



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 4: Module 2B: Unit 3: **Recommended Texts**



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about animal survival. 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.

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.

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 measures below band level (under 740L)			
<i>Monsters of the Deep</i>	R. A. Montgomery (author)	Literature	550*
<i>Jackie's Wild Seattle</i>	Will Hobbs (author)	Literature	660
<i>Charlotte's Web</i>	E. B. White (author)	Literature	680
<i>Unlikely Friendships</i>	Jennifer Holland (author)	Informational	680*
<i>Lost on the Amazon</i>	R. A. Montgomery (author) Jason Millet (illustrator)	Literature	725

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile measures within band level (740L–1010L)			
<i>Into the Wild (Warrior Series #1)</i>	Erin Hunter (author)	Literature	790
<i>Two Bobbies: A True Story of Hurricane Katrina, Friendship, and Survival</i>	Kirby Larson (author)	Informational	810
<i>Aye-Aye: An Evil Omen</i>	Miriam Aronin (author)	Informational	830
<i>Tracker</i>	Gary Paulsen (author)	Literature	875*
<i>Big Al</i>	Andrew Clements (author)	Literature	880
<i>Beardance</i>	Will Hobbs (author)	Literature	890
<i>Jangles</i>	David Shannon (author)	Literature	900
<i>Journey under the Sea</i>	R. A. Montgomery (author)	Literature	900*
<i>Collared Peccary: Cactus Eater</i>	Stephen Person (author)	Informational	950
Lexile measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>Cougar: A Cat with Many Names</i>	Stephen Person (author)	Informational	1010
<i>The Call of the Wild</i>	Jack London (author)	Literature	1110
<i>Animal Poems</i>	Valerie Worth (author)	Poetry	NP
<i>What's for Dinner? Quirky, Squirmy Poems from the Animal World</i>	Katherine Hauth (author) David Clark (illustrator)	Poetry	NP

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‡Book content may have higher-maturity-level text