

The Lexile[®] Framework for Reading

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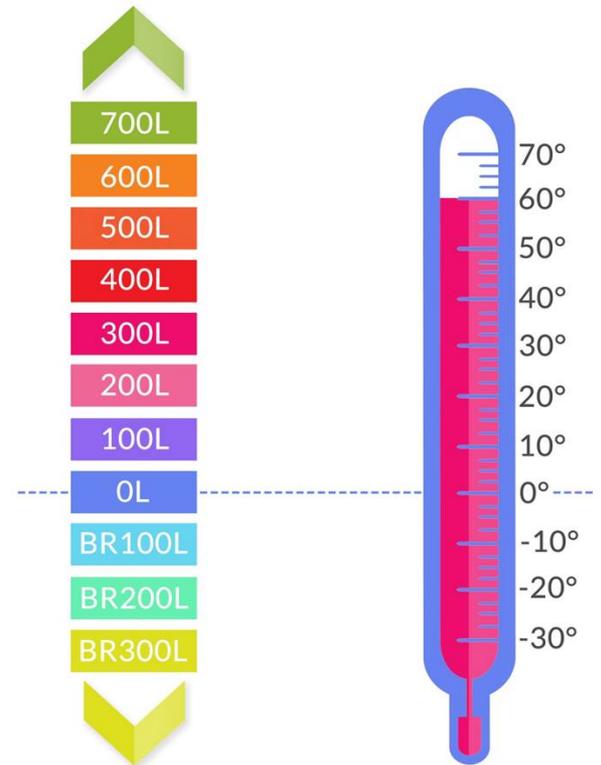
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What is The Lexile[®] Framework for Reading?

An educational tool – *a scale* – that links reading material and readers under a common metric – the Lexile[®].

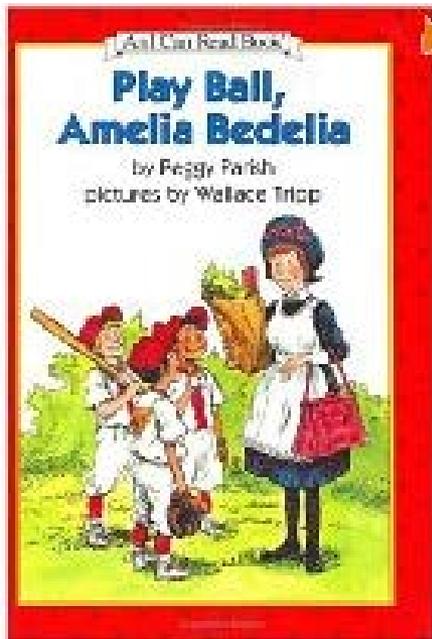
- Measures the complexity of reading material
- Measures the reading skill of individual readers



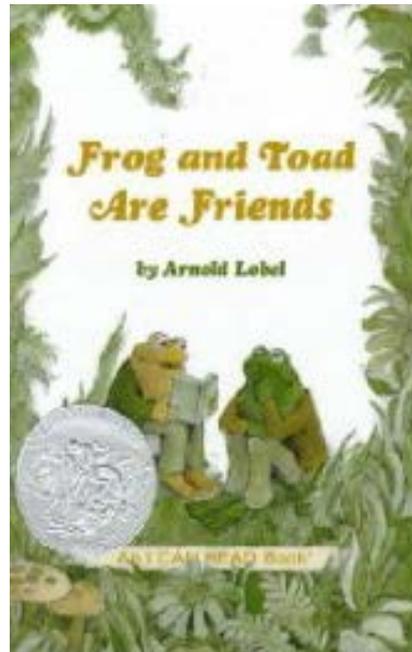
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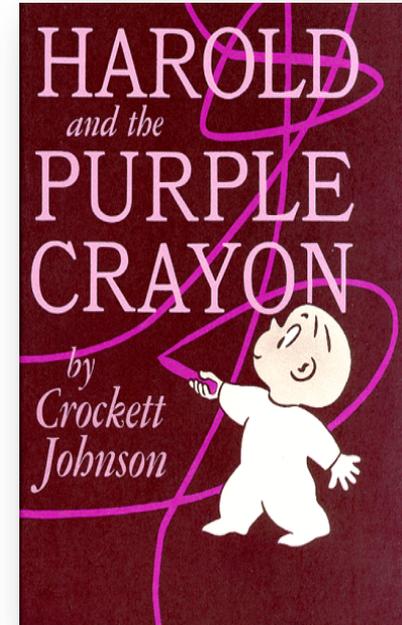
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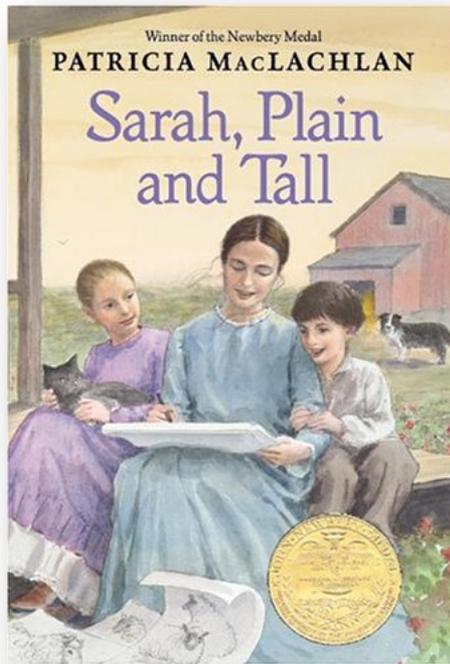


