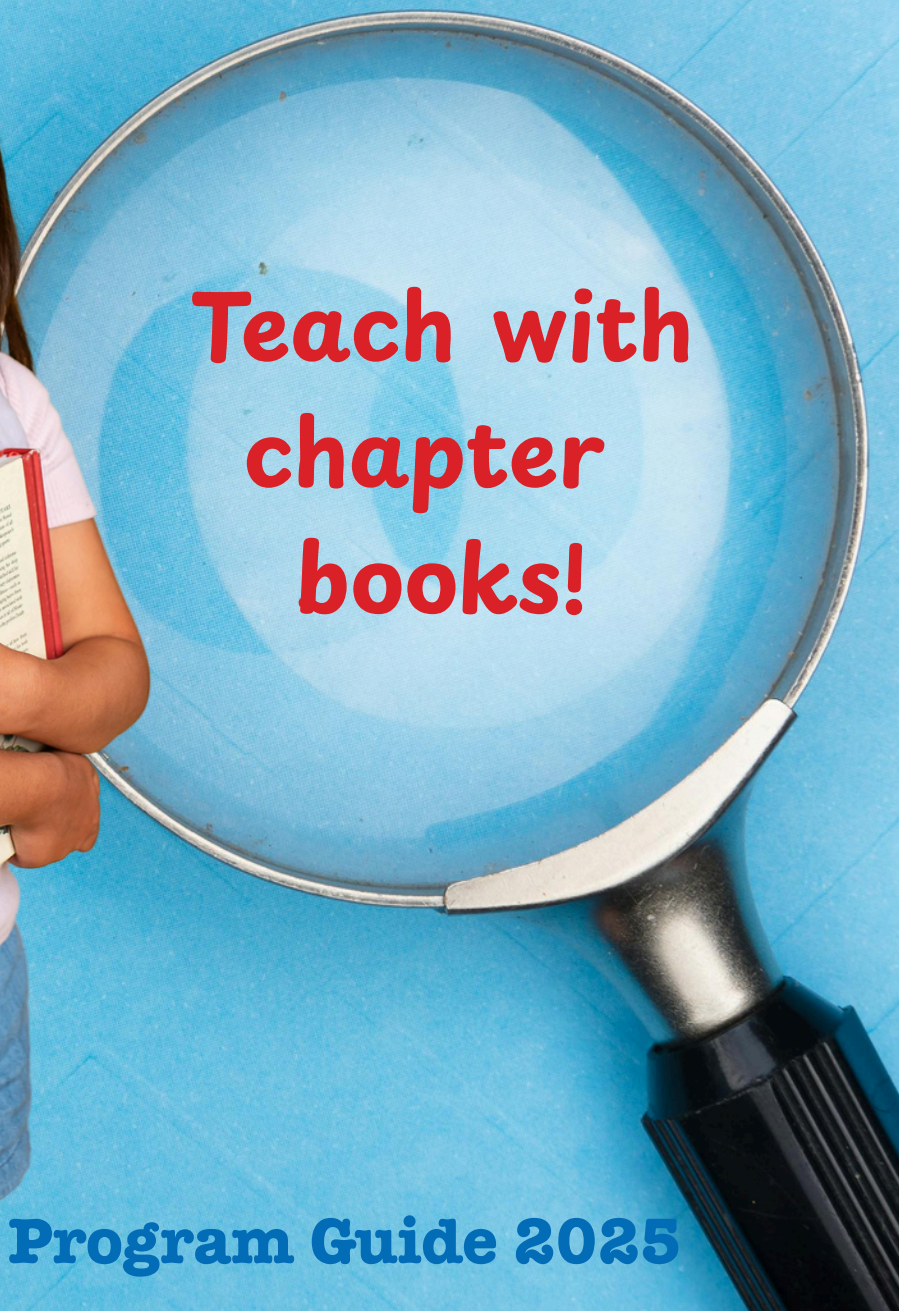




READING PROGRAM, GRADES 3-8

**An evidence based  
reading program to  
increase motivation  
and achievement!**



**Teach with  
chapter  
books!**

**Program Guide 2025**



# What matters most for middle-grade readers?

**Motivation is the key when it comes to increasing comprehension for middle-grade readers!**

**Are you looking for a program to increase**

- reading stamina,
- comprehension skill, and
- the enjoyment of quality literature?

