

GRADE 8 ARGUMENTATION UNIT TEXT SETS

This chart lists the unit texts, organized by the “text sets” associated with the progression of instructional activities.

Additional texts for some of the sets are indicated with an AT.

As an Open Educational Resource, the unit employs texts that are accessible on the web for free without any login information, membership requirements or purchase. Because of the ever-changing nature of website addresses, links are not provided.

Teachers and students can locate these texts through web searches using the information provided.

#	TITLE	AUTHOR	DATE	SOURCE/PUBLISHER
Text Set #1: History of Immigration and Immigration Policy in the US				
1.1	Historical Overview of Immigration Policy	Center for Immigration Studies Research Staff	NA	Center for Immigration Studies
1.2	Immigration	David. M. Riemers	NA	The New Book of Knowledge. Grolier Online
1.3	Timeline of US Immigration Policy: Past and Present	NA	NA	PBS
Text Set #2: Illegal Immigration and Policy since 1986				
2.1	The Great Immigration Debate	Patricia Smith	9/6/2010	NY Times Upfront Magazine
2.2	Immigration, Illegal	Lawrence H. Fuchs	7/ 2013	Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia - Grolier Online
2.3	Congress tried to fix immigration back in 1986. Why did it fail?	Brad Plumer	1/30/2013	The Washington Post
AT	Lessons from the Immigration and Control Act of 1986	Betsy Cooper, Kevin O’Niel	8/ 2005	Migration Policy Institute
AT	The Fundamentals of Immigration Reform	Demetrios Papademetriou	3/12/2013	American Prospect magazine
AT	Harvard Survey on American Attitudes about Immigration	Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, NPR & the Kaiser Family Foundation	10/6/2004	NPR
AT	Immigration	Narrated by Henry S. Commager	1946	Have Fun With History
Text Set #3: Political Cartoons				
3.1	Historical cartoons	NA	NA	UC Davis History Project
3.2	Immigration cartoons	Steve Benson Creators	NA	US News
Text Set #4: Seminal Argument(s)				
4.1	The Easy Problem	David Brooks	1/31/2013	New York Times
4.2	Immigration Policy Should Be Overhauled to Take National Identity Seriously	Amy Chua	2008	Seattle Times
4.3	Is This Our American Anymore?	Pat Buchanan	12/10/2010	Buchanan.org
4.4	Remarks at the Signing of the 1965 Immigration Bill	Lyndon B. Johnson	10/3/1965	LBJ Presidential Library
4.5	“Shut the Door” and “An un-American Bill”	Senator Ellison Durant Smith (D) and Representative Robert H. Clancy (R)	4/1924	History Matters
Text Set #5: Contemporary Argument(s)				
5.1	Brewer’s speech after signing SB 1070	Jan Brewer	2010	Tucson Citizen
5.2	Remarks to the Council on Foreign Relations on Immigration Reform	NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg	2011	Mike Bloomberg Online
5.3	Remarks on Comprehensive Immigration Reform	Barack Obama	1/29/2013	The White House Online
5.4	Senate Speech and Letter to Republicans	Marco Rubio	6/26/2013	Rubio, Senate, Press Releases
5.5	Rep. Mark Takano Grades GOP Letter	Mark Takano, Stephen D. Foster Jr.	7/ 2013	addinginfo.org