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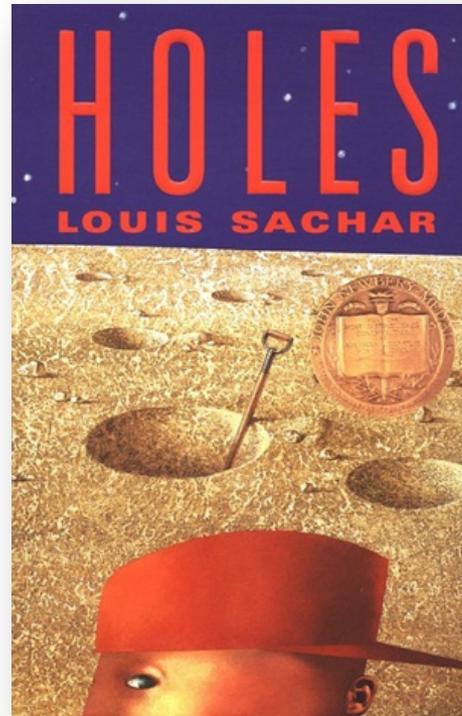


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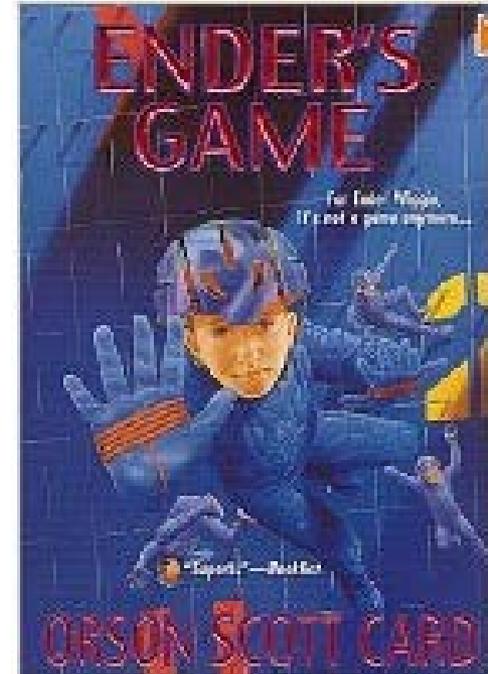
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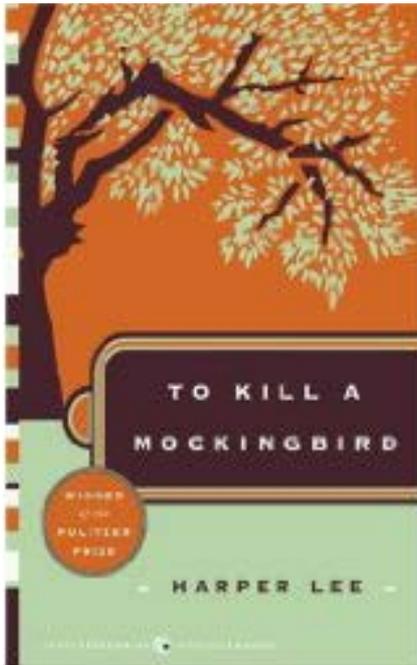


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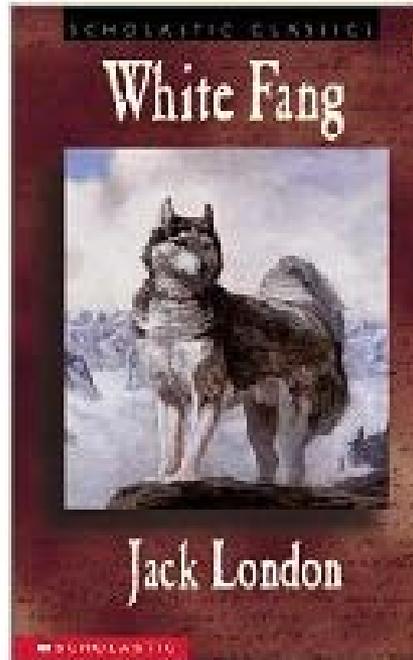


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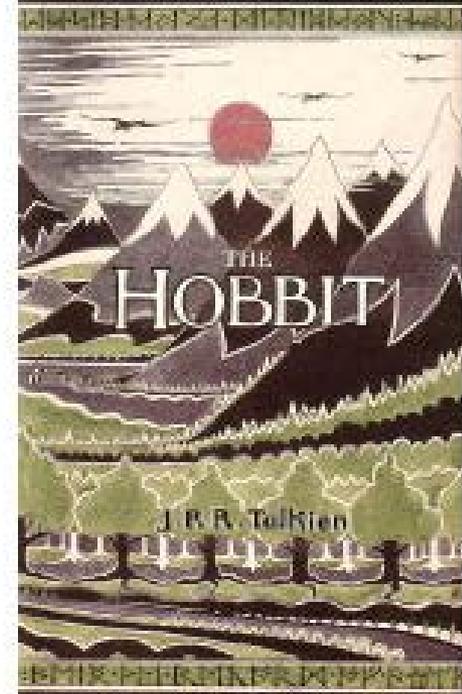
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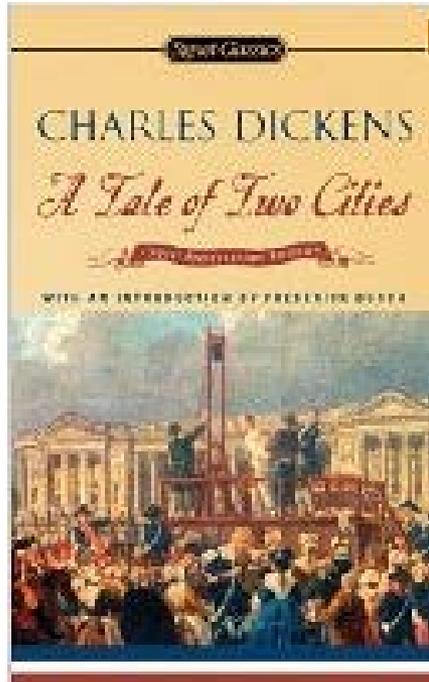


