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Grade 4 Cluster 1 Text Complexity and Reading Stamina Report

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Scope, organization, and intended instructional use

RECORD	DETAIL
Intended Use	Supplemental Support Lesson Guide
Document Type	Official Teacher-Facing Instructional Planning Report
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Texts Analyzed	8 passage versions across 2 reading selection(s)

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Report Use

This package is designed for direct placement in the Grade 4 Supplemental Support Lesson Guide of The Writing Academy®, LLC. It documents every supplied passage version separately while also explaining how the Cluster 1 set grows across four stamina levels. Every count in this report is calculated directly from the supplied passage text.

Source Set Overview

The reading selections analyzed in this report

READING SELECTION	VERSIONS PROVIDED	READING VOLUME RANGE (WORDS)
A Promise Written Long Ago	Low, Medium, High, Very High	229 to 1,490
Morning in the Village	Low, Medium, High, Very High	239 to 1,515

Overall Purpose and Cluster Architecture

How the passage set builds knowledge and reading stamina across four modules

The Cluster 1 set gives each reading at four stamina levels, one for every module. The conceptual core stays stable while reading volume, vocabulary load, evidence distance, and synthesis demand increase from the shortest Module 1 reading to the fullest Module 4 reading. Teachers can match the version to a student while keeping the same lesson purpose.

MODULE	STAMINA LEVEL	PRIMARY INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTION	APPROPRIATE PRODUCT
Module 1	Low Stamina	Establish the shared knowledge framework and locate local evidence.	Brief evidence-based response
Module 2	Medium Stamina	Add subtopics, vocabulary, and evidence from several paragraphs.	Multi-sentence explanation
Module 3	High Stamina	Integrate multiple categories and retrieve evidence across the text.	Extended response with several supports
Module 4	Very High Stamina	Synthesize the full topic and explain historical, civic, or scientific significance.	Whole-text extended explanation

Research Basis and Measurement Protocol

How the evidentiary profile is calculated and interpreted

Each selection is evaluated through quantitative statistics, qualitative dimensions, and reader and task demands rather than one score alone. The planning estimate emphasizes mean sentence length and lexical demand. It does not by itself measure total stamina, quality, content, or task complexity. The same text can be more or less demanding depending on rereading, scaffolds, the required response, and students prior knowledge.

Counting Conventions

- Word counts include student-facing passage language and exclude titles, stamina labels, and report metadata. Contractions, possessives, and hyphenated compounds count as one word, and numerals count as one word.
- Sentence counts use terminal punctuation. Runs of terminal marks and ellipses collapse to one boundary, and decimal points and common abbreviations do not split a sentence.
- Paragraph and narrative-beat counts follow the separated source blocks. Short dialogue, reflection, and list blocks are retained because they affect pacing and retrieval.
- Syllable counts use a pronunciation dictionary (CMUdict) when the word is listed, and a consistent vowel-group heuristic with silent-ending adjustments for names and uncommon terms.
- Flesch-Kincaid grade level uses 0.39 times words per sentence, plus 11.8 times syllables per word, minus 15.59. It is used for triangulation only, not as a grade-placement decision.
- Metric-derived complexity bands: Reader and Stamina Load is Lower below 300 words, Moderate from 300 to 900, and Higher above 900. Lexical Demand is Lower below 8%, Moderate from 8 to 11.5%, and Higher above 11.5% three-or-more-syllable words. Sentence Complexity is Lower below 10 words average, Moderate from 10 to 13, and Higher above 13. Formula Readability is Lower below 5.5, Moderate from 5.5 to 7.0, and Higher above 7.0.

