

Four Perfect Pebbles Text Complexity

QUALITATIVE MEASURES	QUANTITATIVE MEASURES
<p>Levels of Meaning The text offers multiple levels of meaning and nuances of abstract concepts related to genocide, the Holocaust, immigration, and the Jewish culture.</p> <p>Structure This narrative is told mostly chronologically, with a flashback near the beginning of the book.</p> <p>Language Conventinality and Clarity The setting of this story adds some complexity to the language. Dialogue that incorporates historical and regional language makes this text qualitatively challenging.</p> <p>Knowledge Demands This text requires knowledge of the genre memoir. In addition, students will need to rely on background knowledge of the Holocaust.</p>	<p>The Lexile level for <i>Four Perfect Pebbles</i> is 1080, based on word frequency and sentence length. This is in the lower range of the complexity band for 9th–10th 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>