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CA Wonders Texts by Unit & Week

UNIT FOCUS	UNIT WEEK & WEEKLY CONCEPT	READING WRITING WORKSHOP TEXT	LITERATURE ANTHOLOGY TEXT	PAIRED READ LITERATURE ANTHOLOGY	READ ALOUD
Unit 1: Think It Through	<b>Week 1</b> <i>Where do good ideas come from?</i>	The Dragon Problem	The Princess and the Pizza	Tomás and His Sons	The Princess and the Pea
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>How do your actions affect others?</i>	The Talent Show	Experts, Incorporated	Speaking Out to Stop Bullying	Say Something
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>How do people respond to natural disasters?</i>	A World of Change	Earthquakes	Tornado	Avalanche!
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>How can science help you understand how things work?</i>	The Big Race	A Crash Course in Forces and Motion with Max Axiom, Super Scientist	The Box-Zip Project	Look Out Below!
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>How can starting a business help others?</i>	Dollars and Sense	Kids in Business	Starting a Successful Business	Kids Can Help
Unit 2: Amazing Animals	<b>Week 1</b> <i>What are some messages in animal stories?</i>	The Fisherman and the Kaha Bird	The Secret Message	The Fox and the Goat	The Coyote and the Hen
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>How do animal characters change familiar stories?</i>	The Ant and the Grasshopper	Ranita, The Frog Princess	The Moonlight Concert Mystery	A Grasshopper's Sad Tale
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>How are all living things connected?</i>	Rescuing Our Reefs	The Buffalo Are Back	Energy in the Ecosystem	Return of the Wolves
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>What helps an animal survive?</i>	Animal Adaptations	Spiders	Anansi and the Birds	Adaptations at Work
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>How are writers inspired by animals?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dog</li> <li>• The Eagle</li> <li>• Chimpanzee</li> <li>• Rat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sandpiper</li> <li>• Bat</li> <li>• The Grasshopper Springs</li> <li>• Fireflies at Dusk</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fog</li> <li>• White Cat Winter</li> </ul>	Animal Haiku

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Unit 3: That's the Spirit!	<b>Week 1</b> <i>How can you make new friends feel welcome?</i>	At the Library	The Cricket in Times Square	The Girl and the Chenoo	Samson's Advice
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>In what ways can you help your community?</i>	Remembering Hurricane Katrina	Aguinaldo	Partaking in Public Service	Books
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>How can one person make a difference?</i>	Judy's Appalachia	Delivering Justice: W.W. Law and the Fight for Civil Rights	Keeping Freedom in the Family: Coming of Age in the Civil Rights Movement	Nelson Mandela: Working for Freedom
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>How can words lead to change?</i>	Words for Change	Abe's Honest Words: The Life of Abraham Lincoln	A New Birth of Freedom	Bringing Words to the Deaf
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>In what ways can advances in science be helpful or harmful?</i>	Food Fight	A New Kind of Corn	The Pick of the Patch	All About Organic
Unit 4: Fact or Fiction?	<b>Week 1</b> <i>Why do we need government?</i>	A World Without Rules	See How They Run	The Birth of American Democracy	Speaking Out Against Child Labor
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>Why do people run for public office?</i>	The TimeSpecs 3000	LaRue for Mayor	Bringing Government Home: Understanding State and Local Government	Elephant Versus Monkey
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>How do inventions and technology affect your life?</i>	A Telephone Mix-Up	The Moon Over Star	3 ... 2 ... 1 We Have Spin-Off!	Good-bye Icebox!
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>How do you explain what you see in the sky?</i>	Wonders of the Night Sky	Why Does the Moon Change Shape?	How It Came To Be	Pictures in the Sky
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>How do writers look at success in different ways?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sing to Me</li> <li>• The Climb</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swimming to the Rock</li> <li>• The Moondust Footprint</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Genius</li> <li>• Winner</li> </ul>	Sam's Box

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Unit 5: Figure It Out	<b>Week 1</b> <i>In what ways do people show they care about each other?</i>	Sadie's Game	Mama, I'll Give You the World	What If It Happened to You?	A Special Birthday Hug
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>What are some reasons people moved west?</i>	My Big Brother, Johnny Kaw	Apples to Oregon	Westward Bound: Settling the American West	Horse-Tamer Hattie Heads West
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>How can inventions solve problems?</i>	Stephanie Kwolek: Inventor	How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning	Energy Is Everywhere!	George Washington Carver: Scientist and Inventor
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>What can you discover when you look closely at something?</i>	Your World Up Close	A Drop of Water	The Incredible Shrinking Potion	Stick Like a Gecko
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>How can learning about the past help you understand the present?</i>	Where It All Began	Rediscovering Our Spanish Beginnings	History's Mysteries	Pictures From Long Ago
Unit 6: Past, Present, and Future	<b>Week 1</b> <i>How do traditions connect people?</i>	A Surprise Reunion	The Game of Silence	Native Americans: Yesterday and Today	Reading the Sky
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>Why is it important to keep a record of the past?</i>	Freedom at Fort Mose	Valley of the Moon	One Nation, Many Cultures	Waiting for Battle Orders
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>How have our energy resources changed over the years?</i>	The Great Energy Debate	Energy Island	Of Fire and Water	Light Through the Ages
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>What has been the role of money over time?</i>	The History of Money	The Big Picture of Economics	The Miller's Good Luck	All About Money
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>What shapes a person's identity?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climbing Blue Hill</li> <li>• My Name Is Ivy Collage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Drum</li> <li>• Birdfoot's Grampa</li> <li>• My Chinatown</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growing Up</li> <li>• My People</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Papa's Pastry Shop</li> <li>• One Day</li> </ul>