



1300L **1776: America and Britain at War\*\*** MCCULLOUGH

But from this point on, the citizen-soldiers of Washington’s army were no longer to be fighting only for the defense of their country, or for their rightful liberties as freeborn Englishmen, as they had at Lexington and Concord, Bunker Hill and through the long siege at Boston. It was now a proudly proclaimed, all-out war for an independent America, a new America, and thus a new day of freedom and equality. At his home in Newport, Nathanael Greene’s mentor, the Reverend Ezra Stiles, wrote in his diary almost in disbelief: Thus the Congress has tied a Gordian knot, which the Parl [iament] will find they can neither cut, nor untie. The thirteen united colonies now rise into an Independent Republic among the kingdoms, states, and empires on earth... And have I lived to see such an important and astonishing revolution?

900L **We are the Ship: The Story of Negro League Baseball** NELSON

Rube ran his ball club like it was a major league team. Most Negro teams back then weren’t very well organized. Didn’t always have enough equipment or even matching uniforms. Most times they went from game to game scattered among different cars, or sometimes they’d even have to “hobo” — which means hitch a ride on the back of someone’s truck to get to the next town for a game. But not Rube’s team. They were always well equipped, with clean, new uniforms, bats, and balls. They rode to the games in fancy Pullman cars Rube rented and hitched to the back of the train. It was something to see that group of Negroes stepping out of the train, dressed in suits and hats. They were big-leaguers.

300L **Princess Posey and the Next-Door Dog** GREENE

“We have to stop now,” said Miss Lee. “It’s time for reading.” “Ohhh...” A disappointed sound went up around the circle. “Here’s what we’ll do.” Miss Lee stood up. “You are all very interested in dogs. So this week, you can write a story about your own dog or pet. Then you can read it to the class.” Everyone got excited again. Except Posey. She didn’t have a pet. Not a dog. Not a cat. Not a hamster. “Those of you who don’t have a pet,” Miss Lee said, “can write about the pet you hope to own someday.” Miss Lee had saved the day! Now Posey had something to write about, too. Posey told her mom about Luca’s puppy on the way home.

TEXT LEXILE RANGES TO GUIDE READING FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS	
GRADES	CCSS LEXILE TEXT RANGE
11–12	1185L–1385L
9–10	1050L–1335L
6–8	925L–1185L
4–5	740L–1010L
2–3	420L–820L
1	190L–530L

