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# **Grade 6: All Modules Recommended Texts**



The list below includes works with a range of Lexile® text measures about the Hero's Journey and Greek mythology. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic. Note that districts and schools should consider their own community standards when reviewing this list. Some texts in particular units or modules address emotionally difficult content.

It is imperative that students read a high volume of texts at their reading level in order to build the academic vocabulary and fluency that the CCSS demand.

Where possible, materials in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile levels that correspond to Common Core Bands: below-grade band, within band, and above-band. Note, however, that Lexile measures are just one indicator of text complexity, and teachers must use their professional judgment and consider qualitative factors as well. For more information, see Appendix 1 of the Common Core State Standards.

#### **Common Core Band Level Text Difficulty Ranges:**

(As provided in the NYSED Passage Selection Guidelines for Assessing CCSS ELA)

- Grade 2-3: 420-820L
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- Grade 6-8: 925-1185L

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in Grade 2-3	band level (below 740L)		
Perseus and Medusa	Blake A. Hoena	Graphic Novel	480
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain (author), Saddleback Educational (publisher)	Graphic Novel	550
Holes	Louis Sachar (author)	Literature	600
The Battle of the Olympians and the Titans	Cari Meister (author)	Literature	600
Wild Magic	Tamora Pierce (author)	Literature	670
Eragon	Christopher Paolini (author)	Literature	710
Crispin: At the Edge of the World	Avi (author)	Literature	730

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure		
Iris, Messenger	Sarah Deming (author)	Literature	730		
The Sea of Monsters	Rick Riordan (author)	Literature	740		
Coraline	Neil Gaimain (author)	Literature	740		
Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 b	oand level (740–925L)				
A Wrinkle in Time	Madeleine L'Engle (author)	Literature	740		
Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh	Robert O'Brien (author)	Literature	790		
Heroes, Gods and Monsters of the Greek Myths	Bernard Evslin (author)	Literature	800		
Dealing with Dragons	Patricia Wrede (author)	Literature	830		
Treasury of Greek Mythology: Classic Stories of Gods, Goddesses, Heroes & Monsters	Donna Jo Napoli (author)	Literature	860		
Dragon's Blood	Jane Yolen (author)	Literature	870		
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone	J.K. Rowling (author)	Literature	880		
The Beautiful Stories of Life: Six Greek Myths, Retold	Cynthia Rylant (author)	Literature	890*		
Greek Myths	Ann Turnbull (author)	Literature	910		
Lexile text measures within Grade 6	Lexile text measures within Grade 6–8 band level (925–1185L)				
The Golden Compass	Philip Pullman (author)	Literature	930		
The Wanderings of Odysseus: The Story of the Odyssey	Rosemary Sutcliff (author)	Literature	930*		

The Neverending Story	Michael Ende (author)	Literature	930
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe	C.S. Lewis (author)	Literature	940
So You Want to Be a Wizard	Diane Duane (author)	Literature	960
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	L. Frank Baum (author)	Literature	1000
The Monsters and Creatures of Greek Mythology	Don Nardo (author)	Literature	970
The Heroes and Mortals of Greek Mythology	Don Nardo (author)	Literature	990
Greek Gods and Heroes	Robert Graves (author)	Literature	990
The Blue Sword	Robin McKinley (author)	Literature	1030
Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes	Edith Hamilton (author)	Literature	1040
The Mythology Handbook: A Course in Ancient Greek Myths	Lady Hestia Evans (author)	Literature	1080
The Hero and the Crown	Robin McKinley (author)	Literature	1120
The Odyssey	Homer (author)	Literature	1130

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band lev	vel (over 1185L)		
Black Ships Before Troy	Rosemary Sutcliff (author)	Literature	1300
The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien (author)	Literature	NoLXL
Heroes in Greek Mythology Rock!	Karen Bornemann Spies (author)	Literature	NoLXL
The Adventures of Odysseus and the Tale of Troy	Padraic Colum (author)	Literature	NoLXL (YA)
Greek Mythology for Teens: Classic Myths in Today's World	Zachary Hamby (author)	Literature	NoLXL (YA)
Gods and Heroes of Ancient Greece	Gustav Schwab (author)	Literature	NoLXL (YA)
100 Characters from Classical Mythology: Discover the Fascinating Stories of the Greek and Roman Deities	Malcolm Day (author)	Literature	NoLXL (AD)
D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths	Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire	Literature	NoLXL

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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about rules to live by and the Great Depression. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic. Note that districts and schools should consider their own community standards when reviewing this list. Some texts in particular units or modules address emotionally difficult content.

