

Poppy Text Complexity

QUALITATIVE MEASURES	QUANTITATIVE MEASURES
<p>Levels of Meaning The text offers multiple levels of meaning and nuances of abstract concepts related to right and wrong, good and evil. In addition, the author tells a hero's story and reveals what he believes are qualities of a true hero. Critical vocabulary important to the theme is inferred in the text.</p> <p>Structure Fantasy stories like this one follow a complex story structure in which there are multiple settings and a variety of characters. A flashback scene makes the structure of this story slightly more complex.</p> <p>Language Conventionalty and Clarity Avi uses descriptive language, higher-level vocabulary, and irony to convey his message. Challenges also emerge through use of dialect and slang.</p> <p>Knowledge Demands General background knowledge about the setting of a farm and a forest is helpful to access this text. In addition, readers will make connections to classic fantasy stories.</p>	<p>The Lexile level for <i>Poppy</i> is 670 based on word frequency and sentence length. This is in the middle range of the complexity band for 2nd-3rd grade according to the Common Core State Standards.</p> <p>READER TASK CONSIDERATIONS</p> <p>These should be determined locally with reference to motivation, knowledge, and experiences as well as to purpose and the complexity of the tasks assigned and the questions posed.</p>