

Contents

Introduction

What's in Every Unit?	4
Correlations: <i>Common Core State Standards</i>	6
Correlations: <i>Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills</i>	8
Overview of Articles and Writing Prompts	9
Reproducible Pre-writing Charts:	
Five Elements of Informational Text	10
Five Structures of Informational Text	11

Units

Science Articles

<small>LEVEL</small> P Getting to Know Snakes	12
Text Structure: Question and Answer	
S Weather and the Scientists Who Study It	22
Text Structure: Main Idea and Details	
T From Power Plant to Light Bulb	32
Text Structure: Time Order	

Geography Article

<small>LEVEL</small> R The Mystery of the Matching Continents	42
Text Structure: Cause and Effect	

Social Studies Articles

<small>LEVEL</small> Q Being an Active Citizen	52
Text Structure: Main Idea and Details	
T How Countries Create Their Economies	62
Text Structure: Compare and Contrast	

Biography Articles

<small>LEVEL</small> P Julia Morgan: Architect and Trailblazer	72
Text Structure: Time Order	
S Roald Dahl: Master Storyteller	82
Text Structure: Time Order	

How-to Articles

<small>LEVEL</small> R How to Keep Your Teeth and Gums Healthy	92
Text Structure: Cause and Effect	
O How to Make Snacks More Healthful	102
Text Structure: Compare and Contrast	