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| **Unit 1: The Challenge of Heroism** |
| **Literature** |
| **Author** | **Title** | **Lexile** |
| Alexie, Sherman | *Reservation Blues* | 670L |
| Alvarez, Julia | *Before We Were Free* | 890L |
| Anderson, Laurie Halse | *Fever 1793* | 580L |
| Avi | *Crispin: The Cross of Lead* | 780L |
| Butler, Octavia | *The Parable of the Sower* | 710L |
| Coelho, Paul | *The Alchemist* | 910L |
| Crew, Linda | *Children of the River* | 700L |
| Crutcher, Chris | *Whale Talk* | 1000L |
| Dashner, James | *The Maze Runner* | 770L |
| Ellis, Deborah | *The Breadwinner* | 630L |
| Hinton, S.E. | *The Outsiders* | 750L |
| Jeffrey, Gary | *African Myths* | N/A |
| Johnston, E.K. | *The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim* | 1020L |
| Jones, Diana Wynne | *Howl’s Moving Castle* | 800L |
| L’Engle, Madeline | *A Wrinkle in Time* | 740L |
| Lewis, C.S. | *The Chronicles of Narnia*series | N/A |
| Lewis, Richard | *The Killing Sea* | 760L |
| Lupica, Mike | *Hero* | 730L |
| O’Connor, George | *Athena: Grey-Eyed Goddess* | 720L |
| Paolini, Christopher | *Eragon* | 710L |
| Park, Linda Sue | *When My Name Was Keoko* | 610L |
| Paulsen, Gary | *Soldier’s Heart* | 1000L |
| Pierce, Tamora | *Alanna of Trebond* | 690L |
| Riordan, Rick | *Heroes of Olympus series* | N/A |
| Robbins, Trina | *Freedom Songs: A Tale of the Underground Railroad* | 580L |
| Robbins, Trina | *Lily Renee, Escape Artist: From Holocaust Survivor to Comic Book Pioneer* | 510L |
| Selznick, Brian | *The Invention of Hugo Cabret*(Graphic Novel) | 820L |
| Sepetys, Ruta | *Between Shades of Gray* | 490L |
| Storrie, Paul | *Hercules: The 12 Labors* | N/A |
| White, T.E. | *The Once and Future King* | 1080L |
| **Nonfiction/Informational Text** |
| **Author** | **Title** | **Lexile** |
| Bardhan-Quallen, Sudipta | *Up-Close: Jane Goodall* | N/A |
| Beales, Melba Pattilo | *Warriors Don’t Cry* | N/A |
| Bradley, James | *Flags of Our Fathers* | 950L |
| Chin-Lee, Cynthia | *Akira to Zoltan: 26 Men Who Changed the World* | N/A |
| Chin-Lee, Cynthia | *Amelia to Zora: 26 Women Who Changed the World* | N/A |
| Freedman, Russell | *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* | 1100L |
| Freedman, Russell | *Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor* | 1140L |
| Hillenbrand, Laura | *Unbroken: An Olympian’s Journey from Airman to Castaway to Captive* (Young Adult Adaptation) | 850L |
| Hurley, Michael | *World’s Greatest Olympians* | 960L |
| Krull, Kathleen | *Lives of Extraordinary Women: Rulers, Rebels (and What the Neighbors Thought)* | 1150L |
| Myers, Walter Dean | *The Greatest: Muhammad Ali* | N/A |
| Peet, Mal | *The Keeper* | 780L |
| Wells, Susan | *Amelia Earhart: The Thrill of it All* | N/A |
| Yousafzai, Malala | *I Am Malala* | 830L |