



## Title I: Learning About Lexiles

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*There are worse crimes than burning books. One of them is not reading them.*

--Joseph Brodsky

- **Students' reading achievement has been shown to correlate with success in school and the amount of independent reading they do.** This affirms the predictability of a success cycle: we become more proficient at what we practice (cited in *School Library Media Research*, "Independent Reading and School Achievement," 2000).
- Research from Common Sense Media finds that reading rates don't just fall as kids grow up, but they've also dropped dramatically over the last three decades, **with 45 percent of 17-year-olds admitting they read by choice only once or twice a year** (*Time*, "Study: The Number of Teens Reading for Fun Keeps Declining, 2014).
- Research released today from Common Sense Media shows that not only do **reading rates decline as kids get older, but they've also dropped off significantly in the past 30 years.** In 1984, 8% of 13-year-olds and 9% of 17-year-olds said they "never" or "hardly ever" read for pleasure. In 2014, that number had almost tripled, to 22% and 27% (*Time*, "Study: The Number of Teens Reading for Fun Keeps Declining," 2014).

- What does all this information mean? **To be successful in school and in life, students need to be reading much more often.**
- \_\_\_\_\_'s Lexile level: \_\_\_\_\_
- Lexile range: \_\_\_\_\_ (100 points below Lexile level to 50 points above Lexile level)
- What is a Lexile level?
  - The Lexile scale is like a thermometer, except rather than measuring temperature, the Lexile Framework measures a text's complexity and a reader's skill level.
  - <https://lexile.com/about-lexile/lexile-video/>
- When helping your student select books, look for books within the range above. However, please remember that **Lexiles don't measure content**, only a text's complexity. Please remember to ensure that books your student selects meet your family's guidelines for content appropriateness.
- To find books that fit your child's Lexile range, you can go to [www.lexile.com](http://www.lexile.com).