



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 6: Module 1

Recommended Texts



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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 CCLS 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
- Grade 4–5: 740–1010L
- Grade 6–8: 925–1185L

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



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



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



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

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