

Toolkit Texts Components

- Each volume of *Toolkit Texts* provides a library of short nonfiction texts in a reproducible format.
- In addition to providing all of articles in a full color format, the *Toolkit Texts* CD-ROM also provides all of the informational texts in English and Spanish.

Informational Text

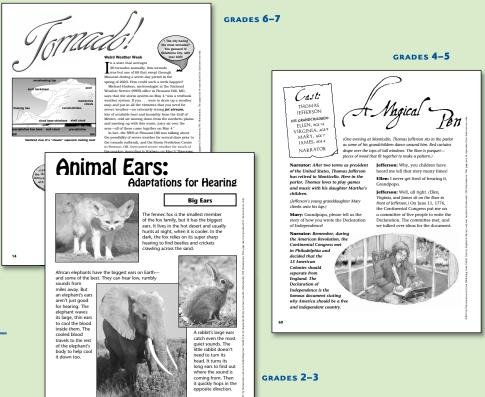
The *Toolkit Texts* volumes have been developed in collaboration with Carus Publishing, the creator of numerous magazines for children including *Cobblestone*, *Click*, *Ask*, and *Faces*. All three volumes share the same instructional features.

- The articles focus on high-interest topics that engage students and help build strong readers while also building background knowledge in numerous content areas.
- The articles include an array of features typical of informational text such as graphs, charts, maps, and timelines.
- The articles give students an opportunity to read and process the kinds of passages typically found on state tests.
- ✓ The teacher notes at the beginning of each book describe effective ways the articles can be used to practice the strategies in The Comprehension Toolkit.

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Short Nonfiction for Guided and Independent Practice

Recognizing that effective comprehension instruction begins with engaging texts, Steph and Anne developed the three-volume series *Toolkit Texts: Short Nonfiction for Guided and Independent Practice.* Designed around articles from popular children's magazines, these volumes provide engaging supplementary texts that are matched to the strategies taught in *The Comprehension Toolkit.*



African elephants have the biggest cars on Earthand samples, reading across the sand. African elephants have the biggest cars on Earthand some of the best. They can hear look, rumbly sounds from miles away, But an elephant waves its large, this near to cool the blood to cool