



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 7: Module 1: Unit 1

Recommended Texts



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The list below includes both literary and informational texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about the conflict in Sudan and the experience of the “Lost Boys of Sudan.” This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about this 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 that the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) demand.

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.

Where possible, texts in languages other than English also are provided. Texts for the Grade 7 modules are categorized into four Lexile measures that correspond to Common Core Bands: Grade 2–3 band, Grade 4–5 band, Grade 6–8 band, and above 8th Grade. Note, however, that Lexile(R) 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>My Name Is Sangoel</i>	Karen Lynn Williams (author)	Literature	440
<i>Now Is the Time for Running</i>	Michael Williams (author)	Literature	650
<i>Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Boys of Sudan</i>	Mary Williams (author)	Literature	670
<i>Burn My Heart</i>	Beverley Naidoo (author)	Literature	740
<i>South Sudan</i> ⁺	Lisa Owings (author)	Informational	750
<i>A Hare in the Elephant’s Trunk</i>	Jan Coates (author)	Literature	780*
<i>Lost Boy, Lost Girl: Escaping Civil War in Sudan</i>	John Bul Dau (Author)	Literature	900*



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 band level (740–925L)			
<i>Burn My Heart</i>	Beverley Naidoo (author)	Literature	740
<i>South Sudan+</i>	Lisa Owings (author)	Informational	750
<i>A Hare in the Elephant’s Trunk</i>	Jan Coates (author)	Literature	780*
<i>Lost Boy, Lost Girl: Escaping Civil War in Sudan</i>	John Bul Dau (Author)	Literature	900*
Lexile text measures within Grade 6–8 band level (925–1185L)			
<i>Refugees & Asylum Seekers*</i>	Dave Dalton (author)	Informational	940
<i>War Child: A Child’s Soldier’s Story</i>	Emmanuel Jal (author)	Autobiography	950
<i>The Lost Boys of Sudan*</i>	Jeff Burlingame (author)	Informational/Literature	1100
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1185L)			
<i>Home of the Brave</i>	Katherine Applegate (author)	Poetry	NP
<i>Sudan, Darfur and the Nomadic Conflicts</i>	Philip Steele (author)	Informational	NoLXL
<i>Give Me Shelter: Stories about Children Who Seek Asylum</i>	Frances Lincoln Children’s Books (publisher)	Informational/Literature	NoLXL
<i>Hoping for Peace in Sudan: Divided by Conflict, Wishing for Peace</i>	Jim Pipe (author)	Informational	NoLXL



Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>Jackie's Nine: Jackie Robinson's Values to Live By</i>	Sharon Robinson (author)	Biography	1040
<i>First Pitch: How Baseball Began</i>	John Thorn (author)	Informational	1070
<i>Jackie Robinson: Champion for Equality</i>	Michael Teitelbaum (author)	Biography	1140
<i>Stars in the Shadows: The Negro League All-Star Game of 1934</i>	Charles R. Smith Jr. (author), Frank Morrison (illustrator)	Informational	1330

Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level;
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