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Benchmark Education Company

"Early Explorers" leveled books

*Earth's Water Cycle • How Animals Change and Grow • How We Group Animals
In the Backyard • Plants and Animals in Different Seasons • Polar Habitats*

"Math Explorers" ELL leveled books

*Discover Polygons • Polygons Around Town • Polygons on Maps • Polygons in Puzzles
Discover Decimals and Fractions • Decimals at the Bank • Decimals at the Farmer's Market • Decimals at the Beach*

"Spot-On Science and Technology" leveled books

*The Blue Jays Build a Nest • Exploring with Science Tools
I Am a Botanist (based on an interview with botanist Nathalie Nagalingum)
I Am an Earth Scientist, Astronaut, and Explorer (based on an interview with astronaut Kathryn Sullivan)*

"Standards Close-Up" leveled books

Exploring and Preserving Nature • Flood! • My Life and Hometown

"Text Connections" leveled books

*All About Maps • Arnold Lobel Wrote Great Stories • Bear's Adventure • A Bowl of Dust • Classifying Animals
Cleveland on the Fourth • The Day the Earth Shook • Dinosaur Bone Doctor • Firefighters Need Our Support
The Fourth! Our Show • Holidays Are Great Days! • Jin and Pedro Get to Work! • Liam's Pets • Living Dinosaurs
My Crazy New Yard • Mutt in Michigan • My Family's Journey • Penguins in Antarctica • Remembering Dr. King
Rivers Are Amazing • Postcards from China • Saving Squirt • The Secrets of Soil • Technology Brings Us Together
The Terrific Pacific • This Wiggler Is a Giggler • Tim and Maya in China • Tools We Use • We Are Firefighters • We Can Feel Art!*

Zaner-Bloser (produced through Trillium Publishing)

"Voices" leveled books

*The Art of Living: The Life of Henry David Thoreau • Autism: Bridging the Gap
Blending Worlds: Three Immigrant Families (coauthor) • The Children's March for Civil Rights
The History and Geography of El Salvador • Return to the Wild: Reintroducing Captive-Bred Endangered Animals
Voices for Justice and Dignity: The Lives and Times of Eleanor Roosevelt and Marian Anderson (coauthor)*

Wright Group/McGraw-Hill

"Amazing Americans" leveled books

Chief Seattle • Woodrow Wilson

"Gear Up!" leveled books (produced through Trillium Publishing)

Becoming a Butterfly • Buying and Building Airplanes • The Moon • Skateboarding

Rosen Publishing (produced through BlueAppleWorks)

"American History Arts & Crafts" series

Learning About the Civil Rights Movement with Arts & Crafts • Learning About the Civil War with Arts & Crafts

"Surviving Disaster" series

Surviving Hurricane Katrina • Surviving Pearl Harbor • Surviving the 2011 Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami

Gareth Stevens Publishing (produced through BlueAppleWorks)

"Miracles of Medicine" series

Artificial Limbs

International Fund for Animal Welfare (produced through Trillium Publishing)

Student content for 2010 Animal Action Education packet: *Born to Be Wild: Saving the Majestic Tiger* (Grades 3–4 & 5–8)

Student content for 2011 Animal Action Education packet: *Elephants: Never Forget* (Grades 5–8)

Independent Publishers (Teachers Pay Teachers Marketplace)

Authored 125+ nonfiction books and 425+ leveled passages on science and social studies themes.

Reading A–Z

Kindergarten

*Animal Coverings • Clouds • Community Helpers • Getting Around the City • This Turtle
What Has These Feet? • What Has These Spots? • What Has These Stripes? • What Has This Tail?*

Grade 1

*Animal Skeletons • At a Touch Tank • A Clown Face • Discovering Dinosaurs • Dr. King's Memorial • The Food We Eat
Gaggle, Herd, and Murder • Gorillas • Healthy Me • Hibernation • How Do They Move? • Legs, Wings, Fins, and Flippers
Ocean Animals • A President's Day • Ruby Bridges • White House Pets • Whose Tracks Are These?*

Grade 2

*Ancient Egypt • Abigail Adams † • Crocs and Gators • Elephants • Frogs and Toads • How Animals Sleep
Inside Your Body • Istanbul † • Let's Make Snowflakes! • Manatees • Max • Musical Instruments • Nature Stinks! †
Puppets • Slithery and Slimy • Strange Plants • What Lives in This Hole? † • Why Do Leaves Change Color? †
You Stink! • You're a Jellyfish!*

Grade 3

*Animals Feel Emotions • The Arctic Seed Vault • Bears • Bites and Stings • Butterflies and Moths • Camouflage
Giant Pandas • Ghost Towns † • A Landforms Adventure †* • Losing Grandpa • My Earth Day Birthday*
Ostriches: Giant Birds • Penguins • Remembering the Alamo • Sea Turtles • Sharks • Skin Color • Snakebite! • Weave It!*