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in Grade 2–3 k	oand level (below 740L)		
The Dirty Thirties: The United States from 1929–1941	Mary C. Turck (author)	Informational	570
Oh, The Places You'll Go!	Dr. Seuss (author)	Literature	600
A Year Down Yonder	Richard Peck (author)	Literature	610
Potato: A Tale from the Great Depression	Kate Lied (author)	Literature	660
Bird in a Box	Andrea Davis Pinkney (author)	Literature	670
The Everlasting Now	Sara Harrell Banks (author)	Literature	690
A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt	C. Coco De Young (author)	Literature	690
Ida Early Comes over the Mountain	Robert Burch (author)	Literature	720

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 b	oand level (740L–925L)		
The Mighty Miss Malone	Christopher Paul Curtis (author)	Literature	750
Esperanza Rising	Pam Munoz Ryan (author)	Literature	750
Moon over Manifest	Clare Vanderpool	Literature	800
Duke Ellington: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra	Andrea Davis Pinkney (author)	Informational	800
Rose's Journal: The Story of a Girl in the Great Depression	Marissa Moss (author)	Literature	820
The Truth about Sparrows	Marian Hale (author)	Literature	820
Migrant Mother: How a Photograph Defined the Great Depression	Don Nardo (author)	Informational	900
Lexile text measures within band le	vel (925L–1185L)		
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry	Mildred D. Taylor (author)	Literature	920
Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul: 101 Stories of Life, Love and Learning	Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Kimberly Kirberger (compiled)	Compiled Biographical Reference	930
The New Deal	Susan E. Hamen (author)	Informational	1020*
The Great Depression: A Nation in Distress	Janet Beyer and JoAnne B. Weisman (editors)	Informational	1130
Children of the Great Depression	Russell Freedman (author)	Informational	1170

<sup>\*</sup>Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band lev	vel (over 1185L)		
Jazz	Thom Holmes (author)	Informational	NoLXL‡
The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens	Sean Covey (author)	Informational	NoLXL‡
Out of the Dust	Karen Hesse (author)	Prose	NP‡
The New Deal: Hope for the Nation	Cheryl Edwards (editor)	Informational	1220
The Great Depression and the New Deal	Robert F. Himmelberg (author)	Informational	1550

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<sup>\*</sup>Book content may have higher maturity level text

# **GRADE 6: MODULE 2B: RECOMMENDED TEXTS**

The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about *Adversity Now and Then*, with a focus on the Medieval Times in England and modern times in the United States. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic. Note that districts and schools should consider their own community standards when reviewing this list. Some texts in particular units or modules address emotionally difficult content.

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in Grade 2–3 b	and level (below 740L)		
The Miserable Life of Medieval Peasants	Jim Whiting (author)	Informational	520
Medieval Knights	Jim Whiting (Author)	Informational	620
A Year in a Castle	Rachel Coombs (author)	Informational	500
Knights Survival Guide	Anna Claybourne (author)	Informational	650*
Seedfolks	Paul Fleischman (author)	Literature	710

<sup>\*</sup>Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level;

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure			
Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 k	Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 band level (740–925L)					
Kids in the Middle Ages	Lisa Wroble (Author)	Informational	750*			
The Middle Ages	Tea Benduhn (author)	Informational	750*			
Raleigh's Page	Alan W. Armstrong (Author) Time Jessell (illustrator)	Literature	750			
Days of the Knights: A Tale of Castles and Battles	Christopher Maynard (Author)	Informational	760			
The Making of a Knight: How Sir James Earned his Armor	Patrick O'Brien)	Literature	760			
Crispin: The Cross of Lead	Avi (author)	Literature	780			
A Street Through Time	DK(publisher) Steve Noon (Illustrator)	Informational	790*			
You Wouldn't Want to be Joan of Arc!: A Mission You Might Want to Miss	Fiona MacDonald (author)	Informational	800			
Fallout	Todd Strasser (author)	Literature	840*			
Matilda Bone	Karen Cushman(Author)	Literature	850			
Same Sun Here	Silas House and Neela Vaswani (Authors)	Literature	890			
Kizzy Ann Stamps	Jeri Hanel Watts (Author)	Literature	920			

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within Grade	6–8 band level (925–1185L)		
Timeline of the Middle Ages	Charlie Samuels (Author)	Informational	950
Joan of Arc	Diane Stanley (author)	Literature	980
Under the Mesquite	Guadalupe Garcia McCall (author)	Literature	990
DK Eyewitness Books: Medieval Life	Andre Langley (author)	Informational	1000*
Castle Diary: The Journal of Tobias Burgess, Page	Richard Platt (author) Chris Riddell (illustrator)	Literature	1010
The Middle Ages: An Illustrated History	Barbara Hanawalt (author)	Informational	1080
Hurricane Dancers: The First Caribbean Pirate Shipwreck	Margarita Engle (author)	Poetry/Literature	1170