**If the answer is “yes!” we are confident the *Read Side by Side Reading Program*, grades 3-8 will be the right fit for your next reading adoption!**

**No program on the market today attends to the needs of middle-grade readers the way the *Read Side by Side Reading Program* does!**

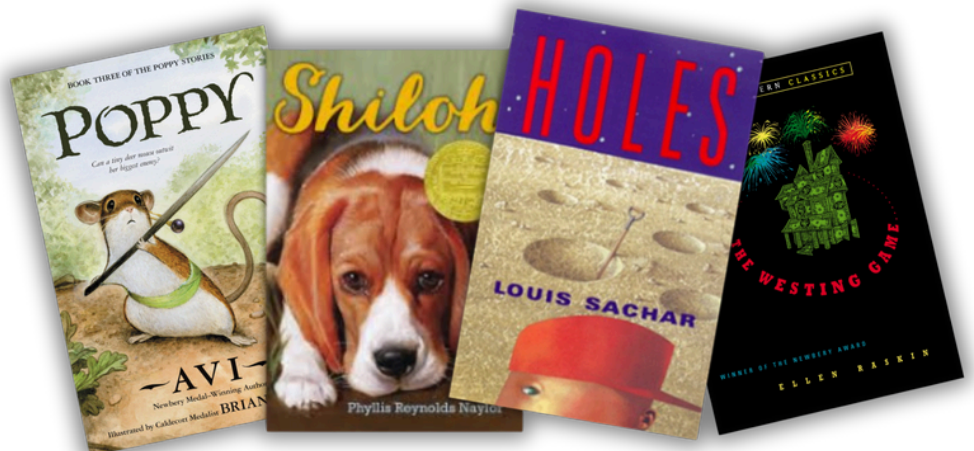
**Every unit equips students with the skills to tackle longer, more complex texts. Students learn to “read like a detective” as they investigate story elements, plot development, the author’s craft, and theme—all while making literary connections!**

**Watch engagement soar as your students master grade-level standards and develop into life-long readers!**

**Connect with an advisor to learn more!**



**“My students are begging to read!”**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher



# Students learn to “read like detectives” as they investigate full-length chapter books!



## C. I. A. Collect-Interpret-Apply



### Read like a detective!

1. Divide the number of pages in the book by 4.
2. Use sticky notes to mark the quadrants.
3. Read using the C. I. A. Approach (Collect-Interpret-Apply).



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**Collect****1/4**

- Character
- Setting
- Problems
- Important Events

 Retell Summary





**Interpret****2/4**


- Key Repeated
  - Words
  - Phrases
- Author's Craft
- Author's Message/Theme


 Line of Thinking



**Interpret****3/4**

- Evidence
- Turning Point
- Author's Message/Theme

 Turning Point Writing



**Apply****4/4**

- Synthesize
- Evaluate

 Synthesis Summary & Evaluation



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Introduce an innovative approach to reading chapter books and bridge the gap between the reader and the text! Teach students to break a book into quadrants before reading to

- **collect,**
- **interpret, and**
- **apply (CIA).**



Take your students from disengaged, reluctant readers to active and purposeful binge-readers who find joy in reading great literature!

**Learn more about the CIA approach!**



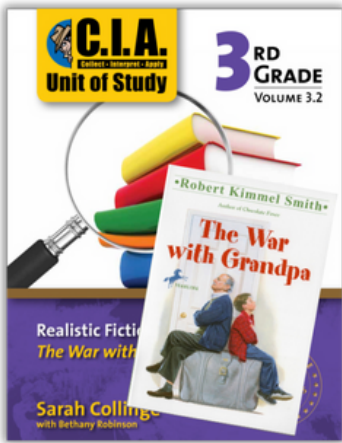
“There is no doubt in my mind that the CIA approach will lead to greater student achievement!”