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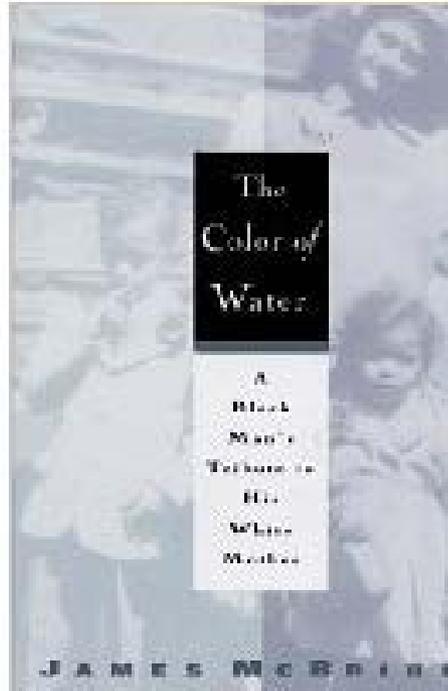


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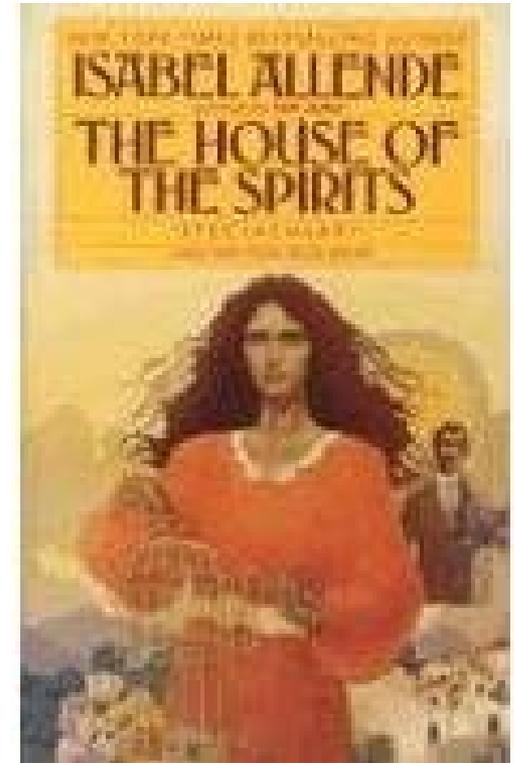
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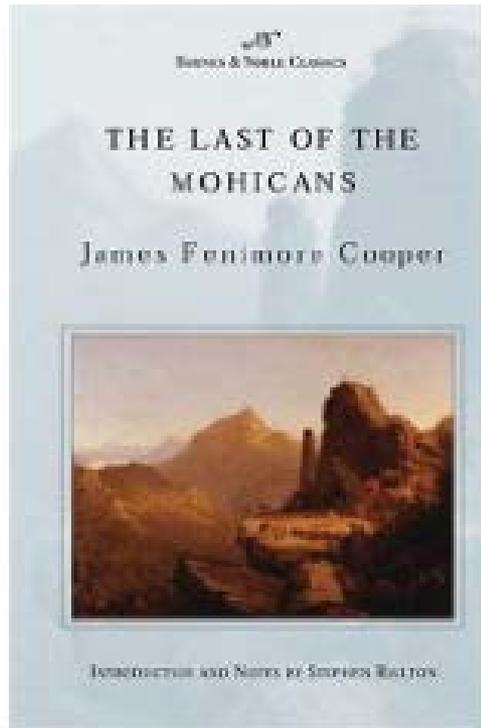


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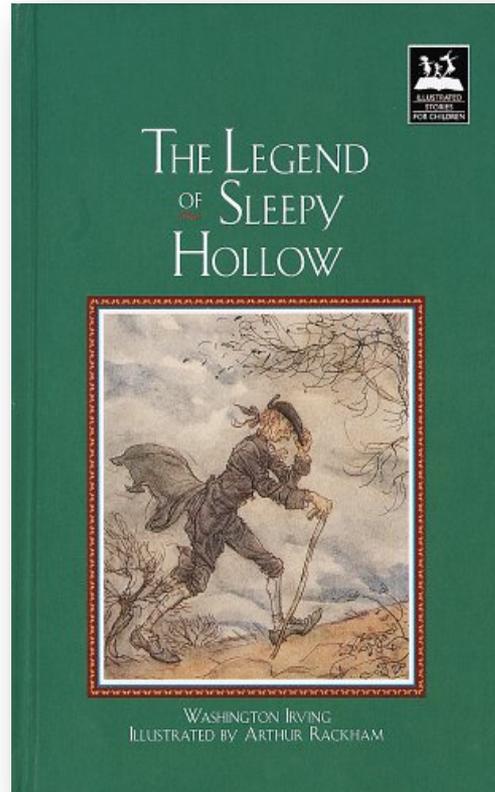