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure		
Lexile text measures above band lex	Lexile text measures above band level (over 1185L)				
Outcast	Rosemary Sutcliff (author)	Literature	No LXL		
Men of Iron	Howard Pyle (author)	Literature	No LXL‡		
Requiem: Poems of the Terezin Ghetto	Paul Janeczko (author)	Poetry	NP		
Aleutian Sparrow	Karen Hesse (Author)	Poetry	NP		
Becoming Billie Holliday	Carole Boston Weatherford (author)	Poetry	NP		
Home of the Brave	Katherine Applegate (author)	Poetry	NP		
Keisha's House	Helen Frost (author)	Poetry	NP		
Locomotion	Jacqueline Woodson (author)	Poetry	NP		
Partly Cloudy	Gary Soto (author)	Poetry	NP		
The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano	Margarita Engle (author)	Poetry	NP		
Poetry Speaks Who I am	Elise Paschen (editor)	Poetry	NP		
Ringside, 1925: Views from the Scopes Trial: A Novel	Jennifer Bryant (author)	Poetry	NP		
Swimming Upstream: Middle School Poems	Kristine O'Connell George (author)	Poetry	NP		
Worlds Afire	Paul Janeczko (author)	Poetry	NP		

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# **GRADE 6: MODULE 3A: RECOMMENDED TEXTS**

The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about Chinese immigration and the land of the Golden Mountain. It is imperative that students read a high volume of texts at their reading level in order to continue to build the academic vocabulary and fluency demanded by the CCSS. Note that districts and schools should consider their own community standards when reviewing this list. Some texts in particular units or modules address emotionally difficult content.

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Lexile text measures in Grade 2–3	Lexile text measures in Grade 2–3 band level (below 740L)			
Chang's Paper Pony	Eleanor Coerr (author)	Literature	440	
Walk Across the Sea	Susan Fletcher (author)	Literature	600	
Good Fortune: My Journey to Gold Mountain	Li Keng Wong (author)	Biography	630	
The Dragon's Child: A Story of Angel Island	Laurence Yep (author)	Literature	640	

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure	
Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5	Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 band level (740–925L)			
Nineteenth Century Migration to America	John Bliss (author)	Informational	770	
Landed	Milly Lee (author)	Literature	790	
Hannah Is My Name	Belle Yang (author)	Literature	800	
Tales from Gold Mountain	Paul Yee (author)	Literature	850	
Lexile text measures within Grade	6–8 band level (925–1185L)			
Kai's Journey to Gold Mountain: An Angel Island Story  Katrina Saltonstall Currier (author)  Literature  970*				
Gold! Gold from the American River	Don Brown (author)	Informational	1010	
Laurence Yep	Katherine Lawrence (author)	Biography	1090*	
The Lost Garden	Laurence Yep (author)	Literature	1110	
Chinese Americans	Jack Adler (author)	Collective biography	1140	
Chinese Americans	Michael Martin (author)	Informational	1150	

<sup>\*</sup>Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level



# **GRADE 6: MODULE 3A: RECOMMENDED TEXTS**

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band lev	vel (over 1185L)		
Escape to Gold Mountain: A Graphic History of the Chinese in North America	David Wong (author)	Informational	NO LXL ‡
Chinese American Voices: From the Gold Rush to the Present	Judy Yung (editor)	Informational	No LXL ‡
Shanghai Messenger	Andrea Cheng (author)	Prose	NP

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# **GRADE 6: MODULE 3B: RECOMMENDED TEXTS**

The list below includes informational texts and fiction with a range of Lexile® text measures about sustaining the world's oceans. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic. Note that districts and schools should consider their own community standards when reviewing this list. Some texts in particular units or modules address emotionally difficult content.