Plus-Plus Tutoring

# A Three-Part Curriculum Design Increases the Transfer of Skill



Be impressed with the way your students confidently increase reading skill and stamina as they move from explicit instruction in the read-aloud to guided and independent practice in book clubs. Watch as they develop life-long habits and interests through exposure to new genres, topics, authors, and themes!



## Part 1: Read Aloud

Model the skills and strategies of lifelong reading and expose ALL students to grade level texts! Watch engagement and reading interest soar! Lessons incorporate reading, writing, speaking, and listening!

"My students love the book Poppy and can't wait to start the next read-aloud!"

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher



## Part 2: Book Club

Watch skills and strategies transfer as students are matched to a text at their instructional level (below, on, and above grade level). Build each student's confidence and competence!

"I love how the book clubs help students get the most out of their reading experience!"

Children's Author, Barbara O'Connor



## Part 3: Book Boxes

Increase students' success selecting and finishing books from the classroom library! Book boxes help guide students' reading choices and encourage wide reading.

"It is exciting to see my students seek books by the same authors when they visit the library!"

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher



# Writing units integrate to increase success and build knowledge.

The best writers are readers! Increase writing skill with:

1. short, on-demand writing in response to reading and
2. longer, process writing that uses the novels in the program as mentor texts.

Take students through all stages of the writing process!

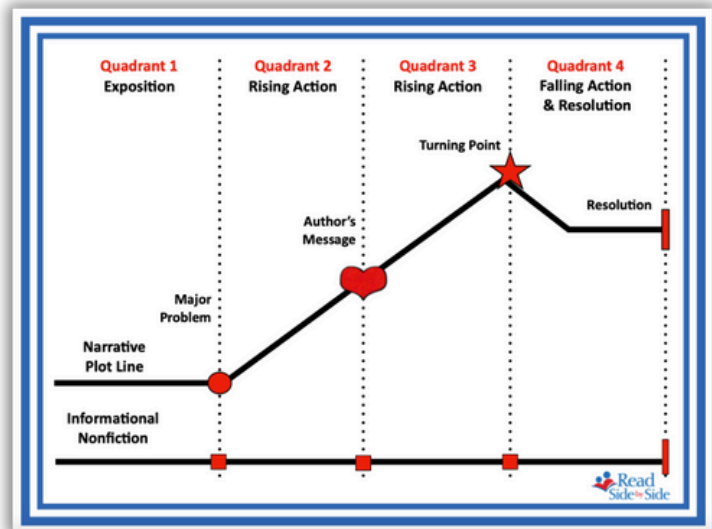
1. Brainstorm and research,
2. Plan,
3. Draft,
4. Revise,
5. Edit,
6. Publish, and
7. Share!

"My students are eager to share their thinking and ideas. Their writing and essay skills have improved more with this program than others I have tried!"

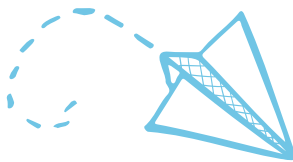
4th Grade Teacher

Learn to write

1. narrative,
2. expository,
3. persuasive, and
4. argumentative pieces!



Discover writing units!

