Tales from the California Gold Rush*. National Geographic, 1999. Excerpts from letters, journals, and newspapers, along with illustrations from the Gold Rush.

ON LEVEL

**** Swinburne, Stephen R. *Black Bear: North America's Bear*. Boyds Mills Press, 2003.** Dazzling photographs and engaging text introduce the reader to the habitats and behaviors of black bears.

ON LEVEL

Rau, Margaret. *The Wells Fargo Book of the Gold Rush*. Atheneum, 2001. Chronicles the Gold Rush of 1848-1849 and the recession that caused it to end.

BEYOND

Amato, Carol A. *Backyard Pets: Activities for Exploring Wildlife Close to Home*. Wiley, 2002. Explores the wildlife found in many backyards and provides instructions for studying these animals.

BEYOND

Stanley, Jerry. *Hurry Freedom: African Americans in Gold Rush California*. Crown, 2000. A history of African Americans in California during the Gold Rush and the racist atmosphere they faced.

BEYOND

George, Jean Craighead. *The Tarantula in My Purse And 172 Other Wild Pets*. HarperCollins, 1996. In this autobiographical tale, George describes the many different wild pets she raised.

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WEEK 3

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WEEK 5

<p>Editors of TIME For Kids. <i>TIME FOR KIDS: Facts and Figures for 2005</i>.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Yolen, Jane. <i>The Emperor and the Kite</i>. Philomel, 1988. In this story of love and loyalty, Ojeow Seow, the youngest daughter of the emperor, rescues her father from imprisonment.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Micucci, Charles. <i>The Life and Times of the Honey Bee</i>. Houghton, 1997. This book describes the physical characteristics of bees, their division of labor and their role in pollination.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Collard, Sneed. <i>Leaving Home</i>. Houghton, 2002. With beautiful watercolor illustrations, this book explores how various species begin life's journey by leaving home.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Lindbergh, Reeve. <i>Nobody Owns the Sky: The Story of "Brave Bessie" Coleman</i>. Candlewick, 1996. A verse biography of Bessie Coleman, who learned to fly despite many obstacles.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Brenner, Barbara. <i>Thinking About Ants</i>. Mondo, 1997. The reader is asked to see the world from an ant's point of view. We learn what they look like, what they eat, and how they live.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Jenkins, Steve. <i>What Do You Do With a Tail Like This?</i> Houghton, 2003. An imaginatively created book filled with fascinating facts about the way animals use their tails, noses, ears, and eyes to survive.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Simon, Seymour. <i>Amazing Aircraft</i>. SeaStar Books, 2002. An easy-to-read introduction to the history of aircraft.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>	<p>Cannon, Janelle. <i>Crickwing</i>. Harcourt, 2000. Crickwing the lonely cockroach saves the day for the leaf-cutter ants when they are attacked.</p> <p>APPROACHING</p>
<p>Garland, Trudi. <i>Fibonacci Fun: Fascinating Activities With Intriguing Numbers</i>. Dale Seymour Publications, 1998. An introduction to some of math's odd and unusual aspects.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Gaffney, Timothy R. <i>Hurricane Hunters</i>. Enslow, 2001. A brief look at the types of aircraft used by the Air Force to investigate hurricanes and other tropical storms.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Poole, Amy Lowry. <i>The Ant and the Grasshopper</i>. Holiday House, 2000. Aesop's fable about an ant who works hard and the grasshopper who doesn't get anything done.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>VanCleave, Janice. <i>Janice VanCleave's Scientists Through the Ages</i>. Wiley, 2004. Introduces numerous scientists, their contributions, and important discoveries.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>O'Brien, Patrick. <i>Fantastic Flights: One Hundred Years of Flying on the Edge</i>. Walker, 2003. An introduction to seventeen historic flights, from the Wright Brothers to the Mars Pathfinder.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>	<p>Squire, Ann. <i>Ants</i>. Children's Press, 2003. Describes the physical characteristics, behavior, and life cycle of ants.</p> <p>ON LEVEL</p>
<p>Hulme, Joy. <i>Wild Fibonacci: Nature's Secret Code Revealed!</i> Tricycle Press, 2005. Here is an engaging introduction to a secret of nature and a feature of mathematics that children will find fascinating.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Busby, Peter. <i>First to Fly: How Wilbur and Orville Wright Invented the Airplane</i>. Crown, 2002. An introduction to the Wright Brothers from childhood to their first flying triumphs.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Avi. <i>The End of the Beginning: Being the Adventures of a Small Snail</i>. Harcourt, 2004. Avon the Snail and Edward the Ant go on a journey and meet weird, wise, and interesting characters.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>
<p>Jenkins, Steve. <i>Hottest, Coldest, Highest, Deepest</i>. Houghton, 1998. Describes some of the more remarkable places on earth and highlights their differences.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Szabo, Corinne. <i>Sky Pioneer: A Photobiography of Amelia Earhart</i>. National Geographic, 1997. An upbeat biography of this pioneer, with photographs and quotations from Earhart herself.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>	<p>Greenberg, Dan. <i>Evil Queen Tut and the Great Ant Pyramids</i>. Grosset & Dunlap, 1999. Zack consumes a classmate's diet powder and shrinks to the size of the ants that he's been observing.</p> <p>BEYOND</p>

* Main Selection from Student Book

** Classroom Library Title