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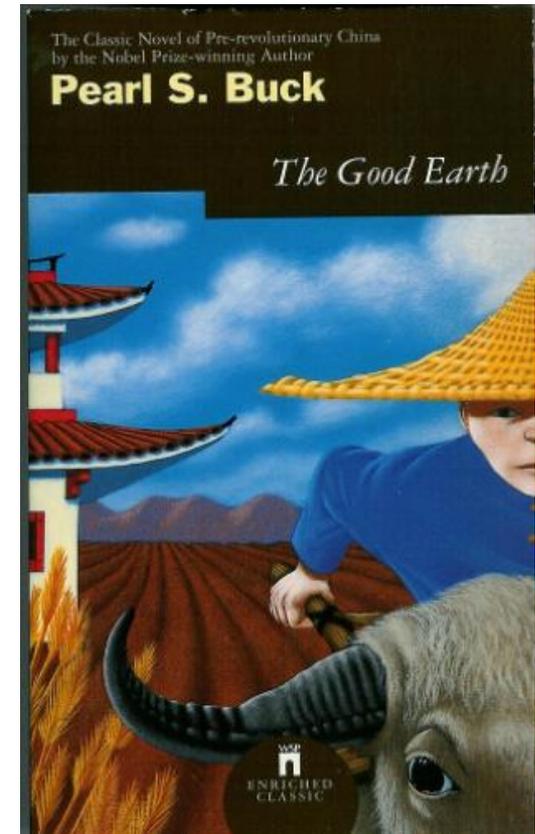
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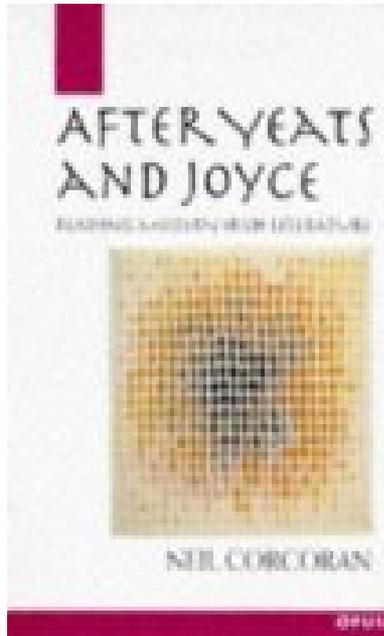


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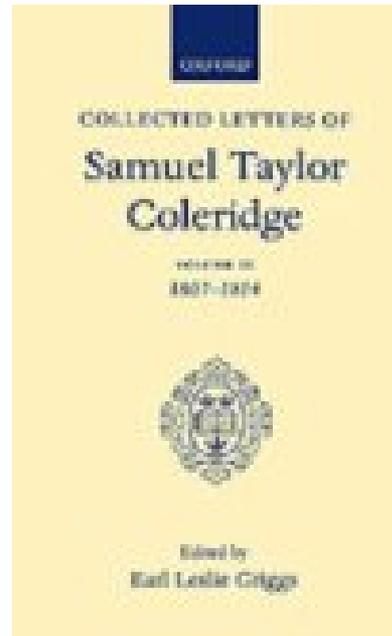


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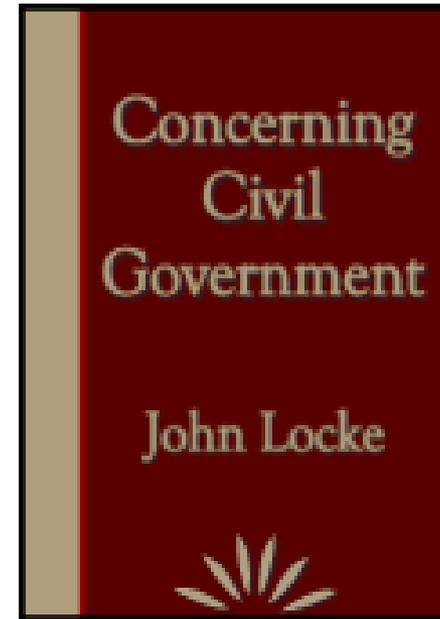
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Two Underlying Concepts

- **Text Complexity**

- Certain features inherent in reading material that make it more or less difficult to read.
 - the complexity of sentences and paragraphs (syntax)
 - the complexity of vocabulary (semantics)



- **Reader Measure**

- The ability of a reader to derive meaning from what they are reading.

The Lexile[®] Framework for Reading

A Lexile[®] is a measure of both reading readiness and text complexity, *on the same scale*.

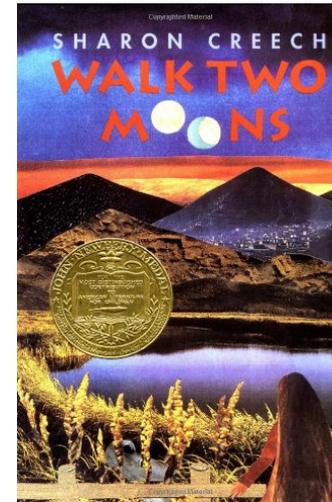
A student's Lexile measure is her reading readiness.



a 770L reader



A book's Lexile measure is its reading complexity.



a 770L book

Where are Lexile® Measures Found?

Reader Measures

- Over 30 million students received a Lexile measure last school year nationwide; **XX** students in Oklahoma
 - Oklahoma Core Curriculum Test (OCCT), grades 3-8
 - Additional local assessments: <http://www.lexile.com/about-lexile/how-to-get-lexile-measures/reader-measure/>

Text Measures

- Over 450 publishers
- Nearly 165,000 book titles to search at www.lexile.com
- Over 100 million articles have Lexile measures
 - free access through Oklahoma's [Digital Prairie](#)



Lexile[®] Measures in Oklahoma

Third Grade Benchmark Assessments in Oklahoma that report Lexile[®] Measures:

- Aimsweb
- iReady
- Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)

Coming Soon!

- DIBELS Next – coming in January 2015
- easyCBM – coming in Spring 2015
- mCLASS: Dibels Next – coming in January 2015
- STAR Early Reading Enterprise – coming for 2014-2015



Lexile[®] Measures and Grade Equivalents

- There is no direct correspondence between a specific Lexile[®] measure and a specific grade level.
- Within any classroom or grade, there will be a range of readers and a range of reading materials.
- The Lexile[®] Framework for Reading is intended to match readers with texts at whatever level the reader is reading.
- For descriptive purposes only, charts showing typical reader Lexile[®] measures by grade and typical text Lexile[®] measure by grade are available at the following URL:
<http://www.lexile.com/about-lexile/grade-equivalent/grade-equivalent-chart/>



Why The Lexile® Framework?