Master Quantitative Comparison

Actual counts computed across all Cluster 1 selections

SELECTION	LEVEL	WORDS	SENT.	PARA.	AVG. SENT.	3+ SYL.	F-K
A Promise Written Long Ago	Low	229	19	6	12.1	30 (13.1%)	7.6
A Promise Written Long Ago	Medium	768	56	14	13.7	104 (13.5%)	8.5

SELECTION	LEVEL	WORDS	SENT.	PARA.	AVG. SENT.	3+ SYL.	F-K
A Promise Written Long Ago	High	1,127	79	22	14.3	167 (14.8%)	9.1
A Promise Written Long Ago	Very High	1,490	109	32	13.7	226 (15.2%)	9.0
Morning in the Village	Low	239	23	7	10.4	18 (7.5%)	4.7
Morning in the Village	Medium	809	71	21	11.4	86 (10.6%)	6.3
Morning in the Village	High	1,233	115	31	10.7	148 (12.0%)	6.5
Morning in the Village	Very High	1,515	148	50	10.2	188 (12.4%)	6.4

What the Numbers Demonstrate

- The A Promise Written Long Ago sequence grows from 229 to 1,490 words, a 6.51-fold increase in reading volume, and the beat span grows from 6 to 32.
- Three-or-more-syllable density in the A Promise Written Long Ago set moves from 13.1% at the shortest version to 15.2% at the fullest version.
- The Morning in the Village sequence grows from 239 to 1,515 words, a 6.34-fold increase in reading volume, and the beat span grows from 7 to 50.
- Three-or-more-syllable density in the Morning in the Village set moves from 7.5% at the shortest version to 12.4% at the fullest version.

Per-Passage Text Complexity Profiles

One evidentiary profile per supplied passage version

A Promise Written Long Ago - Low Stamina Report

Cluster 1 | Module 1 / Low Stamina

A. Official Passage Profile

- 229 total words; 123 unique word forms
- 19 punctuation-defined sentences; 6 separated paragraphs / narrative beats
- 12.1 words average sentence length; 21 words in the longest conventional sentence
- 4 sentences of 15+ words; 2 of 20+ words; 0 of 25+ words
- 1 syllable: 131 (57.2%); 2 syllables: 67 (29.3%); 3+ syllables: 30 (13.1%)
- Flesch-Kincaid grade level 7.6, corroborating formula only, not a placement decision
- Estimated single-pass reading time 1.9 to 2.3 minutes at 100 to 120 words per minute

B. Metric-Derived Complexity Indicators

Planning indicators derived deterministically from the computed statistics above, using the documented bands in the Research Basis section. They summarize measurable load, not an editorial judgment of quality.

INDICATOR	COMPUTED BASIS	BAND
Reader / Stamina Load	229 words across 6 beats	Lower
Lexical Demand	13.1% of words carry 3+ syllables	Higher
Sentence Complexity	12.1 words average; 4 sentences of 15+ words	Moderate
Formula Readability	Flesch-Kincaid 7.6	Higher

C. Word-Level and Vocabulary Evidence

Three-or-More-Syllable
Examples

important document created Runnymede especially powerful
landowners unhappy collected decisions limited everyone protected
example

Longer Academic
Vocabulary

people barons treated unfair wanted follow believed complete
written certain punished without

Proper Nouns and
Domain Terms

Magna Carta Runnymede England King John United States US
Constitution

Every example above is a word that appears verbatim in this passage. Three-or-more-syllable words are identified with the pronunciation-dictionary method described in the Research Basis section.

D. Sentence, Cohesion, and Beat Evidence

Opening Sentence

"In the year 1215, a very important document called the Magna Carta was created in a place called Runnymede, England."