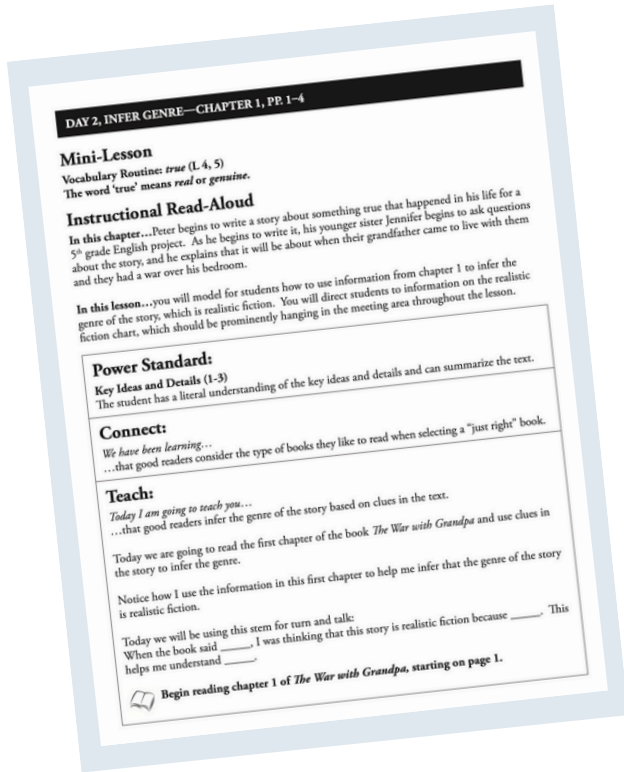


Students use their knowledge of text-structure to write their own stories, essays and reports!

Supplement the writing program with *Grammar, Usage, and Mechanics* published by Zaner-Bloser!

[shop.zaner-bloser.com/collections/grammar-usage-and-mechanics](http://shop.zaner-bloser.com/collections/grammar-usage-and-mechanics).

# All lessons are scripted to provide explicit instruction.



**"This is the single best program to infuse enjoyment back into reading for our students!"**  
Elementary Principal

## Each lesson includes

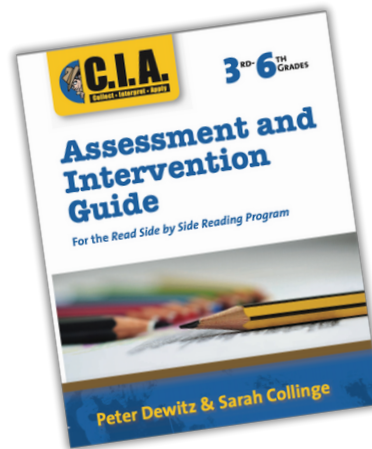
1. **vocabulary instruction,**
2. **teacher modeling,**
3. **guided practice,**
4. **discussion,**
5. **independent practice, and**
6. **writing about reading.**



# Lessons incorporate strategies to support sheltered instruction.

## Sheltered instruction strategies to support readers at all levels include

1. **clear objectives,**
2. **explicit instruction,**
3. **repetitive practice,**
4. **discussion stems,**
5. **collaboration with peers,**
6. **word walls,**
7. **anchor charts,**
8. **appropriate pacing,**
9. **differentiated instruction, and**
10. **scaffolding.**



**Check out the assessment tools!**



**"I use this program with my special education students and have witnessed the success and joy it gives them!"**  
Special Education Teacher



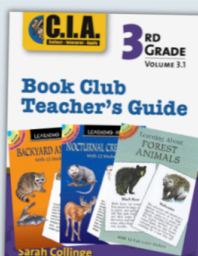
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Third-grade students study themes of conflict—at home, at school, and in the world. They learn about the Civil Rights Movement!

## Teacher Materials

## Student Materials

### Unit 3.1

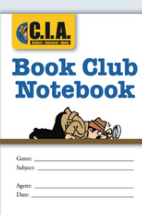
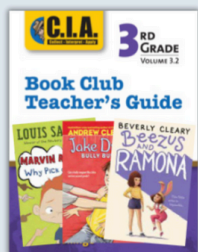
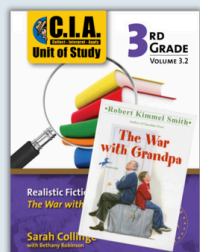


