

# Strategic Text Sets: They're Here to Help!

## Why Should We Create Strategic Text Sets?

When we carefully select texts that work together, we can ensure all students have access to rich, engaging, challenging texts. Curated text sets increase engagement, build confidence, and build students' reading stamina.

## How Do We Build a Great Text Set?

Start by choosing an anchor (i.e., target) text. This is the rich, engaging, challenging text we want all students to be able to read. Then use the following questions to guide your search for supporting texts.

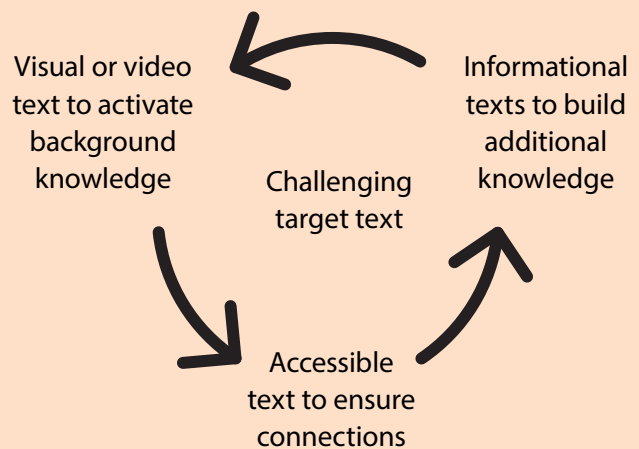
1. What visual or video would really get students interested in this topic? How can I hook their interest? Then find visual texts and/or videos that accomplish this.
2. What information do students need to know to better understand or appreciate this text? Then seek out the informational/conceptual/background texts students need.
3. What connections can we make to build students' confidence and interest? What relevant connections can we build to the anchor? What genre connections? Then find accessible—easier than the anchor—texts that support these connections.



## How Do They Work?

### The Quad Text Set Framework

Figure 4



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