Longest Sentence (21 words)	<i>“Even today, the Magna Carta reminds us that rules should apply to everyone and that people deserve to be treated fairly.”</i>
Beat / Paragraph Count	6 separated source blocks, each a narrative or informational beat

A Promise Written Long Ago - Medium Stamina Report

Cluster 1 | Module 2 / Medium Stamina

A. Official Passage Profile

- 768 total words; 294 unique word forms
- 56 punctuation-defined sentences; 14 separated paragraphs / narrative beats
- 13.7 words average sentence length; 26 words in the longest conventional sentence
- 20 sentences of 15+ words; 9 of 20+ words; 2 of 25+ words
- 1 syllable: 436 (56.8%); 2 syllables: 226 (29.4%); 3+ syllables: 104 (13.5%)
- Flesch-Kincaid grade level 8.5, corroborating formula only, not a placement decision
- Estimated single-pass reading time 6.4 to 7.7 minutes at 100 to 120 words per minute

B. Metric-Derived Complexity Indicators

Planning indicators derived deterministically from the computed statistics above, using the documented bands in the Research Basis section. They summarize measurable load, not an editorial judgment of quality.

INDICATOR	COMPUTED BASIS	BAND
Reader / Stamina Load	768 words across 14 beats	Moderate
Lexical Demand	13.5% of words carry 3+ syllables	Higher
Sentence Complexity	13.7 words average; 20 sentences of 15+ words	Higher
Formula Readability	Flesch-Kincaid 8.5	Higher

C. Word-Level and Vocabulary Evidence

Three-or-More-Syllable
Examples

important document created Runnymede especially powerful
landowners unhappy collected decisions villages expected authority
challenges

Longer Academic
Vocabulary

people barons treated unfair different country follow orders
worried happen choices amounts

Proper Nouns and
Domain Terms

Magna Carta Runnymede England King John United States US
Constitution American

Every example above is a word that appears verbatim in this passage. Three-or-more-syllable words are identified with the pronunciation-dictionary method described in the Research Basis section.

D. Sentence, Cohesion, and Beat Evidence

Opening Sentence

"In the year 1215, a very important document called the Magna Carta was created in a place called Runnymede, England."

Longest Sentence (26 words)	<i>“The Magna Carta began as an agreement between a king and a group of barons, but its ideas eventually influenced millions of people around the world.”</i>
Beat / Paragraph Count	14 separated source blocks, each a narrative or informational beat

A Promise Written Long Ago - High Stamina Report

Cluster 1 | Module 3 / High Stamina

A. Official Passage Profile

- 1,127 total words; 400 unique word forms
- 79 punctuation-defined sentences; 22 separated paragraphs / narrative beats
- 14.3 words average sentence length; 30 words in the longest conventional sentence
- 36 sentences of 15+ words; 14 of 20+ words; 3 of 25+ words
- 1 syllable: 622 (55.2%); 2 syllables: 335 (29.7%); 3+ syllables: 167 (14.8%)
- Flesch-Kincaid grade level 9.1, corroborating formula only, not a placement decision
- Estimated single-pass reading time 9.4 to 11.3 minutes at 100 to 120 words per minute

B. Metric-Derived Complexity Indicators

Planning indicators derived deterministically from the computed statistics above, using the documented bands in the Research Basis section. They summarize measurable load, not an editorial judgment of quality.

INDICATOR	COMPUTED BASIS	BAND
Reader / Stamina Load	1,127 words across 22 beats	Higher
Lexical Demand	14.8% of words carry 3+ syllables	Higher
Sentence Complexity	14.3 words average; 36 sentences of 15+ words	Higher
Formula Readability	Flesch-Kincaid 9.1	Higher

C. Word-Level and Vocabulary Evidence

Three-or-More-Syllable
Examples

important document created Runnymede especially powerful
landowners unhappy collected decisions villages difficult government
authority

Longer Academic
Vocabulary

people barons treated unfair different country slowly believed
questioned ruling several problems

Proper Nouns and
Domain Terms

Magna Carta Runnymede England King John God River Thames
Europe United States

Every example above is a word that appears verbatim in this passage. Three-or-more-syllable words are identified with the pronunciation-dictionary method described in the Research Basis section.

D. Sentence, Cohesion, and Beat Evidence

Opening Sentence

"In the year 1215, a very important document called the Magna Carta was created in a place called Runnymede, England."