Poppy



Backyard Animals  
Nocturnal Creatures  
Forest Animals

### Unit 3.2

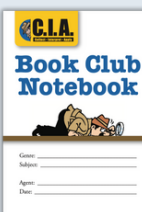
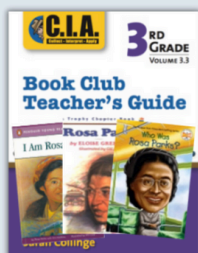
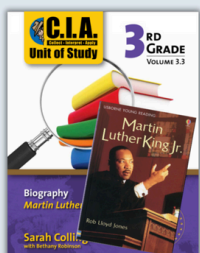


War With Grandpa



Marvin Redpost: Why Pick on Me?  
Jake Drake, Bully Buster  
Beezus and Ramona

### Unit 3.3

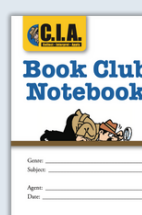
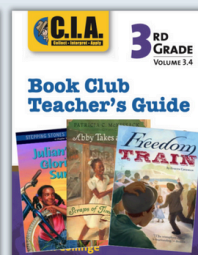
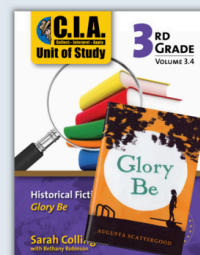


Martin Luther King Jr.



I Am Rosa Parks  
Rosa Parks  
Who Was Rosa Parks?

### Unit 3.4

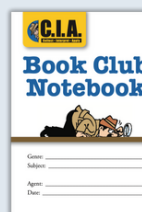
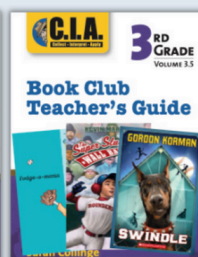


Glory Be



Julian's Glorious Summer  
Abby Takes a Stand  
Freedom Train

### Unit 3.5



Maniac Magee



Fudge-A-Mania  
Wall Ball  
Swindle

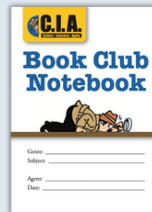
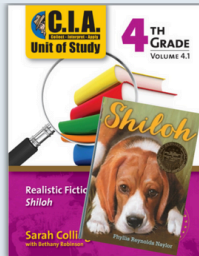
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Fourth-grade students study the theme of a journey. They learn about westward expansion and the pioneering spirit!

## Teacher Materials

## Student Materials

### Unit 4.1



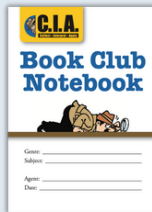
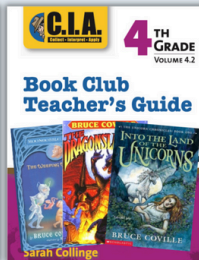
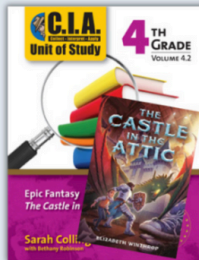
Shiloh



Shoeshine Girl  
Because of Winn-Dixie  
How to Steal a Dog



### Unit 4.2



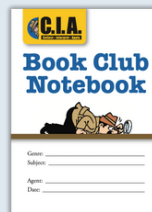
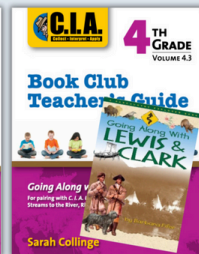
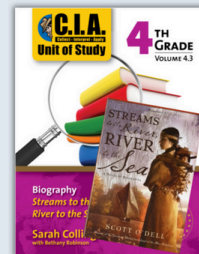
Castle in the Attic



Weeping Werewolf  
Dragonslayers  
Into the Land of the Unicorns



### Unit 4.3

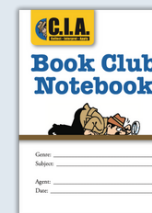
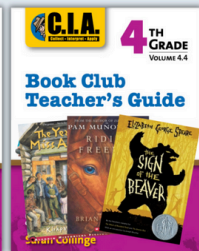
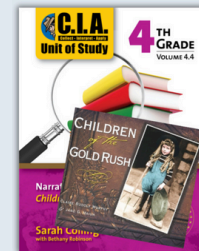


