



EXPEDITIONARY  
LEARNING

# Grade 4: Module 3B: Unit 3:

## Recommended Texts



This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 3.0 Unported License.  
Exempt third-party content is indicated by the footer: © (name of copyright holder). Used by permission and not subject to Creative Commons license.



The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about the Revolutionary War, particularly texts that might help students understand the loyalist and patriot perspectives. 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
<b>Lexile text measures below band level (under 740L)</b>			
<i>The Ride: The Legend of Betsy Dowdy</i>	Kitty Griffin (author) Marjorie Priceman (illustrator)	Literature	510
<i>The Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson</i>	Ann McGovern (author) Harold Goodwin and Katherine Thompson (illustrators)	Informational	590
<i>American Revolution: A Nonfiction Companion to Revolutionary War on Wednesday</i>	Mary Pope Osborne and Natalie Pope Boyce (authors) Sal Murdocca (illustrator)	Informational	600



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<i>Colonial Voices: Hear Them Speak</i>	Kay Winters (author) Larry Day (illustrator)	Informational	640
<i>The British Are Coming!: Paul Revere Makes a Midnight Ride</i>	Nancy Golden (author)	Informational	650*
<b>Lexile text measures within band level (740L–1010L)</b>			
<i>Dangerous Crossing: The Revolutionary Voyage of John Quincy Adams</i>	Stephen Krensky (author) Greg Harlin (illustrator)	Literature	800*
<i>Why Don't You Get a Horse, Sam Adams?</i>	Jean Fritz (author)	Informational	800
<i>And Then What Happened, Paul Revere?</i>	Jean Fritz (author) Margot Tomes (illustrator)	Informational	830
<i>Heroes of the Revolution</i>	David A. Adler (author) Donald A. Smith (illustrator)	Informational	890
<i>Why Not, Lafayette?</i>	Jean Fritz (author) Ronald Himler (illustrator)	Informational	900
<i>Independent Dames: What You Never Knew about Women and Girls of the American Revolution</i>	Laurie Halse Anderson (author) Matt Faulkner (illustrator)	Informational	910*
<i>The Split History of the American Revolution: A Perspectives Flip Book</i>	Michael Burgan (author)	Informational	930
<i>Great Women of the American Revolution</i>	Michael Burgan (author)	Informational	940

\*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
<b>Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)</b>			
<i>The American Revolution for Kids: A History with 21 Activities</i>	Janis Herbert (author)	Informational	1010*
<i>The Life and Times of Samuel Adams</i>	Karen Bush Gibson (author)	Informational	1010*
<i>Traitor: The Case of Benedict Arnold</i>	Jean Fritz (author)	Biography	1020

\*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.

Lexile® is a trademark of MetaMetrics, Inc., and is registered in the United States and abroad. Copyright © 2012 MetaMetrics.