GRADE 10
UNIT 1

“Harrison Bergeren” by Kurt Vonnegut Jr.
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile® 840, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.6

“Everyday Use” by Alice Walker
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 810, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 5.7

“Searching for Summer” by Joan Aiken
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 810, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 5.7

“To Build a Fire” by Jack London
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 970, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.1

from Deep Survival
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 920, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 7.5

from The Johnstown Flood by David McCullough
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1140, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.2

“The Race to Save Apollo 13” by Michael Useem
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1080, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 8.1

“Exile” by Julia Alvarez/ “Crossing the Border” by Joy Harjo
Difficulty Level: Average
GRADE 10
UNIT 2
“Shoofly Pie” by Naomi Shihab Nye
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 860, Fry 5, Dale-Chall 6.0

“The Possibility of Evil” by Shirley Jackson
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1110, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.0

“Like the Sun” by R.K. Narayan
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 740, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.2

“The Teacher Who Changed My Life” by Nicholas Gage
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1350, Fry 11, Dale-Chall 7.1

“A Celebration of Grandfathers” by Rudolfo A. Anaya
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 830, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 5.7

“Simply Grand: Generational Ties Matter”
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1110, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 7.5

“The Gift” by Li-Young Lee / “Those Winter Sundays” by Robert Hayden
Difficulty Level: Average

“A Marriage Proposal” by Anton Chekov
Difficulty Level: Challenging

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UNIT 3
“By the Waters of Babylon” by Stephen Vincent Benét
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 800, Fry 5, Dale-Chall 5.1

“There Will Come Soft Rains” by Ray Bradbury
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 910, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.1
“Inside the Home of the Future”  
Difficulty Level: Average  
Readability: Lexile 1300, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 7.3

“The Doll’s House” by Katherine Mansfield  
Difficulty Level: Challenging  
Readability: Lexile 760, Fry 6, Dale-Chall 5.9

“The Seventh Man” by Haruki Murakami  
Difficulty Level: Challenging  
Readability: Lexile 910, Fry 4, Dale-Chall 5.6

“The Man in the Water” by Roger Rosenblatt  
Difficulty Level: Average  
Readability: Lexile 950, Fry: College, Dale-Chall 6.7

“Dyaspora” by Joanne Hyppolite  
Difficulty Level: Average  
Readability: Lexile 1140, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.6

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**UNIT 4**

“The Interlopers” by Saki  
Difficulty Level: Average  
Readability: Lexile 1230, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 6.8

“Two Friends” by Guy de Maupassant  
Difficulty Level: Average  
Readability: Lexile 960, Fry 6, Dale-Chall 6.5

“When Mr. Pirzada Came to Dine” by Jhumpa Lahiri  
Difficulty Level: Average  
Readability: Lexile 1170, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.6

“Do not weep, maiden, for war is kind” by Stephen Crane/ “the sonnet-ballad” by Gwendolyn Brooks  
Difficulty Level: Average

from *Tolerance* by E.M. Forster  
Difficulty Level: Average  
Readability: Lexile 850, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.6
“Letter to a Young Refugee from Another” by Andrew Lam
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1040, Fry: College, Dale-Chall 6.0

“Song of P’eng-ya” by Tu Fu
Difficulty Level: Average

GRADE 10
UNIT 5

“The Plot Against People” by Russell Baker
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1250, Fry 11, Dale-Chall 7.6

“Why Leaves Turn Color in the Fall” by Diane Ackerman
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1150, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 7.1

“Blowup: What Went Wrong at Storm King Mountain” by Sebastian Junger
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1170, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 7.4

“And of Clay Are We Created” by Isabel Allende
Difficulty Level: Average

“Girl, Trapped in Water for 55 Hours, Dies Despite Rescue Attempts”
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1330, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 8.0

“Peruvian Child” by Pat Mora/ “Lady Freedom Among Us” by Rita Dove
Difficulty Level: Average

GRADE 10
UNIT 6

“Doing Nothing is Something” by Anna Quindlen
Difficulty Level: Easy
Readability: Lexile 1170, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 7.3

