



Graphic Texts for Teaching Common Core State Standards

Grades K-1

Texts	Common Core State Standards
<i>Fiction – Wordless Texts</i> • The Adventures of Polo series, by Regis Faller, Roaring Brook • Korgi* series, by Christian Slade, Top Shelf • Owly* series, by Andy Runton, Top Shelf • Robot Dreams*, by Sara Varon, First Second • The Snowman, by Raymond Briggs, Random House	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.1, K.2, K.3, K.7**, K.9, K.10 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.7**, 1.9
<i>Fiction</i> • Barry's Best Buddy, by Renee French, Toon Books • Benny and Penny series, by Geoffrey Hayes, Toon Books • The Big Wet Balloon, by Liniers, Toon Books • Bumperboy* series, by Debbie Huey, AdHouse Books • Guinea Pig: Pet Shop Private Eye series, by Colleen AF Venable, Graphic Universe • Johnny Boo series, by James Kolchaka, Top Shelf • Laundry Day by Morrie J Manning, Clarion • Little Mouse Gets Ready, by Jeff Smith, Toon Books • Long Tail Kitty by Lark Pien, Blue Apple Books • Mr. Badger and Mrs. Fox series, by Brigitte Luciani and Eve Tharlet, Graphic Universe	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.1, K.2, K.3, K.4, K.6, K.7**, K.9, K.10 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.7**, 1.9
<i>Folktales and Fairytales</i> • Fairy Tale Comics: Classic Tales told by Extraordinary Cartoonists*, edited by Chris Duffy, First Second Books • Nursery Rhyme Comics: 50 Timeless Rhymes from 50 Celebrated Cartoonists, edited by Chris Duffy, First Second Books • The Three Pigs by David Wiesner, Clarion	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.K.1, K.2, K.3, K.4, K.5, K.7**, K.9, K.10 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.7**, 1.9
<i>Informational Text</i> • First Graphics* series (Body Systems, Dinosaurs, My Community, Nature Cycles, Science Mysteries, Seasons, Wild Earth, Healthy Eating), Capstone Press	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.K.1, K.2, K.3, K.5, K.6, K.7**, K.10 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 1.7**, 1.10

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Graphic Texts for Teaching Common Core State Standards

Grades 2-3

Texts	Common Core State Standards
<i>Fiction</i> • Binky the Space Cat* by Ashley Spires, Kids Can Press • Lions, Tigers, and Bears, by Mike Bullock, Image • Odd Duck*, by Cecil Castellucci & Sara Varon, First Second • Pet Robots*, by Scott Sava & Diego Jourdan, IDW • Zita the Space Girl*, by Ben Hatke, First Second	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.1, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.1, 3.3, 3.4, 3.6, 3.7**
<i>Fiction Series</i> • Babymouse* series, by Jennifer L. Holm and Matthew Holm, Random House • Frankie Pickle series, by Eric Wight, Simon & Schuster • G-Man* series, by Chris Giarruso, Image • Knights of the Lunch Table* series, by Frank Cammuso, Scholastic • Magic Pickle series, by Scott Morse, Scholastic • Magic Trixie* series, by Jill Thompson, HarperCollins • Sticky Burr series, by John Lechner, Candlewick	All from Fiction and CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.9
<i>Myths and Folktales</i> • The Shark King*, by R. Kikuo Johnson, Toon Books	All from Fiction and CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.2.2, 3.2
<i>Nonfiction</i> • I'm Not a Plastic Bag*, by Rachel Hope Allison, Archaia • To Dance: A Ballerina's Graphic Novel*, by Siena Cherson Siegel & Mark Siegel, Atheneum Books for Young Readers	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.1, 2.6, 2.8 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.1, 3.2, 3.3
<i>Informational Text</i> • Buzz Beaker series by Scott Nickel, Capstone (science) • Tail-end Charlie* by Mick Manning & Brita Granstrom, Frances Lincoln Childrens Books (biography, history) • Zig and Wikki series, by Nadja Spiegelman & Trade Loeffler, Toon Books (science)	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.1, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.7**

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Graphic Texts for Teaching Common Core State Standards

Grades 4-5

Texts	Common Core State Standards
<i>Fiction – Wordless Text</i> • The Arrival*, by Shaun Tan, Arthur A. Levine Books	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.1, 4.2, 4.3 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.2, 5.3, 5.7**
<i>Fiction</i> • Amelia Rules! series by Jimmy Gownley, Atheneum • Amulet series, by Kazu Kibuishi, Scholastic • Dance Class series by Beka & Crip, Papercutz • Giants Beware! by Jorge Aguirre & Rafael Rosado, First Second • Princess at Midnight, by Andi Watson, Image/webcomic • Spiral-bound, by Aaron Renier, Top Shelf • Three Thieves series by Scott Chantler, Kids Can Press	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.1, 4.2, 4.3 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.7**
<i>Myths and Folktales</i> • Graphic Myths and Legends* series, Graphic Universe • Olympians* series, by George O'Connor, First Second • Rapunzel's Revenge and Calamity Jack by Shannon & Dean Hale and Nathan Hale, Bloomsbury • Trickster: Native American Tales*, edited by Matt Dembicki, Fulcrum Publishing	All from Fiction and CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.4, 4.9
<i>Genre Fiction</i> • Bone* series, by Jeff Smith, Scholastic (adventure) • The Dreamland Chronicles* by Scott Sava, webcomic (adventure) • The Hardy Boys* series, by Scott Lobdell, Lea Hernandez, & Daniel Rendon, Papercutz (mystery) • Nancy Drew* series, by Stefan Petrucha, Sarah Kinney, and Show Murase, Papercutz (mystery) • Snarked! by Roger Langridge, KaBOOM! (adventure)	All from Fiction and CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.9

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Grades 4-5 (*cont.*)

<i>Non-Fiction Biography</i> • Graphic Biographies series, Capstone • Great Figures in History series*, YKids • Houdini the Handcuff King*, by Nick Abadzis, Hyperion • No Girls Allowed: Tales of Daring Women Dressed as Men for Love, Freedom and Adventure*, by Susan Hughes & Willow Dawson, Kids Can Press • Presidents of the United States Bio-Graphics series, by Joeming Dunn, Magic Wagon • Smile by Raina Telgemeier, Scholastic	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.4.1, 4.3, 4.6 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.5.1, 5.3, 5.4, 5.6, 5.7** CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.6, 4.9 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.6
<i>Content Areas</i> • First in Space*, by James Vining, Oni (history) • Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales* series, by Nathan Hale, Abrams (history) • Prime Baby*, by Gene Yang, First Second (math) • The Secret Science Alliance, by Eleanor Davis, Bloomsbury (science, engineering) • Terra Tempo series, by David Shapiro, Christopher Herndon, and Erica Melville, Craigmore (science)	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.7, 4.8 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.8
<i>Informational Text</i> • Howtoons: The Possibilities are Endless! by Saul Griffith, Joost Bonsen, and Nick Dragotta, Collins (science)	CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.4.4, 4.5, 4.7 CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.5.4

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**This standard mentions graphic novels specifically.