Grade 4

*Brilliant Biomes series: Deserts • Grasslands • Rainforests • Taiga • Temperate Deciduous Forests • Tundra
Ancient Cliff Dwellers • Animal Communication • Galapagos Wonder • Labor Day † • Maria Tallchief (coauthor) †
Mount Fuji • Mount Kilimanjaro • Puffins † • Pyramids • Underground Cities* • Water Cities †
Weaving Around the World • Who Owns the North Pole?**

Grade 5

*American Football † • Body Art • Dino Duel • Golf † • Hockey † • Hoofed Animals • Introverts and Extroverts • John Muir †
Komodo Dragons: Giant Reptiles † • Sacagawea (coauthor) • Soccer † • Success Stories • Whale Sharks: Giant Fish †
Wildlife Rescue † • Zoos: Pro or Con? • Zoos Through the Ages*

Grade 6

*The Eiffel Tower † • The Great Wall of China † • Hoover Dam † • Ivory or Elephants • Marie Curie † • Petra †
Stephen Hawking: Traveling Through the Universe
† Multilevel *Written under a pseudonym*

Science A–Z

Grades K–2

Weather

Grades 3–4

*Animal Ears and Animal Sounds – Focus Books for Sound unit
Arthropods Investigation Pack: Arizona Bark Scorpion, Bombardier Beetle, Giant African Millipede,
Leaf Insect, Mexican Redknee Tarantula, Sally Lightfoot Crab; Mystery File: Tardigrade; Teaching Tips
Bloomin' Algae, Clever Camouflage, Life Along the Colorado – Focus Books for Habitats/Environment unit
Clouds, Wind, and Storms, three levels
Exercise: Get Moving! and Your Hardworking Heart – Focus Books for Human Body unit
Habitats and the Environment, three levels plus four related reading passages, each at three levels
Living in Groups and The Vertebrates of Madagascar – Focus Books for Vertebrates unit
The Human Body, three levels plus two related reading passages, each at three levels
Plant Life Investigation Pack: Ginkgo, Horsetail, Orchid, Watermelon; Mystery File: Moss; Teaching Tips
Vertebrates plus four related reading passages, each at three levels*

Grades 5–6

*Structural Adaptations Investigation Pack: Carnivorous Plants, Corpse Flower, Hammerhead Shark,
Horseshoe Crab, Kiwi, Naked Mole Rat; Mystery File: Monarch Butterfly; Teaching Tips
Food Chains and Food Webs, three levels plus two related reading passages, each at three levels*

Red Cat Reading

Kindergarten

*Animal Noses • Baby Animals • Birds • Bugs • The City • Clean and Dirty • Colors • The Coral Reef
The Desert • Farm Animals • Fast and Slow • Feelings • The Five Senses • The Forest • Fur, Feathers, and More
Healthy Foods for My Body • I Move • I Play Music • In the Classroom • In the Morning • The Jungle • Many Tastes
My Body's Needs • The Ocean • Origami Dog Face • Parts of My Body • Pets • Plant Parts • The Playground
The Pond • Shapes • Sharing • Sports • Trees • Weather • What Is Inside? • What Is It Doing? • When I Grow Up
Which One Is Different? • The Zoo*

Grade 1

*Angry • Camping • Cleaning My Room • Clothes in Different Seasons • Five Senses • Going to the Dentist
Going to the Doctor • Growing Plants • Happy • Homes Around the World • Homes in the United States
How I Get Food • How to Be Safe in the Sun • How to Make Cookies • Make a Mask! • Making Art
Many Kinds of Signs • Many Senses • Measuring Things • On a Rainy Day • Planets • Sad
Shopping at the Dollar Store • Super Animals • Trees and Paper • Under a Microscope • The United States Flag
What I Do • Where Our Food Comes From • Where Things Come From*

Grade 2

*Animal Hairdos • Big Cats • Bike Safety • Dinosaurs • Earth's Water • Holidays • How to Interview
How to Make a Map • Jobs in Schools • Living in the City • Living in the Country • Many Kinds of Leaves
Seahorses • Symbols of the United States • Taking Care of Earth • Tornadoes • What Animals Eat • What Time Is It?
What's in the Sky? • Why People Wear Glasses
40 additional titles completed (Grades 2 & 3)*

Trillium Publishing, Symphony Learning, LearnZillion, A*List, Age of Learning, and others

Hundreds of fluency passages on a wide variety of nonfiction topics

Vocabulary A–Z

Principal content writer, November 2005–December 2010; additional writing 2018–2022; 9,000+ entries