

Text-Based Comprehension



Text Complexity Measures

Use the rubric to familiarize yourself with the text complexity of *Atlantis: The Legend of a Lost City*.

Bridge to Complex Knowledge

Quantitative Measures	Lexile	940L
	Average Sentence Length	14.49
	Word Frequency	3.44

Qualitative Measures	Levels of Meaning	understand a legend and the actions of the characters; symbolism
	Structure	events happen chronologically
	Language Conventinality and Clarity	complex sentence structure
	Theme and Knowledge Demands	experiences are very different from those of the reader's; a basic understanding of legends of Greek gods and their power; multiple themes

Reader and Task Suggestions	FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT Based on assessment results, use the Reader and Task Suggestions in Access Main Selection to scaffold the selection or support independence for students as they read <i>Atlantis: The Legend of a Lost City</i> .	
	READER AND TASK SUGGESTIONS	
	Preparing to Read the Text	Leveled Tasks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide students with a basic understanding of Greek gods and their power. • Discuss the features of a legend. • Remind students that they may need to adjust their reading rate and look for context clues to better understand the vocabulary in the selection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levels of Meaning • Evaluation If students have difficulty understanding why the story of Atlantis is a legend, ask them to think about events in the selection that could really happen and events that could not really happen. • Language Conventinality and Clarity The complex structure of sentences in the selection may cause problems for some students. Remind them to break long sentences into smaller parts and identify the main action in each sentence.

Recommended Placement Both the quantitative measures suggest this text may be outside the Grade 2–3 text complexity band. While this selection falls at the end of the third grade, scaffolded support may still be needed to help students access the content due to their lack of familiarity with Greek myths.