

RECOMMENDED TEXTS FOR INDEPENDENT READING

5th Grade Science and Social Studies

UNIT 1: PLASTIC POLLUTION

Informational Texts to Build Content Knowledge

- *Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Ocean Motion* (Scientists in the Field Series) by Loree Griffin Burns (NL)
- *What a Waste: Trash, Recycling, and Protecting our Planet* by Jess French (IG920L)*
- *Plastic, Ahoy!: Investigating the Great Pacific Garbage Patch* by Patricia Newman (900L)*
- *The Plastic Problem* by Rachel Salt (NL)
- *One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia* by Miranda Paul (NL)
- *Plastic Soup: An Atlas of Ocean Pollution* by Michiel Roscam Abbing (NL)
- *Endangered Oceans: Investigating Oceans in Crisis (Endangered Earth)* by Jody S. Rake (830L)*
- *Human Impact (The Restless Sea)* by Carole Garbuny Vogel (NL)

Fiction Texts with Connecting Topics and Themes

- *World Without Fish* by Mark Kurlansky (1160L)**
- *The Boy who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba (960L)*
- *Flush* by Carl Hiaasen (770L)*

* lower Lexile or qualitative measures than core text

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