



TEXT COMPLEXITY: QUALITATIVE MEASURES RUBRIC
LITERARY TEXTS

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LEVELS OF MEANING

High	Middle High	Middle Low	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Levels of Complex Meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Levels of Meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Single Level of Complex Meaning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Single Level of Simple Meaning

STRUCTURE

High	Middle High	Middle Low	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Narrative Structure: complex, implicit, and unconventional <input type="checkbox"/> Narration: many shifts in point of view <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Events: not in chronological order <input type="checkbox"/> Use of Graphics: sophisticated graphics, essential to understanding the text, may also provide information not otherwise conveyed in the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Narrative Structure: some complexities, more implicit than explicit, some unconventional <input type="checkbox"/> Narration: occasional shifts in point of view <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Events: several major shifts in time, use of flashback <input type="checkbox"/> Use of Graphics: some sophisticated graphics, may occasionally be essential to understanding the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Narrative Structure: largely simple structure, more explicit than implicit, largely conventional, <input type="checkbox"/> Narration: few, if any, shifts in point of view <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Events: occasional use of flashback, no major shifts in time <input type="checkbox"/> Use of Graphics: largely simple graphics, supplementary to understanding of the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Narrative Structure: simple, explicit, conventional, no shifts in point of view <input type="checkbox"/> Narration: no shifts in point of view <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Events: chronological <input type="checkbox"/> Use of Graphics: use of simple graphics, unnecessary to understand the text

LANGUAGE CONVENTIONALITY AND CLARITY

High	Middle High	Middle Low	Low
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meaning: implicit or inferred meaning, heavy use of figurative or ironic language, may be purposefully ambiguous or misleading at times <input type="checkbox"/> Register: generally unfamiliar, archaic, domain-specific, or overly academic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meaning: some implicit or inferred meaning, use of figurative or ironic language <input type="checkbox"/> Register: occasionally unfamiliar, archaic, domain-specific, or overly academic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meaning: largely explicit and literal meaning, subtle use of figurative or ironic language <input type="checkbox"/> Register: largely contemporary, familiar, conversational, rarely unfamiliar, archaic, domain-specific, or overly academic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meaning: explicit and literal meaning, little or no use of figurative or ironic language <input type="checkbox"/> Register: contemporary, familiar, conversational

KNOWLEDGE DEMANDS

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Life Experiences: explores complex, sophisticated, multiple themes; experiences portrayed are not fantasy but are distinctly different from the common reader <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Literary Knowledge: many references/allusions to other texts (intertextuality) and cultural elements <input type="checkbox"/> Subject Matter Knowledge: requires extensive, perhaps specialized content knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Life Experiences: explores multiple themes of varying levels of complexity; experiences portrayed are not fantasy but are uncommon to most readers <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Literary Knowledge: some references/allusions to other texts (intertextuality) and cultural elements <input type="checkbox"/> Subject Matter Knowledge: requires moderate levels of content knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Life Experiences: explores a single complex theme; experiences portrayed are common to many readers or are clearly fantasy <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Literary Knowledge: few references/allusions to other texts (intertextuality) and cultural elements <input type="checkbox"/> Subject Matter Knowledge: requires some content knowledge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Life Experiences: explores a single theme; experiences portrayed are everyday and common or are clearly fantasy <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/Literary Knowledge: no references/allusions to other texts (intertextuality) and cultural elements <input type="checkbox"/> Subject Matter Knowledge: requires only everyday content knowledge