Streams to the River



Going Along with Lewis and Clark

### Unit 4.4



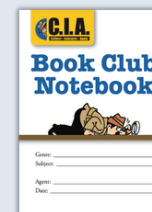
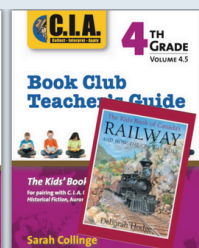
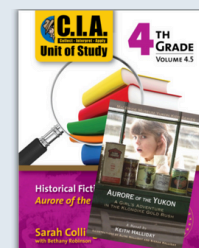
Children of the Gold Rush



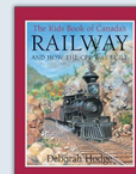
Year of Miss Agnes  
Riding Freedom  
Sign of the Beaver



### Unit 4.5



Aurore of the Yukon



Kids' Book of Canada's Railway



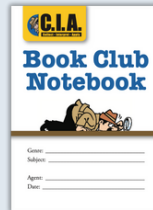
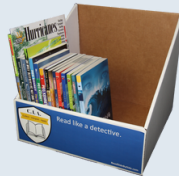
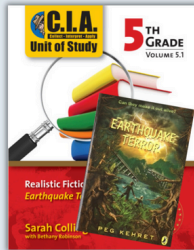
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Fifth-grade students study the theme of survival. They learn about the American Revolution and the Industrial Revolution in America!

## Teacher Materials

## Student Materials

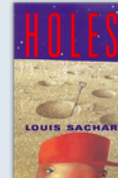
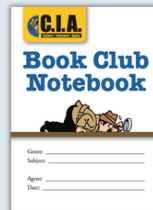
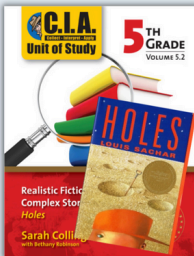
### Unit 5.1



Earthquake  
Terror

I Survived Hurricane Katrina  
Kensuke's Kingdom  
Hatchet

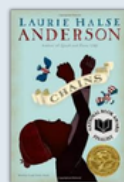
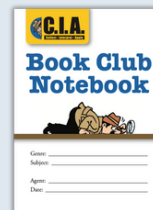
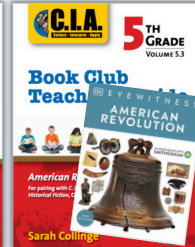
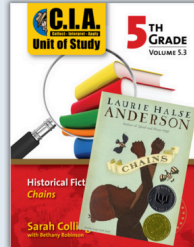
### Unit 5.2



Holes

There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom  
Janitor's Boy  
Wonder

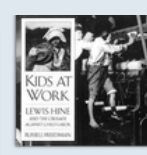
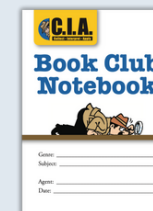
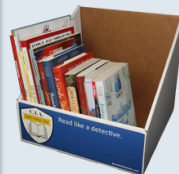
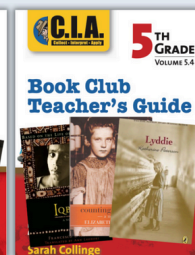
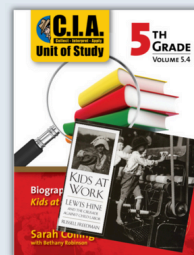
### Unit 5.3



Chains

American Revolution

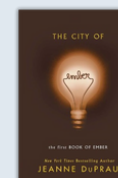
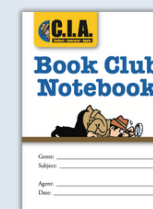
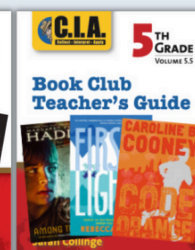
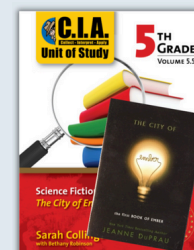
### Unit 5.4



