



EXPEDITIONARY
LEARNING

Grade 8: Module 1

Recommended Texts



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The list below includes both literary and informational texts with a range of Lexile® text measures about Vietnam and the fall of Saigon. This provides appropriate independent reading for each student to help build content knowledge about this 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 that the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) demand.

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.

Where possible, texts in languages other than English also are provided. Texts for the Grade 8 modules are categorized into four Lexile measures that correspond to Common Core Bands: Grade 4–5 band, Grade 6 band, Grade 6–8 band, and above 8th Grade. Note, however, that Lexile(R) 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)

- Grade 2–3: 420–820L
- Grade 4–5: 740–1010L

Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 band level (740L–925L)			
<i>All the Broken Pieces</i>	Ann E. Burg (author)	Literature	680
<i>Cracker! The Best Dog in Vietnam</i>	Cynthia Kadohata (author)	Literature	730
<i>Why Vietnamese Immigrants Came to America</i>	Lewis K. Parker (author)	Informational	750*
<i>Goodbye, Vietnam</i>	Gloria Whelan (author)	Literature	810

* This book must be ordered through this website: <http://waterforsudan.squarespace.com/wfss-childrens-book/>



Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures in Grade 4–5 band level (740–925L)			
<i>Year of Impossible Goodbyes</i>	Sook Nyul Choi (author)	Literature	840
<i>Echoes of the White Giraffe</i>	Sook Nyul Choi (author)	Literature	870
Lexile text measures within Grade 6 band level (925L–1185L)			
<i>Escape from Saigon: How a Vietnam War Orphan Became an American Boy</i>	Andrea Warren (author)	Biography	930
<i>Vietnam Veterans Memorial</i>	Natalie M. Rosinsky (author)	Informational	940
<i>The Fall of Saigon</i>	Mary Englar (author)	Informational	940
<i>Vietnam</i>	Charlotte Guillain (author)	Informational	950*
Lexile text measures within grade 6–8 band level (925L–1185L)			
<i>The Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy in Vietnam</i>	Quang Nhuong Huynh (author)	Biography/Literature	1090
<i>Vietnamese American</i>	John F. Grabowski (author)	Informational	1100
<i>The Vietnam War</i>	Cath Senker (author)	Informational	1110*
<i>Water Buffalo Days: Growing up in Vietnam</i>	Quang Nhuong Huynh (author)	Literature	1120
<i>Vietnam in Pictures</i>	Stacy Taus-Bolstad (author)	Informational	1170

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Title	Author And Illustrator	Text Type	Lexile Measure
Lexile text measures above band level (over 1185L)			
<i>10,000 Days of Thunder: A History of the Vietnam War</i>	Philip Caputo (author)	Informational	1210
<i>The Vietnamese Americans</i>	Hien Duc Do (author)	Informational	1340
<i>The Vietnamese Boat People: 1954 and 1975-1992</i>	Nghia M Vo (author)	Informational	NoLXL
<i>Boat People: Personal Stories from the Vietnamese Exodus 1975-1996</i>	Carina Hoang (editor)	Informational	NoLXL