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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: Changes	<b>Week 1</b> <i>How do new experiences offer new perspectives?</i>	Cow Music	Little Blog on the Prairie	The Writing on the Wall	Crossing the Creek
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>Why do people form alliances?</i>	Drumbeat of Freedom	The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg	Enough!	The Drummer Boy
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>How do life forms vary in different environments?</i>	The Secret World of Caves	Journey into the Deep	Extreme Exploration: An Interview with Dr. Eva Ramirez Llodra	Plants in Different Environments
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>How do natural forces affect Earth?</i>	The Monster in the Mountain	Into the Volcano	Donna O'Meara: The Volcano Lady	The Roar of Lava
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>What factors influence how people use money?</i>	Making Money: A Story of Change	The Economic Roller Coaster	Our Federal Reserve at Work	Making Money for America
Unit 2: Excursions Across Time	<b>Week 1</b> <i>What contributions were made by early civilizations?</i>	Empire of the Sea	The Technology of Mesopotamia	Gilgamesh Lost and Found	The Builders of Ancient Egypt
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>How did democracy develop?</i>	The Democracy Debate	Who Created Democracy?	How Ideas Become Laws	The Road to Democracy
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>What was life like for people in ancient cultures?</i>	Yaskul's Mighty Trade	Roman Diary	The Genius of Roman Aqueducts	The Special Guest
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>What influences the development of a culture?</i>	Cusi's Secret	Single Shard	A Scholar in the Family	Aban and the Physician
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>What can the past teach us?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ozymanidas</li> <li>• Lifelong Friends</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Majestic</li> <li>• Mummy</li> <li>• Clay</li> </ul>	Maestro Tradition	My Friend Fred, Each New Moment

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Unit 3: Accomplishments	<b>Week 1</b> <i>What happens when people share ideas?</i>	The Rockers Build a Soccer Field	How Tía Lola Came to Visit Stay	The Music of Many	The Neighborhood Problem
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>What kinds of challenges transform people?</i>	Facing the Storm	Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy	Confronting a Challenge	On the Mountain
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>What can people accomplish by working together?</i>	Jewels from the Sea	The Pot That Juan Built	A Box of Ideas	A Spur-of-the-Moment Speech
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>How can one person affect the opinions of others?</i>	Marian Anderson: Struggles and Triumphs	Major Taylor	Margaret Bourke-White: Fearless Photographer	Benjamin Reifel and the IRA
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>What steps can people take to promote a healthier environment?</i>	Is Your City Green?	Stewards of the Environment	Modern Transit for an Ancient City	Away with E-Waste!
Unit 4: Challenges	<b>Week 1</b> <i>How do people meet environmental challenges?</i>	The Day the Dam Broke	Years of Dust	Erica Fernandez: Environmental Activist	Accessing the Great Lakes
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>How do people meet personal challenges?</i>	She Had to Walk Before She Could Run	Seeing Things His Own Way	Get Fit for Fun!	Going the Distance
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>When are decisions hard to make?</i>	Treasure in the Attic	The Case of the Magic Marker Mischief Maker: A Mickey Rangel Mystery	Dramatic Decisions: Theater Through the Ages	Stage Fright
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>How do people uncover what they have in common?</i>	My Visit to Arizona	Home of the Brave	Aminata's Tale	Humor in Humiliation
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>How can we take responsibility?</i>	Hey Nilda, Hi Rachael	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This Is Just to Say</li> <li>• To Mrs. Garcia, in the office</li> <li>• To Thomas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primer Lesson</li> <li>• If I can stop One Heart from Breaking</li> </ul>	Alejandro's Music

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Unit 5: Discoveries	<b>Week 1</b> <i>Why do people tell and retell myths?</i>	Thunder Helper	The Hero and the Minotaur	The A-MAZE-ing Tale of Theseus and the Minotaur	The Flower of Lirolay
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>How do people show inner strength?</i>	Journey to Freedom	Elijah of Buxton	The People Could Fly	Lok and the Transcontinental Railroad
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>How do people benefit from innovation?</i>	The Science of Silk	Before Columbus	Looking Back to Move Forward	Fishing Through the Ages
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>How does technology lead to discoveries?</i>	Light Detectives	Planet Hunter	Excursion to Mars	Seeing Inside the Body
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>How have tools used for exploration evolved over time?</i>	Tools of the Explorer's Trade	Out of This World	Space Shuttles on the Move	Where in the World Am I?
Unit 6: Taking Action	<b>Week 1</b> <i>How have people used natural resources?</i>	The Fortunes of Fragrance	The Story of Salt	The Not-So-Golden Touch	Technology in the Ground
	<b>Week 2</b> <i>How do we learn about historical events?</i>	The Great Fire of London	The Great Fire	Aftermath of a Fire	Mystery of the Missing Mummy
	<b>Week 3</b> <i>How can a scientific investigation be an adventure?</i>	Researcher to the Rescue	Extreme Scientists	Making the Scientific Method Work for You	Space Neighbor
	<b>Week 4</b> <i>What can scientists reveal about ancient civilizations?</i>	Messages in Stone and Wood	Pharaoh's Boat	The Mystery of the Missing Sandals	Secrets Set in Stone
	<b>Week 5</b> <i>Why is taking a break important?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How Many Seconds?</li> <li>• An Ode to the Wind</li> </ul>	To You, Ode to Pablo's Tennis Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drumbeat</li> <li>• Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay</li> </ul>	Ode to the Wind