Kids at Work

Iqbal  
Counting on Grace  
Lyddie

### Unit 5.5



City of  
Ember

Among the Hidden  
First Light  
Code Orange

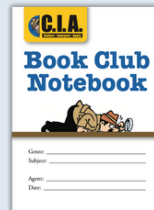
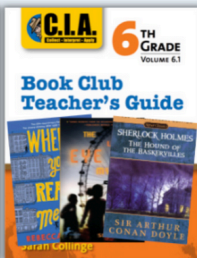
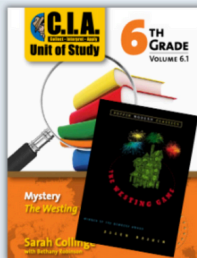
# 6th Grade

**Sixth-grade students study the theme of the American Dream. They learn about the time period of the Great Depression through early WWII.**

# Teacher Materials

## Student Materials

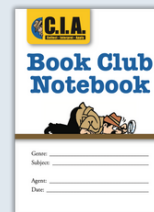
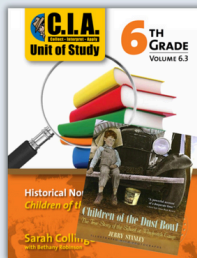
## Unit 6.1



## Westing Game

**When You Reach Me**  
**London Eye Mystery**  
**Hound of the Baskervilles**

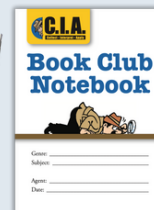
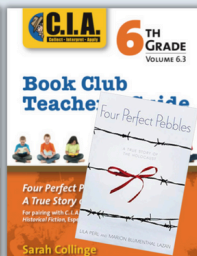
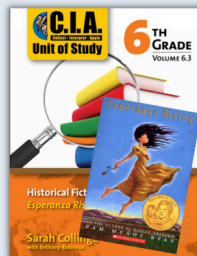
## Unit 6.2



## Children of the Dust Bowl

**A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt**  
**Sylvia and Aki**  
**Out of the Dust**

## Unit 6.3



## Esperanza Rising

## Four Perfect Pebbles

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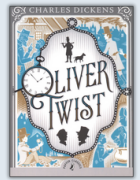
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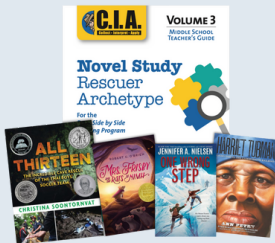


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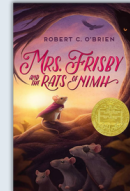
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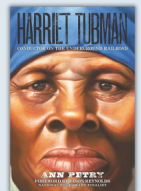
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All Thirteen



Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh  
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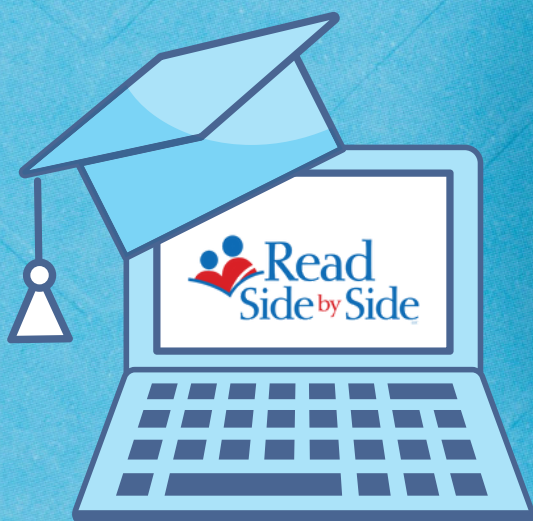


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