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Reading Levels for Source Texts

Although a reading grade level score is provided for each of the sources used, these ratings do not always portray an accurate assessment of a student's reading ability. Reading scores are derived from a formula that weighs vocabulary, sentence structure, word repetition, and sentence length. True reading comprehension depends as much on a student's experience, prior knowledge, and interest in the subject as it does on vocabulary and sentence structure. With direct instruction, these texts can be suitable for use at many grade levels.

Source Text	Reading Level
Student Handout 1.1: "Sea Snakes"	
Student Handout 1.3: "The Boy and the Nuts"	
Student Handout 1.5: "The Cocks and the Eagle"	
Student Handout 1.7: "Floating Rocks" (Additional Source Text)	
Student Handout 1.9: "One Giant Leap" (Additional Source Text)	4-5
Student Handout 3.1: "Penguins"	2-3
Student Handout 3.3: "Whales"	3-4
Student Handout 4.1: "The Fox and the Grapes"	5-6
Student Handout 4.3: "The Dove and the Ant"	2-3
Student Handout 5.2: "The Boy Who Cried Wolf"	2-3
Student Handout 6.1: "The Two Frogs and the Well"	2-3
Student Handout 7.1: "The Ant and the Grasshopper"	5-6
Student Handout 8.1: "Rip Van Winkle"	4–5
Student Handout 9.1: "Whooping Cranes" two-sided mini-book	8–9
Student Handout 9.2: "Johann Sebastian Bach"	10-11
Student Handout 10.1: "Theodore Geisel"	5-6
Student Handout 11.1: "Hummingbirds"	4–5
Student Handout 11.3: "Skunks"	
Student Handout 12.1: "Clownfish"	5-6

Student Handout 12.3: "Honeybees"	2-3
Student Handout 17.1: "Captive Whoopers Fail" two-sided mini-book Student Handout 17.2: "Adoptive Parents" two-sided mini-book	
Student Handout 19.1: "The Wonderful World of Ants"Student Handout 19.2: "Meadow Ants"	5-6
Student Handout 19.3: "Leaf Cutter Ants"Student Handout 27.2: "The Little Mermaid" by Hans Christian Andersen—	ten pages
Student Handout 27.3: Author Biography: Hans Christian Andersen—two p	
Student Handout 28.1: "The Little Red Hen"	6-7

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