



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 4: Module 3B: Unit 1: Recommended Texts



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The list below includes texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about the Revolutionary War. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about the topic. 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.

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 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.

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

Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures below band level (under 740L)			
<i>Molly Pitcher</i>	Jan Mader (author)	Biography	340
<i>Crispus Attucks: Hero of the Boston Massacre</i>	Anne Beier (author)	Biography	630*
<i>Abigail Adams</i>	Alexandra Wallner (author)	Biography	630
<i>Crispus Attucks</i>	Monica Rausch (Author)	Biography	675*

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures within band level (740L–1010L)			
<i>The Revolutionary War Begins: Would You Join the Fight?</i>	Elaine Landau (author)	Informational	750*
<i>Liberty! How the Revolutionary War Began</i>	Lucille Recht Penner (author) David Wenzel (illustrator)	Informational	780
<i>The Brave Women and Children of the American Revolution</i>	John Micklos, Jr. (author)	Informational	800*
<i>Can't You Make them Behave, King George?</i>	Jean Fritz (author) Margot Tomes (illustrator)	Informational	800
<i>They Called Her Molly Pitcher</i>	Anne Rockwell (author) Cynthia von Buhler (illustrator)	Biography	830
<i>Casimir Pulaski: Soldier on Horseback</i>	David Collins (author) Larry Nolte (illustrator)	Biography	860
<i>The Boston Massacre</i>	Marylou Morano Kjelle (author)	Informational	860
<i>If You Lived at the Time of the American Revolution</i>	Kay Moore (author) Daniel O'Leary (illustrator)	Informational	860
<i>Write on, Mercy!: The Secret Life of Mercy Otis Warren</i>	Gretchen Woelfle (author) Alexandra Wallner (illustrator)	Biography	860

*Lexile based on a conversion from Accelerated Reading level.



Title	Author and Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1010L)			
<i>Liberty or Death: The American Revolution: 1763–1783</i>	Betsy Maestro (author) Guilio Maestro (illustrator)	Informational	1060
<i>George vs. George: The American Revolution as Seen from Both Sides</i>	Rosalyn Schanzer (author)	Informational	1120
<i>Lafayette and the American Revolution</i>	Russell Freedman(author)	Informational	1160

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