Longest Sentence (30 words)	<i>“When American leaders met to create a new government after the American Revolution, they wanted to avoid some of the problems that had existed under powerful rulers in the past.”</i>
Beat / Paragraph Count	22 separated source blocks, each a narrative or informational beat

A Promise Written Long Ago - Very High Stamina Report

Cluster 1 | Module 4 / Very High Stamina

A. Official Passage Profile

- 1,490 total words; 493 unique word forms
- 109 punctuation-defined sentences; 32 separated paragraphs / narrative beats
- 13.7 words average sentence length; 30 words in the longest conventional sentence
- 42 sentences of 15+ words; 14 of 20+ words; 1 of 25+ words
- 1 syllable: 822 (55.2%); 2 syllables: 437 (29.3%); 3+ syllables: 226 (15.2%)
- Flesch-Kincaid grade level 9.0, corroborating formula only, not a placement decision
- Estimated single-pass reading time 12.4 to 14.9 minutes at 100 to 120 words per minute

B. Metric-Derived Complexity Indicators

Planning indicators derived deterministically from the computed statistics above, using the documented bands in the Research Basis section. They summarize measurable load, not an editorial judgment of quality.

INDICATOR	COMPUTED BASIS	BAND
Reader / Stamina Load	1,490 words across 32 beats	Higher
Lexical Demand	15.2% of words carry 3+ syllables	Higher
Sentence Complexity	13.7 words average; 42 sentences of 15+ words	Higher
Formula Readability	Flesch-Kincaid 9.0	Higher

C. Word-Level and Vocabulary Evidence

Three-or-More-Syllable
Examples

important document created Runnymede especially powerful
landowners unhappy collected decisions villages distances messages
difficult

Longer Academic
Vocabulary

people barons treated unfair different country traveling airplanes
slowly carried travelers horseback

Proper Nouns and
Domain Terms

Magna Carta Runnymede England King John God June River
Thames United States

Every example above is a word that appears verbatim in this passage. Three-or-more-syllable words are identified with the pronunciation-dictionary method described in the Research Basis section.

D. Sentence, Cohesion, and Beat Evidence

Opening Sentence

"In the year 1215, a very important document called the Magna Carta was created in a place called Runnymede, England."

Longest Sentence (30 words)	<i>“Because of its lasting impact on freedom, justice, and the rule of law, the Magna Carta continues to be remembered as a promise written long ago that still matters today.”</i>
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Beat / Paragraph Count	32 separated source blocks, each a narrative or informational beat
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Morning in the Village - Low Stamina Report

Cluster 1 | Module 1 / Low Stamina

A. Official Passage Profile

- 239 total words; 151 unique word forms
- 23 punctuation-defined sentences; 7 separated paragraphs / narrative beats
- 10.4 words average sentence length; 17 words in the longest conventional sentence
- 4 sentences of 15+ words; 0 of 20+ words; 0 of 25+ words
- 1 syllable: 167 (69.9%); 2 syllables: 54 (22.6%); 3+ syllables: 18 (7.5%)
- Flesch-Kincaid grade level 4.7, corroborating formula only, not a placement decision
- Estimated single-pass reading time 2.0 to 2.4 minutes at 100 to 120 words per minute

B. Metric-Derived Complexity Indicators

Planning indicators derived deterministically from the computed statistics above, using the documented bands in the Research Basis section. They summarize measurable load, not an editorial judgment of quality.

INDICATOR	COMPUTED BASIS	BAND
Reader / Stamina Load	239 words across 7 beats	Lower
Lexical Demand	7.5% of words carry 3+ syllables	Lower
Sentence Complexity	10.4 words average; 4 sentences of 15+ words	Moderate
Formula Readability	Flesch-Kincaid 4.7	Lower

C. Word-Level and Vocabulary Evidence

Three-or-More-Syllable
Examples

Tayanita together everyone already understand grandfather important
direction afternoon visitors another pottery connected

Longer Academic
Vocabulary

starting outside people moving around village family cooking
others heading mother always

Proper Nouns and
Domain Terms

Tayanita Caddo Piney Woods Three Sisters

Every example above is a word that appears verbatim in this passage. Three-or-more-syllable words are identified with the pronunciation-dictionary method described in the Research Basis section.

