UNIT 5: HEART AND SOUL

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball* by Kadir Nelson (900L)
- *What Color is My World?: The Lost History of African-American Inventors* by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (880L)
- *28 Days: Moments in Black History that Changed the World* by Charles R. Smith Jr. (NC1080L)
- *Witnesses to Freedom: Young People Who Fought for Civil Rights* by Belinda Rochelle (1040L)
  (Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 3)
- *Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories* by Ellen S. Levine (760L)
  (Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 3)
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose (1000L)
  (Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 3)
- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom: My Story of the 1965 Selma Voting Rights March* by Lynda Blackmon Lowery (780L)
  (Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 3)
- *Selma, Lord, Selma: Girlhood Memories of the Civil Rights Days* by Frank Sikora (830L)
  (Core text from our Grade 5 Science and Social Studies Unit 3)

Fiction Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson (990L)**
- *Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom* by Virginia Hamilton (990L)**
- *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis (980L)
- *A Wreath for Emmett Till* by Marilyn Nelson (NP)
- *Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule* by Harriette Gillem Robinet (610L)
- *A Sky Full of Stars* by Linda Williams Jackson, (780L)
- *Betty Before X* by Ilyasah Shabazz (810L)
- *Crow* by Barbara Wright (800L)

* lower Lexile or qualitative measures than core text
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