“Abolishing the Penny Makes Good Sense” by Alan S. Blinder
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1040, Fry 11, Dale-Chall 7.2
“On Nuclear Disarmament” by Carl Sagan
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 970, Fry 12, Dale-Chall 7.4

“I Acknowledge Mine” by Jane Goodall
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1110, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 7.0

“Use of Animals in Biomedical Research” by the American Medical Association
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1380, Fry: College, Dale-Chall 8.9

“A Chip of Glass Ruby” by Nadine Gordimer
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 990, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.3

“How Much Land Does a Man Need?” by Leo Tolstoy
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 910, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 5.8

from The New Testament
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1150, Fry 8, Dale-Chall 6.8

GRADE 10
UNIT 7

“There Will Come Soft Rains” by Sara Teasdale/ “Meeting at Night” by Robert Browning/ “The Sound of Night” by Maxine Kumin
Difficulty Level: Average

“I dwell in Possibility—” by Emily Dickinson/ “Variation on a Theme by Rilke (The Book of Hours, Book 1, Poem 1, Stanza 1)” by Denise Levertov/ “blessing the boats (at St. Mary’s)” by Lucille Clifton
Difficulty Level: Average

“The Fish” by Elizabeth Bishop/ “Christmas Sparrow” by Billy Collins/ “The Sloth” by Theodore Roethke
Difficulty Level: Average

“Piano” by D.H. Lawrence/ “Fifteen” by William Stafford/ “Tonight I Can Write...” by Pablo Neruda
Difficulty Level: Average

“Sonnet 18” by William Shakespeare/ “Sonnet XXX of Fatal Interview” by Edna St. Vincent Millay
Difficulty Level: Challenging
“Lord Randall”/ “Ballad” by Gabriela Mistral/ “Midwinter Blues”
by Langston Hughes
Difficulty Level: Average

“Blues Poems”
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 740, Fry 5, Dale-Chall 9.5

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**UNIT 8**

“The Pit and the Pendulum” by Edgar Allan Poe
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1020, Fry 7.5, Dale-Chall 7.7

“The Lake” by Edgar Allan Poe
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“When I Heard the Learn’d Astronomer”/ “The Artilleryman’s Vision” both by Walt Whitman
Difficulty Level: Average

“Birches” by Robert Frost
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“Mending Wall” by Robert Frost
Difficulty Level: Average

Difficulty Level: Easy

“Fourth of July Night” by Carl Sandburg
Difficulty Level: Average

“Only Daughter”/ from Caramelo both by Sandra Cisneros
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 800, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 6.9

“Author Brings Back Memories of Not So Long Ago”
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1240, Fry 5, Dale-Chall 7.4
GRADE 10
UNIT 9

from *Night* by Elie Wiesel
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 440, Fry 4, Dale-Chall 5.2

from *Farewell to Manzanar* by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston and James D. Houston
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1010, Fry: College, Dale-Chall 6.2

“Montgomery Boycott” by Coretta Scott King
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1020, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.8

“A Eulogy for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.”
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1220, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.9

“Marriage is a Private Affair” by Chinua Achebe
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 830, Fry 4, Dale-Chall 6.0

“On the Rainy River” by Tim O’Brien
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 940, Fry 7, Dale-Chall 6.2

“The New Colossus” by Emma Lazarus/ “Who Makes the Journey” by Cathy Song
Difficulty Level: Average

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UNIT 10

“Antigone” by Sophocles
Difficulty Level: Challenging

Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1130, Fry 10, Dale-Chall 7.2
from The Acts of King Arthur and His Noble Knights by John Steinbeck
Difficulty Level: Average
Readability: Lexile 1130, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 6.4

from Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes
Difficulty Level: Challenging
Readability: Lexile 1130, Fry 9, Dale-Chall 7.6

from Man of La Mancha by Dale Wasserman
Difficulty Level: Average

GRADE 10
UNIT 11

The Tragedy of Julius Caesar: Act I by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging

The Tragedy of Julius Caesar: Act II by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging

The Tragedy of Julius Caesar: Act III by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging

The Tragedy of Julius Caesar: Act IV by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging

The Tragedy of Julius Caesar: Act V by William Shakespeare
Difficulty Level: Challenging

“Julius Caesar at the Public Theater”
Difficulty Level: Challenging