- **LINK** reader to text under a common measure to build reading skill
- **FORECAST** comprehension
- **DIFFERENTIATE** instruction for diverse student needs
- **DETERMINE** the instructional scaffolding needed for reading success
- **TRACK** growth over time



Building Students' Reading Skill

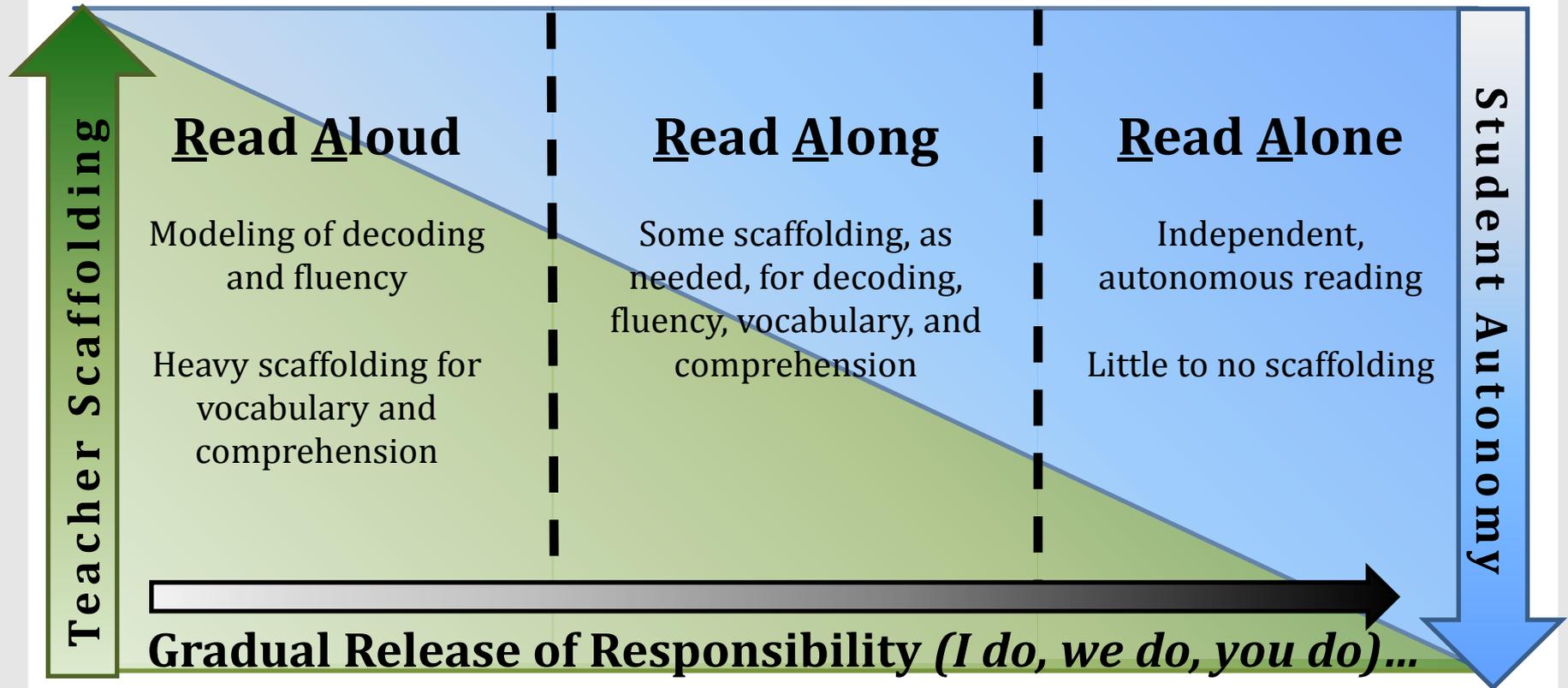


- Students practice reading skills with text they can comprehend.
- Greatest growth in reading skill happens when reading text in a student's own Lexile[®] zone (-100L to +50L from the reader's measure).
- As a reader's Lexile[®] measure increases, the text complexity he or she can comprehend increases.