D. Sentence, Cohesion, and Beat Evidence

Opening Sentence

"The sun was just starting to come up when Tayanita stepped outside."

Longest Sentence (17
words)

"Tayanita didn't understand all of it, but she knew they needed all three to have enough food."

Beat / Paragraph Count	7 separated source blocks, each a narrative or informational beat
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Morning in the Village - Medium Stamina Report

Cluster 1 | Module 2 / Medium Stamina

A. Official Passage Profile

- 809 total words; 336 unique word forms
- 71 punctuation-defined sentences; 21 separated paragraphs / narrative beats
- 11.4 words average sentence length; 22 words in the longest conventional sentence
- 15 sentences of 15+ words; 2 of 20+ words; 0 of 25+ words
- 1 syllable: 520 (64.3%); 2 syllables: 203 (25.1%); 3+ syllables: 86 (10.6%)
- Flesch-Kincaid grade level 6.3, corroborating formula only, not a placement decision
- Estimated single-pass reading time 6.7 to 8.1 minutes at 100 to 120 words per minute

B. Metric-Derived Complexity Indicators

Planning indicators derived deterministically from the computed statistics above, using the documented bands in the Research Basis section. They summarize measurable load, not an editorial judgment of quality.

INDICATOR	COMPUTED BASIS	BAND
Reader / Stamina Load	809 words across 21 beats	Moderate
Lexical Demand	10.6% of words carry 3+ syllables	Moderate
Sentence Complexity	11.4 words average; 15 sentences of 15+ words	Moderate
Formula Readability	Flesch-Kincaid 6.3	Moderate

C. Word-Level and Vocabulary Evidence

Three-or-More-Syllable
Examples

Tayanita together everyone already quietly understand important
understood successful carrying vegetables everything exactly continued

Longer Academic
Vocabulary

starting outside people moving around village family cooking
others heading morning peaceful

Proper Nouns and
Domain Terms

Tayanita Caddo Piney Woods Three Sisters Tayanita's

Every example above is a word that appears verbatim in this passage. Three-or-more-syllable words are identified with the pronunciation-dictionary method described in the Research Basis section.

D. Sentence, Cohesion, and Beat Evidence

Opening Sentence

"The sun was just starting to come up when Tayanita stepped outside."

Longest Sentence (22
words)

"Surrounded by family, friends, and traditions that had been passed down for generations, Tayanita felt thankful for the place she called home."

Beat / Paragraph Count	21 separated source blocks, each a narrative or informational beat
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Morning in the Village - High Stamina Report

Cluster 1 | Module 3 / High Stamina

A. Official Passage Profile

- 1,233 total words; 439 unique word forms
- 115 punctuation-defined sentences; 31 separated paragraphs / narrative beats
- 10.7 words average sentence length; 31 words in the longest conventional sentence
- 16 sentences of 15+ words; 2 of 20+ words; 1 of 25+ words
- 1 syllable: 772 (62.6%); 2 syllables: 313 (25.4%); 3+ syllables: 148 (12.0%)
- Flesch-Kincaid grade level 6.5, corroborating formula only, not a placement decision
- Estimated single-pass reading time 10.3 to 12.3 minutes at 100 to 120 words per minute

B. Metric-Derived Complexity Indicators

Planning indicators derived deterministically from the computed statistics above, using the documented bands in the Research Basis section. They summarize measurable load, not an editorial judgment of quality.

