



**COMMON CORE GEORGIA PERFORMANCE STANDARDS
TEXT COMPLEXITY RUBRIC**

TEXT: The Member of the Wedding, Carson McCullers				GENRE: Literary		GRADE: 9	
COMPLEXITY MEASURE				LOW (1-3 POINTS)	MODERATE (4-6 PTS)	HIGH (7-10 POINTS)	
Qualitative aspects of text complexity best measured by an attentive human reader, such as levels of meaning or purpose; structure; language conventionality and clarity; and knowledge demands.							
Levels of meaning. K-5: Symbolism, abstract thought,/technical, academic content 6-12: Satire, allegory, pun, symbolism, or complex motif/technical, academic content						8 Some symbolism	
Structure. K-5: Chapters, multiple plot lines, glossaries, headings, or footnotes. 6-12: Legal documents, technical manuals, non-traditional uses of time or language K-12: Text length						7 flashback	
Language conventionality. K-5: colloquialisms, figurative/ idiomatic language, dialects, technical and academic vocabulary 6-12: Historical language such as Elizabethan or Old English constructions; technical and academic vocabulary						7 Idiomatic dialects	
Background knowledge. Content with which students might reasonably be expected to be acquainted or that will be comprehensible when introduced						8 Relatable themes	
Quantitative aspects of text complexity, such as word length or frequency, sentence length, and text cohesion, that are difficult for a human reader to evaluate efficiently, as measured by Lexile.							
K-1	n/a			2 900 55 below minimum			
2-3	450L - 790L						
4-5	770L - 980L						
6-8	955L - 1155L						
9-10	1080L - 1305L						
11-12	1215L - 1355L						
Reader and Task Considerations focus on the inherent complexity of text, reader motivation, knowledge, and experience and the purpose and complexity of the task at hand. Best made by teachers employing their professional judgment.							
Does this text challenge readers? Readers comprehend about 75% of the text, working to make meaning of the remaining 25%					5		
Does this text match the interests of the students? (When appropriate)						8 High interest	
Is this text ideal for the task? For example a scientific journal for a research project versus Shakespeare for a dramatic presentation						10 Excellent Literary study	
Mismatches for which qualitative and quantitative measures cannot easily account. For example low Lexile books with adult content						10 none	
Miscellaneous considerations. You may award up to 10 points for specific merits of a text not covered in the rubric domains.							
Specific Merits						8 Recognized classic	
Please write a brief explanation of the specific merits of this text in the box beneath the points awarded							
TOTAL SCORE <u> 71 </u> / 100							
80 - 100 POINTS: EXTREMELY APPROPRIATE TEXT CHOICE 50-79 POINTS: ACCEPTABLE TEXT CHOICE 25-49 POINTS: RECONSIDER OR CHANGE GRADE/PURPOSE OF THIS TEXT CHOICE 0 - 24 POINTS: ELIMINATE OR CHANGE GRADE/PURPOSE OF THIS TEXT CHOICE							
EVALUATOR COMMENTS:							

