

Text Sets

Introduction

This guide uncovers the benefits of text sets and reveals how they are organized in ReadyGEN™.

ReadyGEN™ Text Sets

In ReadyGEN™, every unit has a text set that includes trade books, Text Collection, and Sleuth. The text sets are the center of instruction and include texts of multiple genres that are worthy of close reading and rereading.

Each text set is comprised of twelve full-length, authentic trade books. One set per student at Grades 1 through 5 and one set of twelve for teachers in Kindergarten.

The Text Collection is a collection of topically-related texts bound together. The collection consists of multiple genres ranging from poems, primary sources, biographies and more. In Kindergarten and Grade 1, Unit 1, the Text Collection is in a big book format.

Sleuth, a magazine-style reader, contains short texts for close reading routines. Students will learn to read like a detective and learn the Sleuth steps for close reading. The steps are Look for Clues, Ask Questions, Make Your Case, and Prove It!



Why use text sets?

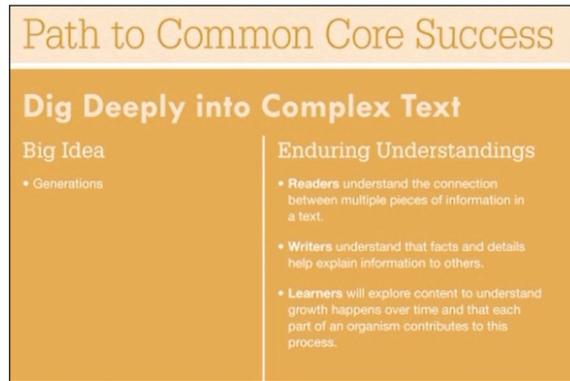
In a text set, all the texts are interrelated around the same topic. This will allow students to listen, read, write, and discuss the core understanding. The set is a way for teachers to forge connections between genres so students can be better readers and writers.

Each piece of text is thoughtfully included to provide key insights into the core understandings of the topic, engage students' interest, and meet the Common Core text complexity requirements. The ReadyGEN™ text sets reflect true balance between fiction and nonfiction.

What are the benefits of text sets?

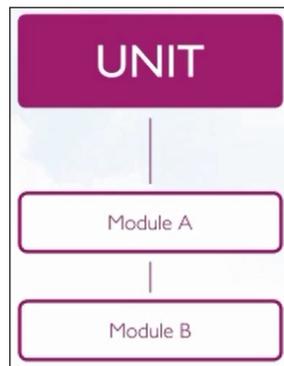
Text sets offer students multiple perspectives on a topic to practice the high-level analysis and critical reading work that the Common Core demands.

ReadyGEN™ text sets lead students to the knowledge and enduring understandings that they need to demonstrate their learning in the unit module Performance-Based Assessments.



How is a text set organized?

ReadyGEN™ is organized around unit modules with a focus on science and social studies standards-based topics. Each unit in ReadyGEN™ has two modules connected by a Big Idea.



In Grades Kindergarten through Grade 2, there are six units per grade level. At Grades 3 through 5, there are four units per grade level.

The text sets—comprised of full-length and shorter authentic pieces of literary and informational trade books and texts—are used to build knowledge around these topics for sustained periods of time. All texts are aligned to the complexity requirements outlined in the Common Core Standards, ensuring that all students interact with appropriate grade-level texts.

This thoughtful design of the text set helps students learn more about the Big Idea and acquire the Enduring Understandings of the unit modules.

Review

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