

4th Grade — Passages & Source Index

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Every reading passage across 4th grade, by cluster and module. In the Prepare Cluster through Cluster 7, the same passage set anchors all four modules and grows in length and complexity across Modules 1-4 (Low → Medium → High → Very High stamina). Cluster 8 is a research capstone with a different research source each week.

CLUSTER	READING PASSAGE(S)	STAMINA (MODULES 1-4)
Prepare <i>Genre Selection & the Genre Compass</i>	Dream — Fiction (mentor narrative • Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.) Serve — Fiction (mentor narrative • President John F. Kennedy)	<i>Low → Medium → High → Very High</i> <i>Same two mentor passages, M1-M4</i>
Cluster 1 <i>Short Constructed Response (SCR)</i>	Passage 1 — A Promise Written Long Ago • Nonfiction Passage 2 — Morning in the Village • Historical Fiction	<i>Low → Medium → High → Very High</i> <i>Same two passages, M1-M4</i>
Cluster 2 <i>ECR Informative (TREES)</i>	Passage 3 — The Energy We Use Everyday • Nonfiction Passage 4 — Columbus’s Arrival • Nonfiction	<i>Low → Medium → High → Very High</i> <i>Same two passages, M1-M4</i>
Cluster 3 <i>ECR Informative through Poetry & Drama</i>	Passage 5 — A Lone Star Choice • Poetry (poem) Passage 6 — Making It Happen • Drama	<i>Low → Medium → High → Very High</i> <i>Same poem & drama, M1-M4</i>
Cluster 4 <i>Argumentative (CREATURES)</i>	Passage 7 — The Wealth of Mansa Musa • Nonfiction Passage 8 — Four Regions, One Big Adventure • Fiction	<i>Low → Medium → High → Very High</i> <i>Same two passages, M1-M4</i>
Cluster 5 <i>Paired-Passage Synthesis (Evidence Bridge / RRR)</i>	Passage 9 — Looking Back to Move Forward • Fiction Passage 10 — Voices That Shaped Texas • Fiction	<i>Low → Medium → High → Very High</i> <i>Paired passages read together, M1-M4</i>
Cluster 6 <i>Argumentative (CREATURES)</i>	Passage 11 — A Day That Changed • Fiction (weather vs. climate) Passage 12 — Understanding the Texas Regions • Nonfiction (informational)	<i>Low → Medium → High → Very High</i> <i>Same two passages, M1-M4</i>
Cluster 7 <i>Narrative & Poetry (TRAILS / LEAVES)</i>	Passage 13 — The Roads Between Us • Poetry (poem) Passage 14 — What We Carry Forward • Poetry (poem)	<i>Low → Medium → High → Very High</i> <i>Same two poems, M1-M4</i>
Cluster 8 <i>Research Convergence (year-end capstone)</i>	What Shapes a Society? Place, Resources, and Connection • Research source (evidence bank) — <i>Module 1 (Passage 15)</i> What Shapes a Society? Ideas, Choices, and Culture • Research source (evidence bank) — <i>Module 2 (Passage 16)</i> The Evidence Room: What Did They Leave Behind? • Research source (simulated museum & archive) — <i>Module 3</i> The Change Atlas — Five Forces That Shape a Society • Research source (evidence-bank atlas) — <i>Module 4</i>	<i>Very High throughout</i> <i>A different research source each week (M1-M4)</i>