

**What Makes This Text Complex?**

1. **Quantitative Measure**

Go to <http://www.lexile.com/> and enter the title of your read aloud text in the Quick Book Search in the upper right of home page. Most texts will have a Lexile, measure in this database. For more information on other valid quantitative measures, click [here](http://achievethecore.org/page/643/quantitative-tools-to-measure-text-complexity).

Use this chart for quick reference:

2-3 band 420-820L

4-5 band 740-1010L

6-8 band 925-1185L

9-10 band 1050-1335L

11-CCR band 1185-1385L

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Qualitative Features**

Consider the four dimensions of text complexity below. For each dimension, note some examples from the text that make it more or less complex. For more information on these 4 dimensions, click [here](http://www.achievethecore.org/content/upload/Companion_to_Qualitative_Scale_Features_Explained.pdf).

Structure

Meaning/Purpose

Knowledge Demands

Language

1. **Reader and Task Considerations**

What will challenge my students most in this text? What supports can I provide?

How will this text help my students build knowledge about the world?