INDICATOR	COMPUTED BASIS	BAND
Reader / Stamina Load	1,233 words across 31 beats	Higher
Lexical Demand	12.0% of words carry 3+ syllables	Higher
Sentence Complexity	10.7 words average; 16 sentences of 15+ words	Moderate
Formula Readability	Flesch-Kincaid 6.5	Moderate

C. Word-Level and Vocabulary Evidence

Three-or-More-Syllable
Examples

Tayanita together everyone already quietly responsibilities pottery
important understand understood successful carrying vegetables
supported

Longer Academic
Vocabulary

starting outside people moving around village family cooking
others heading morning peaceful

Proper Nouns and
Domain Terms

Tayanita Caddo Piney Woods Three Sisters

Every example above is a word that appears verbatim in this passage. Three-or-more-syllable words are identified with the pronunciation-dictionary method described in the Research Basis section.

D. Sentence, Cohesion, and Beat Evidence

Opening Sentence

"The sun was just starting to come up when Tayanita stepped outside."

Longest Sentence (31 words)	<i>“Surrounded by family, friends, and traditions that had been passed down for generations, she felt thankful to be part of the Caddo community and proud of the village she called home.”</i>
Beat / Paragraph Count	31 separated source blocks, each a narrative or informational beat

Morning in the Village - Very High Stamina Report

Cluster 1 | Module 4 / Very High Stamina

A. Official Passage Profile

- 1,515 total words; 491 unique word forms
- 148 punctuation-defined sentences; 50 separated paragraphs / narrative beats
- 10.2 words average sentence length; 31 words in the longest conventional sentence
- 19 sentences of 15+ words; 4 of 20+ words; 1 of 25+ words
- 1 syllable: 942 (62.2%); 2 syllables: 385 (25.4%); 3+ syllables: 188 (12.4%)
- Flesch-Kincaid grade level 6.4, corroborating formula only, not a placement decision
- Estimated single-pass reading time 12.6 to 15.2 minutes at 100 to 120 words per minute

B. Metric-Derived Complexity Indicators

Planning indicators derived deterministically from the computed statistics above, using the documented bands in the Research Basis section. They summarize measurable load, not an editorial judgment of quality.

INDICATOR	COMPUTED BASIS	BAND
Reader / Stamina Load	1,515 words across 50 beats	Higher
Lexical Demand	12.4% of words carry 3+ syllables	Higher
Sentence Complexity	10.2 words average; 19 sentences of 15+ words	Moderate
Formula Readability	Flesch-Kincaid 6.4	Moderate

C. Word-Level and Vocabulary Evidence

Three-or-More-Syllable
Examples

Tayanita together everyone already quietly responsibilities pottery
whenever important another gathering community depended
cooperation

Longer Academic
Vocabulary

starting outside people moving around village family cooking
others heading morning peaceful

Proper Nouns and
Domain Terms

Tayanita Caddo Piney Woods Three Sisters

Every example above is a word that appears verbatim in this passage. Three-or-more-syllable words are identified with the pronunciation-dictionary method described in the Research Basis section.

D. Sentence, Cohesion, and Beat Evidence

Opening Sentence

"The sun was just starting to come up when Tayanita stepped outside."

Longest Sentence (31 words)

“Surrounded by family, friends, and traditions that had been passed down for generations, Tayanita felt thankful to be part of the Caddo community and proud of the village she called home.”

Beat / Paragraph Count

50 separated source blocks, each a narrative or informational beat

Cross-Text Implementation Guidance

Using the stamina staircase in daily instruction

- Use the Low version to establish the shared knowledge framework, then move students up the staircase as their stamina and evidence handling grow.
- Match the assigned writing product to the evidence available in the selected version, using the module framework table above.
- Teach the longer versions across multiple purposeful readings rather than assigning the full text as one unsupported first read.
- Preview the three-or-more-syllable and domain vocabulary listed in each passage profile before the first read.

Verification Record

Every count in this report was produced by a single deterministic generator that reads the supplied passage text directly. The method reproduces the published Grade 3 report counts for words, sentences, paragraphs, and three-or-more-syllable words. No passage text or metric was entered by hand.