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Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure	
Lexile text measures in Grades 2–3 h	and level (below 740L)			
Oceans Kate Riggs (author); Zack McLaughlin (illustrator) Literature 500*				
What Eats What in an Ocean Food Chain	Suzanne Slade (author)	Informational	650	
What Can We Do about Oil Spills and Ocean Pollution?	David J. Jakubiak (author)	Informational	730*	

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Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure	
Lexile text measures in Grades 4–5	Lexile text measures in Grades 4–5 band level (740–925L)			
Hoot	Carl Hiaasen (author)	Literature	760	
Fishing	Gary Newman (author)	Informational	770	
Make a Splash! A Kid's Guide to Protecting Our Oceans, Lakes, Rivers, & Wetlands	Cathryn Berger Kaye and Phillipe Cousteau (authors)	Informational	780	
What if There Were No Sea Otters? A Book about the Ocean Ecosystem	Suzanne Slade (author); Carol Schwartz (illustrator)	Informational	820	
Salmon Creek	Annette LeBox (author); Karen Reczuch (illustrator)	Literature	850	
Smog, Oil Spills, Sewage, and More: The Yucky Pollution Book	Alvin and Virginia Silverstein, and Laura Silverstein Nunn (authors)	Informational	875*	
Green Boy	Susan Cooper (author)	Literature	875*	
Environmental Awareness: Water Pollution	Mary Ellen Snodgrass (author)	Informational	890*	
Olivia's Birds: Saving the Gulf	Olivia Bouler (author)	Informational	880	
Makers and Takers: Studying Food Webs in the Ocean	Gwendolyn Hooks (author)	Informational	910*	
Pollution	Helen Orme (author)	Informational	920	

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Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure			
Lexile text measures within Grades	6–8 band level (925–1185L)					
Endangered Planet	Endangered Planet David Burnie (author) Informational 1070*					
Going Blue: A Teen Guide to Saving Our Oceans, Lakes, Rivers, & Wetlands	Cathryn Berger Kaye and Phillipe Cousteau (authors)	Informational	1170			
Overfishing (Habitat Havoc)	Therese Shea (author)	Informational	No LXL			
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1185L)						
Tracking Trash: Flotsam, Jetsam, and the Science of Motion	Loree Griffin Burns (author)	Informational	1200			
The River Cottage Fish Book: The Definitive Guide to Sourcing and Cooking Sustainable Fish and Shellfish	Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Nick Fisher (authors)	Informational	No LXL			

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Lexile text measures in Grade 2–3 l	band level (below 740L)			
Amazing Champion of the Earth Rachel Carson  Mary Dodson Wade (author)  Informational  440				
Good Food, Good for Earth	Darlene R. Stille (author)	Informational	680*	
Rachel Carson: Extraordinary Environmentalist	Jill C. Wheeler (author)	Informational	690	
What Can We Do about Toxins in the Environment?	David J. Jakubiak (author)	Informational	730*	

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure	
Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 band level (740–925L)				
Peregrine Falcons	Doug Wechsler (author)	Informational	770*	
Flush	Carl Hiaasen (author)	Literature	830	
Rachel Carson and Her Book That Changed the World	Laurie Lawlor (author)	Informational	890	
Earth-Friendly Food	Gillian Gosman (author)	Informational	900*	
Lexile text measures within Grade 6–8 ba	and level (925–1185L)			
The Frog Scientist	Pamela S. Turner (author)	Informational	950	
Rachel Carson: Fighting Pesticides and Other Chemical Pollutants	Patricia Lantier (author)	Informational	960	
The Devil's Breath	David Gilman (author)	Informational	970*	
Thoreau at Walden	John Porcellino (author) (from the writings of Henry David Thoreau)	Literature	990*	
An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming	Al Gore (author)	Informational	1070	
The Highest Tide	Jim Lynch (author)	Literature	1100* ‡	
Pesticides and Your Body	Jennifer Landau (author)	Informational	1120*	
Pesticides	Katherine Macfarlane (author)	Informational	1150*	

<sup>\*</sup>Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band lev	vel (over 1185L)		
Silent Spring at 50: The False Crises of Rachel Carson	Roger Meiners, Pierre Desrochers and Andrew Morriss (editors)	Informational	No LXL ‡
The War on Bugs	Will Allen (author)	Informational	No LXL ‡

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p://www.panna.org/issues/persistent-poisons/environmental-impacts
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p://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/riskassess.htm

# **Suggested Articles for Research**

Bruce T. Paddock, "At War with the Mosquito," in Faces (Vol. 13, Issue 2), Oct. 1996.

"You Think YOU Have It Tough?" in Kayak: Canada's History Magazine for Kids (Issue 39), 2012.

Cody Crane, "Follow That Bird!" in Science World (Vol. 69, Issue 2), Sept. 17, 2012.

 $Devin\ Powell, \textbf{``Bacteria, Insects Join Forces against Pesticide,''} \ in\ \textit{Science News for Kids}, June\ 2,\ 2012.$ 

A.T. McPhee, "Alien invasion!" in Current Science (Vol. 84, Issue 9), Jan. 8, 1999.

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