

GRADE 7, MODULE 1: UNIT 2, RECOMMENDED TEXTS

The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about the conflict in Sudan. 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.

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
Lexile text measures in Grade 2–3 band level (below 740L)			
<i>A Savanna Habitat</i>	Bobbie Kalman (author)	Informational	550*
<i>Crocodiles</i>	Adele Richardson (author)	Informational	675*
<i>Fennec Fox</i>	Anita Ganeri (author)	Informational	710
<i>The Nile River: The Longest River</i>	Aileen Weintraub (author)	Informational	740*



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Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 band level (740–925L)			
<i>South Sudan</i>	Lisa Owings (author)	Informational	750
<i>Deserts: Surviving in the Sabara</i>	Michael Sandler (author)	Informational	790*
<i>Sudan in Our World</i>	Ali Brownlie Bojang (author)	Informational	925*
Lexile text measures within Grade 6–8 band level (925–1185L)			
<i>The Nile River</i>	Tammy Gagne (author)	Informational	930*
<i>Deserts</i>	Donna Latham (author)	Informational	950*
<i>The Sabara</i>	Ann Heinrichs (author)	Informational	960*
<i>Sudan in Pictures</i>	Francesca Davis DiPiazza (author)	Informational	1050
<i>Sudan</i>	Patricia Levy (author)	Informational	1080*
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1185L)			
<i>Tears of the Desert: A Memoir of Survival in Darfur</i>	Halima Bashir (author)	Informational	NoLXL (AD)
<i>*Just Add Water</i>	Robin Hill and Charles Hall (authors)	Informational	NoLXL
<i>The Biology of African Savannas</i>	Bryan Shorrocks (author)	Informational	NoLXL (AD)

*This book must be ordered through this website: <http://waterforsudan.squarespace.com/wfss-childrens-book/>.