



EXPEDITIONARY
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Grade 8: Module 2B

Recommended Texts



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and the universal appeal of Shakespeare. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic.

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.

Common Core Band Level Text Difficulty Ranges:

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

- Grades 2–3: 420–820L
- Grades 4–5: 740–1010L
- Grades 6–8: 925–1185L

Where possible, texts in languages other than English are also provided. Texts are categorized into three Lexile measures 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.

Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in below band level (under 740L)			
<i>Come Fall</i>	A.C.E. Bauer (author)	Literature	550
<i>Eight Keys</i>	Suzanne LaFleur (author)	Literature	590
<i>Lords and Ladies: A Novel of Discworld</i>	Terry Pratchett (author)	Literature	680
<i>William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>	Dan Conner (author)	Literature	700*
<i>William Shakespeare's As You Like It</i>	Vincent Goodwin (author) Rod Espinosa (illustrator)	Literature	725*GN

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile measures within grades 4–5 band level (740–925L)			
<i>Magic Street</i>	Orson Scott Card (author)	Literature	800
<i>William Shakespeare & the Globe</i>	Aliki (author)	Informational	850
<i>Shakespeare: A Life</i>	Wendy Greenhill (author)	Biography	920
Lexile measures within grades 6–8 band level (925–1185L)			
<i>The Teen’s Guide to World Domination: Advice on Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Awesomeness</i>	Josh Shipp (author)	Informational	950*
<i>The Wednesday Wars</i>	Gary D. Schmidt (author)	Literature	990
<i>The Bard of Avon: The Story of William Shakespeare</i>	Diane Stanley (author)	Informational	1030
Lexile measures above band level (over 1185L)			
<i>The Plays of Shakespeare; A Thematic Guide</i>	Victor L. Cahn (author)	Informational	1220
<i>Symposium and Phaedrus</i>	Plato (author)	Literature	1430
<i>A Midsummer Night’s Dream: A Graphic Novel: Original Text Version</i>	John McDonald (adapter) Jason Cardy and Kat Nicholson (illustrators)	Literature	No LXL GN
<i>A Theatergoer’s Guide to Shakespeare’s Themes</i>	Robert Fallon (author)	Informational	No LXL

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Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<i>Four Great Comedies: The Taming of the Shrew; A Midsummer Night's Dream; Twelfth Night; The Tempest</i>	William Shakespeare (author)	Literature	No LXL
<i>Living with Shakespeare</i>	Susannah Carson (author)	Informational	No LXL
<i>Shakespeare A to Z: The Essential Reference to His Plays, His Poems, His Life and Times, and More</i>	Charles Boyce (author)	Informational	No LXL
<i>Shakespeare: The World as Stage</i>	Bill Bryson (author)	Informational	No LXL
<i>Understanding a Midsummer Night's Dream: A Student Casebook to Issues, Sources, and Historical Documents</i>	Faith Nostbakken Claudia Durst Johnson (series editor)	Informational	No LXL

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