



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

TEXT: <u>The Crucible</u> by Arthur Miller		GENRE: Historical Fiction		GRADE: 11
COMPLEXITY MEASURE		LOW (1-3 POINTS)	MODERATE (4-6 PTS)	HIGH (7-10 POINTS)
<b>Qualitative</b> 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.				
<b>Levels of meaning.</b> K-5: Symbolism, abstract thought,/technical, academic content 6-12: Satire, allegory, pun, symbolism, or complex motif/technical, academic content				<b>9</b>
<b>Structure.</b> 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			<b>6</b>	
<b>Language conventionality.</b> 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				<b>8</b>
<b>Background knowledge.</b> Content with which students might reasonably be expected to be acquainted or that will be comprehensible when introduced				<b>7</b>
<b>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.</b>				
K-1	n/a			<b>7</b>
2-3	450L - 790L			
4-5	770L - 980L			
6-8	955L - 1155L			
9-10	1080L - 1305L			
11-12	1215L - 1355L			
<b>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.</b>				
<b>Does this text challenge readers?</b> Readers comprehend about 75% of the text, working to make meaning of the remaining 25%				<b>8</b>
<b>Does this text match the interests of the students?</b> (When appropriate)				<b>9</b>
<b>Is this text ideal for the task?</b> For example a scientific journal for a research project versus Shakespeare for a dramatic presentation				<b>8</b>
<b>Mismatches for which qualitative and quantitative measures cannot easily account.</b> For example low Lexile books with adult content			<b>5</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous considerations. You may award up to 10 points for specific merits of a text not covered in the rubric domains.</b>				
<b>Specific Merits</b> <b>Cross-curricular connections with both early American history and modern American history</b>				<b>8</b>
TOTAL SCORE <u>76</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: <b>While <u>The Crucible</u> is not difficult to read, it provides students with an accurate view of Puritan life and the hysteria that accompanied the Salem Witch Trials of 1692, creating excellent opportunities for cross-curricular studies and assignments. Students also tend to enjoy this work, as the language allows for easier analysis of literary components. This is what makes it ideal for introducing new topics such as allegory and reviewing elements such as tone, diction, mood, and symbolism.</b>				