

Brain Bank Guided Reading Title List - Grade 5

SOCIAL STUDIES									
Title	Genre - Writing Form	GRL	DRA	Social Studies Standards	Curriculum Focus - Social Studies	Comprehension	Language & Vocabulary	Writing	Extension
Black Gold	expository text, sidebar facts	U	50	Production, Distribution, and Consumption – future of natural resources; pollution; geographic specializations	natural resources – oil, exploration, refining, ecology	finding fascinating facts in correct sequence	writing antonyms and synonyms for selected adjectives	listing advantages and disadvantages of using oil	researching issues from the book
Famous Firsts	expository text, Q&A format	T	50	Science, Technology, and Society – scientific developments around the world; people’s contributions to U.S. history	inventions – different fields, famous inventors	matching events with people	making new words from the word “inventions”	writing interview questions and answers	recording personal firsts
It All Began Here	descriptive report, sidebar facts	V	50	Time, Continuity, and Change – ancient history; factors influencing settlement; impact of cultures/locations on history	civilizations – beginnings, growth, features	comparing different civilizations	choosing suffixes to form nouns from verbs	composing a quick quiz for others to answer	finding out more about another civilization
Money Matters	descriptive report	S	40	Production, Distribution, and Consumption – history of money and banking; economic concepts	history of currency – money around the world	writing summary sentences	recognizing and using dual-function words	writing advantages of saving versus spending	writing a personal budget
The Clockmaker	historical recount, sidebar facts	S	40	Space and Place – concepts of longitude, latitude, time zones; events/concepts that change history	problem solving – biography of John Harrison	summarizing problems and solutions	composing a glossary of words ending in -tude	writing an imaginary conversation	writing about dangers faced by early sailors
SCIENCE									
Title	Genre - Writing Form	GRL	DRA	Science Standards	Curriculum Focus - Science	Comprehension	Language & Vocabulary	Writing	Extension
A Balancing Act	explanatory text, recipe, food web	U	50	Life Science – function and diversity among living things; conservation and care of ecosystems	ecology – populations in ecosystems	recording information about food chains	using suffixes that relate to professions	writing a recipe for success at a chosen task	outlining a local environmental issue
Battles in Your Blood	explanatory text, fun facts	T	50	Life Science – makeup of blood; role of blood in the human body; meeting needs for survival	blood – makeup, groups, keeping healthy	recording important information about blood	matching words and their definitions	writing a story of the journey of a blood cell	writing job descriptions for different organs
Microbes Rule	explanatory text, mini facts	V	50	Life Science – importance of microbes to life on Earth; effects of microscopic organisms on health	microbes – importance, types, future science	comparing different types of microbes	finding singular forms for unusual plural forms	writing tips for food safety and hygiene	stating opinions about research in the future
Structures and Design	descriptive report, “In the Animal World” text	S	40	Science and Technology – different kinds of structures; physical laws of design; withstanding external forces	structures – physical laws, common designs	finding information about animals and structures	changing verbs to nouns and nouns to verbs	writing a postcard from a famous structure	finding out more about a famous structure
The Science of Color	explanatory text, Q&A format	S	40	Physical Science – the physical explanation of light and color; use of color in nature	color – light, perception, mixing colors	providing answers for questions posed on Contents page	using verb synonyms in sentences	justifying color choices for painting the school	researching colors and emotions