How Instruction Addresses Text Complexity

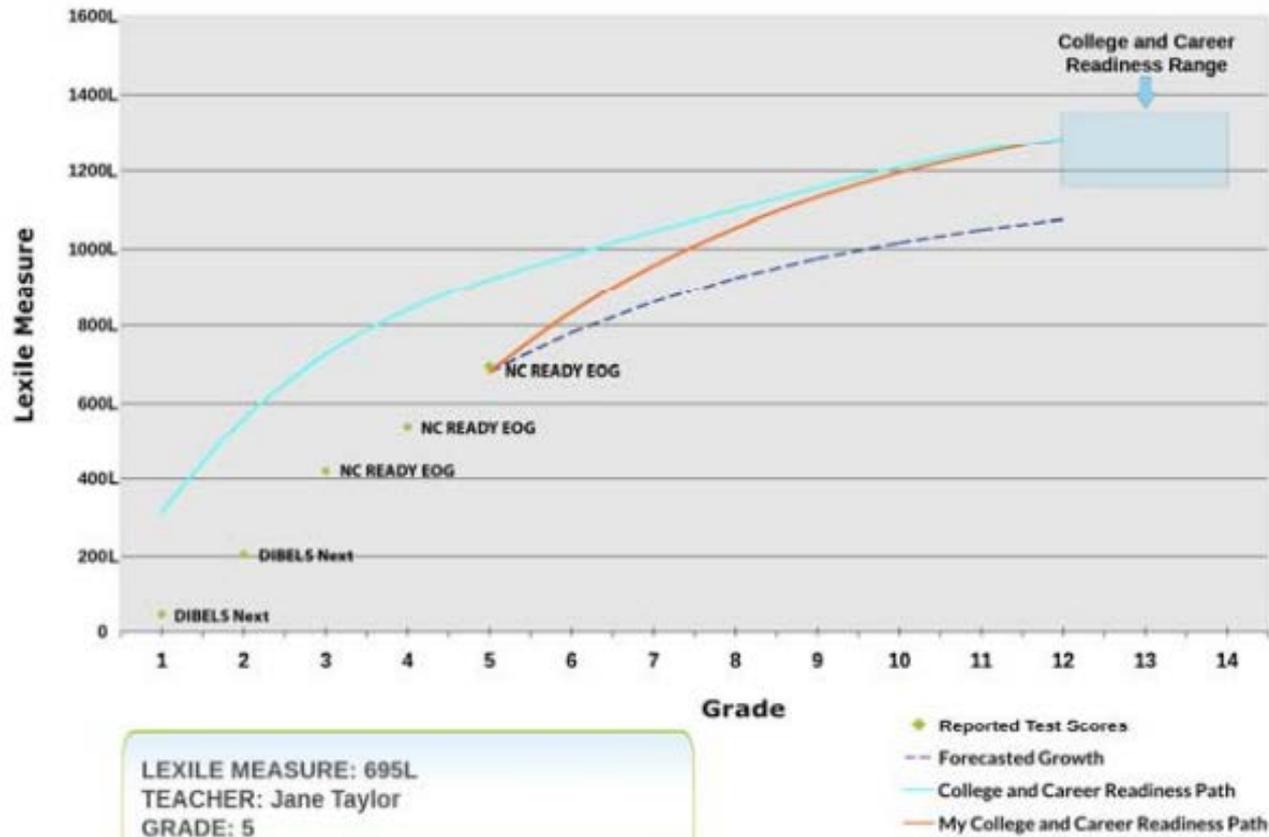
RA! RA! RA! Reading!



Tracking Growth over Time

GROWTH PLANNER

Michael Stevens



Uses of the Lexile® Framework

Lexile® measures...

- offer a way to **match students with texts** in order to improve skill and increase comprehension.
- allow educators to track student **progress toward college and career readiness.**
- are applicable to most kinds of text **across all curriculum areas.**
- **enable differentiation** for all students, including those at-risk.
- **Allow all stakeholders to participate** in growing reader ability—readers, parents, and educators.



Limitations of Lexile® Measures

These measures do NOT address

Text Characteristics

- Age-appropriateness of the content
- Text support (e.g., pictures, pull-outs)
- Text quality (i.e., Is it a good book?)

Reader Characteristics

- Interest and motivation
- Background knowledge
- Reading context and purpose

- Lexile® text measures only gauge text readability.
- Lexile® measures are a tool to help inform the text selection process, not a replacement for the judgment of a parent, educator, or librarian.



Lexile® Measures Can Empower...

Teachers:

- Differentiate instruction
- Match text to student



Students:

- Connect to accessible text
- Monitor and celebrate their own growth



Families:

- Participate in child's development



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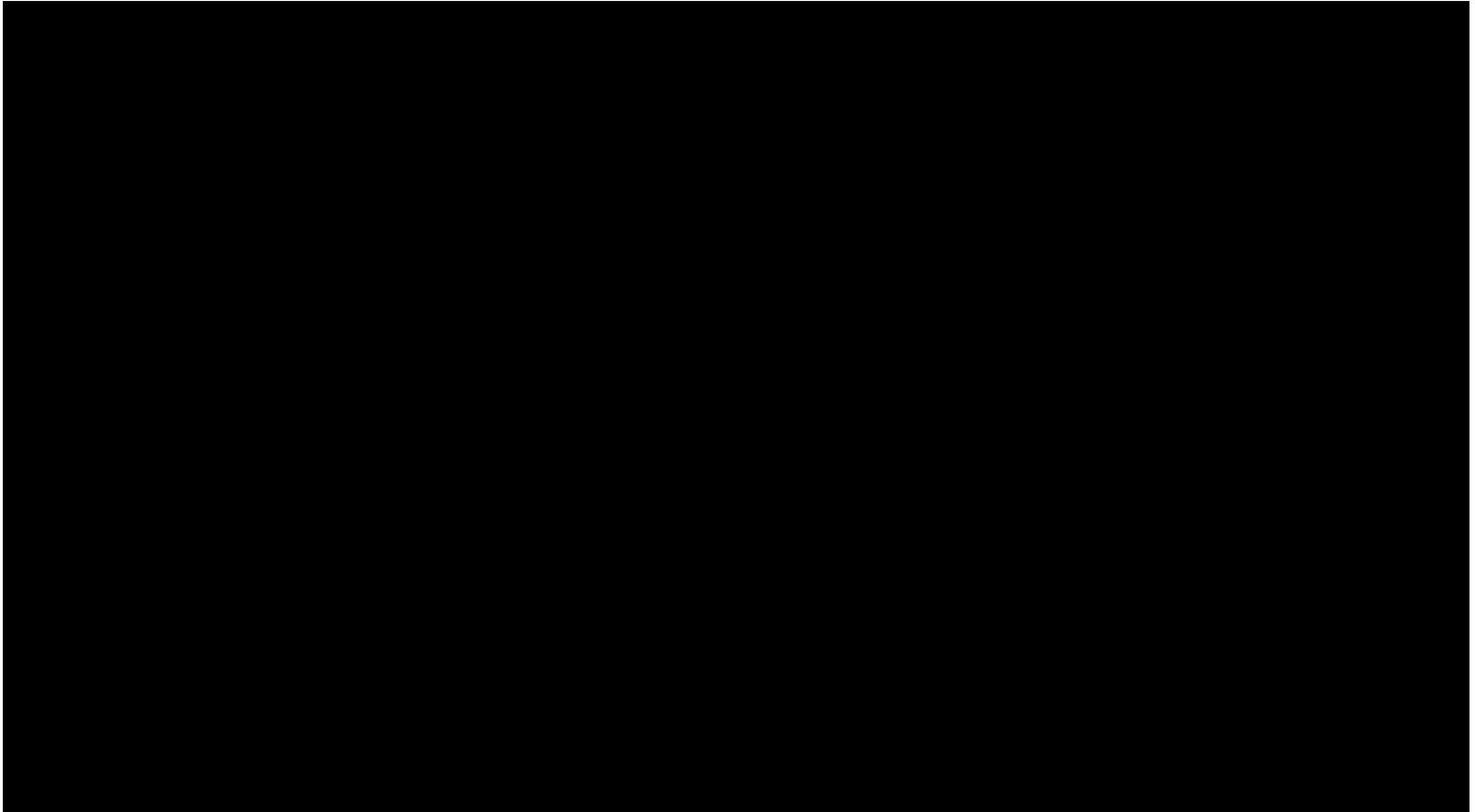
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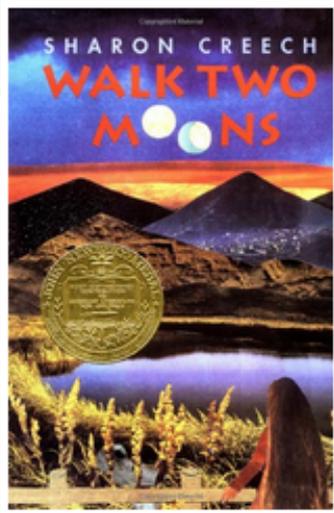
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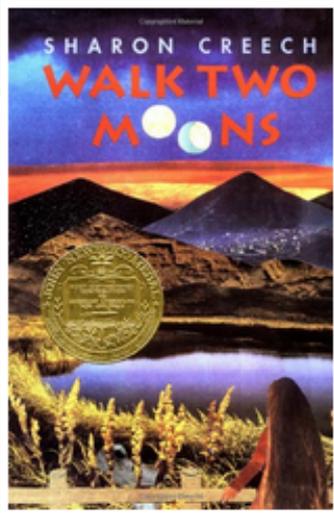
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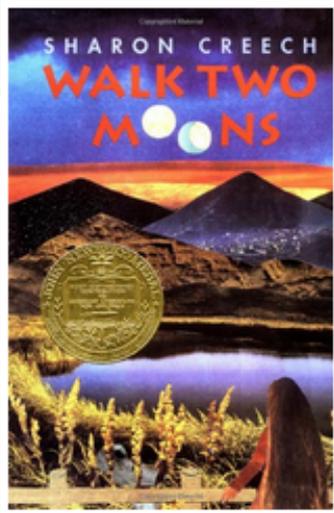
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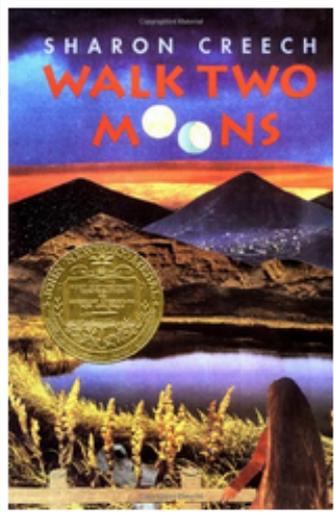
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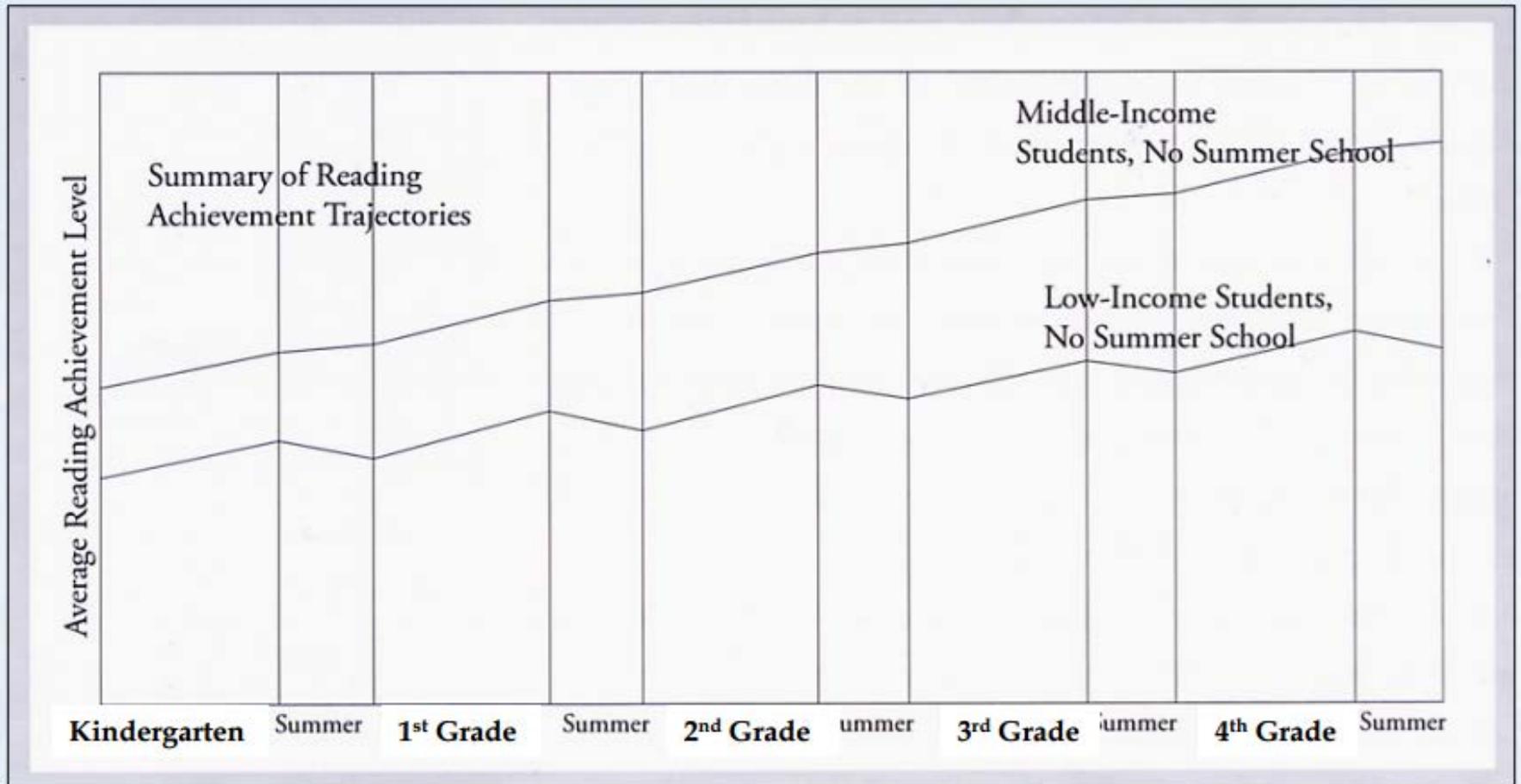
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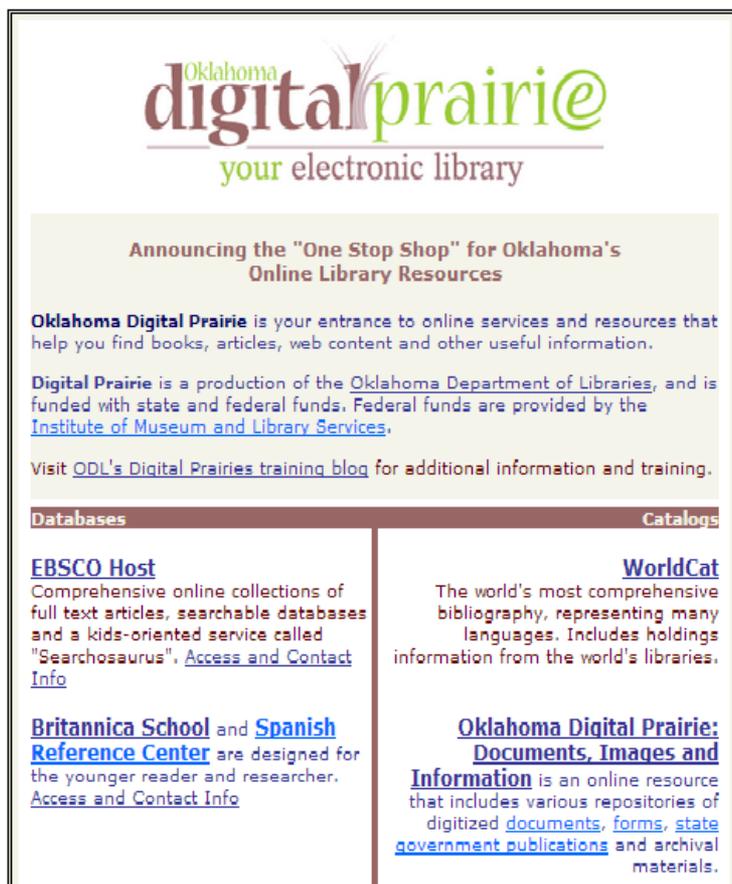
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- Accommodates texts up to 1000 words in length
- Texts of any length can be evaluated using the Professional Lexile Analyzer—educators can upgrade to this tool for free by requesting access

