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| About this Resource:  *This text set centers around the topic of a high-quality read aloud anchor text, in order to build students’ knowledge and vocabulary. Anchor texts are a part of Student Achievement Partners’ Read Aloud Project and full lesson plans are hyperlinked. Each Related Text is a suggested lightweight resource that connects to the topic of the read aloud and builds student knowledge and vocabulary. Also included are high-interest, topically related Optional Supporting Resources and Writing/Culminating Tasks in varied genres. Suggested resources are free or almost free (requiring a teacher license or sign on) and can be used as read aloud texts or for small group or independent reading depending on their complexity. All are intended to be optional resources for the classroom and teachers are encouraged to modify, adapt, or supplement these text sets with related resources. Text Sets are intended to support approximately two weeks of instruction. For additional suggestions for use, read this blog post:* [*https://achievethecore.org/aligned/reading-to-learn/*](https://achievethecore.org/aligned/reading-to-learn/)*.* |

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| **Key Content (Synopsis of two weeks)** | |
| Read Aloud:  Of Thee I Sing  <http://achievethecore.org/page/2578/of-thee-i-sing> | **Synopsis of Text:**  This is a letter from President Barack Obama to his daughters. In it, he poses reflective questions regarding the character of his daughters and gives an example of historical significance to illustrate each characteristic.  The letter ends with an explanation that all American generations are made up of different religions, backgrounds, beliefs, and races, and that President Obama’s daughters are part of the future. |
| Related Text 1:  Barack Obama  <https://www.raz-plus.com/books/leveled-books/book/?id=1312&lang=English> | **Synopsis, highlighting related learning:**  This biographical text shares information about Barack Obama’s life, professional work, and family. |
| Related Text 2:  Hello, President  <https://www.readworks.org/article/Hello-President/e615a238-8b10-45af-976d-47ef450307e3#!articleTab:content/> | **Synopsis, highlighting related learning:**  This is an article about Barack Obama. It includes information about his past, his work as president, and life with his family in the White House. |
| Related Text 3:  President's daughter will finish high school and then go to college in 2017  <https://newsela.com/articles/maliaobama-harvard/id/17282/> | **Synopsis, highlighting related learning:**  In this article, students learn about Malia Obama’s college plans. Malia is Obama’s older daughter. *Of Thee I Sing* is written as a letter to Malia and her sister, Sasha. |

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| **Optional Supporting Resources** | |
| President Obama & Michelle Obama Answer Kids' Adorable Questions | PEN | Entertainment Weekly <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=md68cIq-I4g> | **Description/rationale for inclusion:**  In this video, Barack and Michelle Obama answer children’s questions. Their answers include personal anecdotes of life in the White House, as well as advice about how to succeed and follow your dreams. |
| Kid President Meets the President of the United States of America  <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TssZ9Uma1-w> | **Description/rationale for inclusion:**  In this video, “Kid President” Robby Novak meets Barack Obama in the Oval Office. They talk about life as president and learn about several important historical figures, including Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abraham Lincoln. |
| **Writing/Culminating Tasks** | |
| Text Type 1: Opinion | **Description of task:**  In *Of Thee I Sing*, Obama shares a list of traits to describe his daughters using the sentence “Have I told you that you are \_\_\_?” After learning so much about President Obama, which trait do you think describes him best? Write a piece to name your trait and provide reasons for your choice. Remember to include linking words and a conclusion. |
| Text Type 2 Informational | **Description of task:**  You have learned about Barack Obama’s life through the texts in this set. Write a paragraph sharing information about Obama. Remember to:   * Introduce your topic (Obama) * Share 2-3 facts * Provide a concluding sentence |
| Task Type 3: Research | **Description of task:**  Working with a partner, research information about another famous American who is not featured in *Of Thee I Sing*. Create a page for that person that could be added to this text.  Make sure your page includes:   * An illustration of the person * The sentence “Have I told you that you are (funny, kind, strong, etc.)?” with a trait that describes this person * 2-3 sentences sharing facts about this person’s life that explain why the trait describes them   *Teacher note: Consider providing an example page to make sure that this task is clear for students.* |
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