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\*GN DENOTES GRAPHIC NOVEL, IG DENOTES ILLUSTRATED GUIDE

\*\*COMMON CORE STATE STANDARDS TEXT EXEMPLAR

Matching Readers with Text

SAMPLE TITLES	
1500L+▶	LITERATURE TITLES
	1640L The Plot Against America (ROTH)
	1560L Rob Roy (SCOTT)
	1530L The Good Earth (BUCK)
	1520L A Fable (FAULKNER)
1400L ▶	1500L The Decameron (BOCCACCIO)
	1460L The Legend of Sleepy Hollow (IRVING)
	1450L Billy Budd** (MELVILLE)
	1430L The Story of King Arthur and His Knights (PYLE)
	1420L Life All Around Me by Ellen Foster (GIBBONS)
1300L ▶	1420L The Scarlet Letter** (HAWTHORNE)
	1360L Robinson Crusoe (DEFOE)
	1350L The Secret Sharer (CONRAD)
	1340L The Hunchback of Notre Dame (HUGO)
	1340L The Metamorphosis** (KAFKA)
1200L ▶	1340L Fever Pitch (HORNBY)
	1280L The House of the Spirits (ALLENDE)
	1270L Tarzan of the Apes (BURROUGHS)
	1270L Chronicle of a Death Foretold (GARCÍA MÁRQUEZ)
	1220L Annie John (KINCAID)
1100L ▶	1210L The Namesake** (LAHIRI)
	1180L The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time (HADDON)
	1170L The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay (CHABON)
	1150L A Wizard of Earthsea (LE GUIN)
	1110L A Separate Peace (KNOWLES)
1000L ▶	1080L I Heard the Owl Call My Name (CRAVEN)
	1070L Savvy (LAW)
	1070L Around the World in 80 Days (VERNE)
	1010L The Pearl (STEINBECK)
	1000L The Hobbit or There and Back Again (TOLKIEN)
900L ▶	980L Dovey Coe (DOWELL)
	950L Bud, Not Buddy (CURTIS)
	940L Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (ROWLING)
	940L Heat (LUPICA)
	900L City of Fire (YEP)
800L ▶	GN840L* The Odyssey (HINDS)
	830L Baseball in April and Other Stories (SOTO)
	820L Maniac Magee (SPINELLI)
	820L Where the Mountain Meets the Moon** (LIN)
	800L Homeless Bird (WHELAN)
700L ▶	770L Walk Two Moons (CREECH)
	760L Hoot (HIAASEN)
	750L Esperanza Rising (RYAN)
	GN720L* Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure at the Copper Beeches (DOYLE)
600L ▶	680L Charlotte’s Web (WHITE)
	660L Holes (SACHAR)
	620L M.C. Higgins, the Great** (HAMILTON)
	610L Mountain Bike Mania (CHRISTOPHER)
	610L A Year Down Yonder (PECK)
500L ▶	560L Sarah, Plain and Tall (MACLACHLAN)
	530L It’s All Greek to Me (SCIESZKA)
	520L John Henry: An American Legend (KEATS)
	500L Judy Moody Saves the World (MCDONALD)
	500L The Curse of the Cheese Pyramid (STILTON)
400L ▶	460L Chrysanthemum (HENKES)
	410L The Enormous Crocodile (DAHL)
	GN400L* Pilot And Huxley (MCGUINESS)
	400L The Fire Cat** (AVERILL)
	400L Cowgirl Kate and Cocoa** (SILVERMAN)
300L ▶	380L Martha Bakes a Cake (BARSS)
	380L Junie B. Jones is (Almost) a Flower Girl (PARK)
	360L Poppleton in Winter** (RYLANT)
	340L Never Swipe a Bully’s Bear (APPLEGATE)
	330L Frog and Toad Together** (LOBEL)
200L ▶	280L Hi! Fly Guy** (ARNOLD)
	260L The Cat in the Hat (SEUSS)
	GN240L* Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute (KROSOCZKA)
	200L The Best Bug Parade (MURPHY)
INFORMATIONAL TITLES	
1600L	Sustaining Life: How Human Health Depends on Biodiversity (CHIVIAN & BERNSTEIN)
	1550L The Art of War (SUN TZU)
	1520L Fair Play: The Ethics of Sport (SIMON)
	1500L Critique of Pure Reason (KANT)
	1490L America’s Constitution: A Biography** (AMAR)
1490L	Gettysburg Address (LINCOLN)
	1480L The Declaration of Independence
	1410L Profiles in Courage (KENNEDY)
	1400L The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass (DOUGLASS)
1390L	In Defense of Food: An Eater’s Manifesto (POLLAN)
	1370L Jane Austen’s Pride and Prejudice (BLOOM)
	1340L Walden** (THOREAU)
	1300L Arctic Dreams: Imagination and Desire in a Northern Landscape (LOPEZ)
	1290L A Brief History of Time (HAWKING)
1280L	Black, Blue, and Gray: African Americans in the Civil War** (HASKINS)
	1240L Blood Done Sign My Name (TYSON)
	1200L The Dark Game: True Spy Stories (JANECZKO)
	1160L The Longitude Prize** (DASH)
	1160L In Search of Our Mothers’ Gardens (WALKER)
1130L	The Great Fire** (MURPHY)
	1100L Vincent Van Gogh: Portrait of an Artist** (GREENBERG & JORDAN)
	1070L Geeks: How Two Lost Boys Rode the Internet Out of Idaho** (KATZ)
	1030L Phineas Gage (FLEISCHMAN)
	1010L Travels With Charley: In Search of America** (STEINBECK)
1000L	Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice (HOOSE)
	990L Seabiscuit (HILLENBRAND)
	970L The Kid’s Guide to Money: Earning It, Saving It, Spending It, Growing It, Sharing It** (OTFINOSKI)
	950L Jim Thorpe, Original All-American (BRUCHAC)
	920L Talking with Artists (CUMMINGS)
880L	The Circuit (JIMENEZ)
	870L The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens (COVEY)
	IG860L* Animals Nobody Loves (SEYMOUR)
	830L Quest for the Tree Kangaroo: An Expedition to the Cloud Forest of New Guinea** (MONTGOMERY)
	790L Be Water, My Friend: The Early Years of Bruce Lee (MOCHIZUKI)
760L	Stay: The True Story of Ten Dogs (MUNTEAN)
	IG760L* Mapping Shipwrecks with Coordinate Planes (WALL)
	720L Pretty in Print: Questioning Magazines (BOTZAKIS)
	690L Where Do Polar Bears Live?** (THOMSON)
	680L An Eye for Color: The Story of Josef Albers (WING)
660L	Remember: The Journey to School Integration (MORRISON)
	660L From Seed to Plant** (GIBBONS)
	630L Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes (COERR)
	IG590L* Claude Monet (CONNOLLY)
	560L Lemons and Lemonade: A Book about Supply and Demand (LOEWEN)
530L	Langston Hughes: Great American Poet (MCKISSACK)
	510L A Picture for Marc (KIMMEL)
	480L Martin Luther King, Jr. and the March on Washington** (RUFFIN)
	460L Half You Heard of Fractions? (ADAMSON)
	420L Rally for Recycling (BULLARD)
400L	Animals in Winter (RUSTAD)
	GN380L* BMX Blitz (CIENCIN)
	380L Lemonade for Sale (MURPHY)
	350L A Snowy Day (SCHAEFER)
	330L Freedom River (RAPPAORT)
300L	From Tree to Paper (MARSHALL)
	290L The Story of Pocahontas (JENNER)
	250L Math in the Kitchen (AMATO)
	230L What Makes Day and Night (BRANLEY)
	220L I Love Trains! (STURGES)
210L	Sharks! (CLARKE)