The screenshot shows the Lexile Analyzer website. At the top left is the Lexile logo and the text "The Lexile® Framework for Reading Matching readers with texts". To the right is a "Quick Book Search" box with a search input field and a "Search" button. Below the search box is a navigation bar with links for "About Lexile Measures", "Use Lexile Measures", "Become a Lexile Partner", "My Account", and "Logout". The main heading is "Lexile® Analyzer". On the left is a sidebar with a list of steps: "Step 1: What kinds of texts can be measured", "Step 2: Prepare your text for measurement", "Step 3: Type or scan your text", "Step 4: Convert your text into a plain text file", "Step 5: Analyze your text and get results", "Using the Professional Lexile Analyzer", "Lexile Analyzer Video Tutorial", and "Lexile Analyzer Terms". The main content area is titled "Get a Lexile Text Measure" and includes a "Submit a file" section with a "File to Analyze*" input field, a "Browse..." button, and a "Submit" button. There is also an "Online help and user guides" section with a link to the user guide.



Digital Prairie

Visit: <http://www.odl.state.ok.us/prairie/index.htm>



The screenshot shows the Oklahoma Digital Prairie website. At the top is the logo "Oklahoma digital prairie@ your electronic library". Below the logo is a yellow banner with the text "Announcing the 'One Stop Shop' for Oklahoma's Online Library Resources". The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled "Databases" and contains links for "EBSCO Host" (describing full text articles, searchable databases, and a kids-oriented service called "Searchosaurus"), "Britannica School and Spanish Reference Center" (designed for younger readers and researchers), and "Access and Contact Info". The right column is titled "Catalogs" and contains a link for "WorldCat" (describing the world's most comprehensive bibliography) and "Oklahoma Digital Prairie: Documents, Images and Information" (describing an online resource with digitized documents, forms, state government publications, and archival materials).

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