



EXPEDITIONARY  
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# Grade 6: Module 2B

## Recommended Texts



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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.

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 CCLS

Where possible, texts 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
- Grade 4–5: 740–1010L
- Grade 6–8: 925–1185L

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

\*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level;



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

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

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

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