

Level I Text Features

Text Features	
	narratives with multiple episodes and little repetition of similar episodes; episodes highly elaborated
	most text lengths about 10-30 pages, but have smaller print size; 3-8 lines of text per page
	some longer texts 30-40 pages
	texts use a great deal of dialogue
	pictures enhance meaning, but provide little support for precise word solving and meaning
	complex word solving is required with multi-syllable words; many 2 and 3 syllable words from all parts of speech
	some complex spelling patterns; some complex letter-sound relationships in words
	paragraphs and sentences are longer; longer sentences can carry over 2 or 3 lines, and some over 2 pages
	readers transition to texts that may call for sustaining interest and meaning over several reading periods
	some chapter-like books
	most books are narrative (realistic fiction, fantasy, and folktales) with a plot and solution
	both familiar content and some new content children may not know
	informational books are shorter with more difficult content
	organizational structures used and presented clearly (description, compare/ contrast, problem/solution)
	some informational books with table of contents and/or a glossary
	some unusual formats- letters, questions/ answers
	characters and story events require interpretation
<p>Examples: Are You My Mother?, The Bunny Hop, The Dinosaur Who Lived in My Backyard, Apples and Pumpkins, Leo the Late Bloomer, Father Bear Comes Home</p>	