

Many documents can be either primary or secondary depending on the purpose, author and context. A speech may convey the speaker's own position on an issue (primary) or may focus on how foundational documents illustrate underlying positions of American colonists on that same issue (secondary). Authors often blend primary and secondary points of view. For example, a single newspaper article may include the reporter's account of a school board meeting (primary) and parent responses to decisions made at that meeting (secondary). Even a document as personal as a diary often contains the author's personal experiences (primary) and retellings of events the author did not experience, but may have learned about through a friend or colleague (secondary).

MetaMetrics® has measured many of these types of documents. In some cases, different versions of the texts can be found online and in textbooks. To help teachers understand the demands of these texts, we have provided the table below, which includes Lexile® measures.

Title	Author	Lexile Measure	Word Count	Date
<b>American's Creed</b>	William Tyler Page	1160L	100	1918
<b>Articles of Confederation</b>	<i>United States</i>	1970L	3495	1781
<b>Ask Not What Your Country Can do for You</b>	John F. Kennedy	1400L	1345	1961
<b>Bill of Rights and Later Amendments</b>	James Madison	1660L	3009	1791
<b>Constitution of the United States</b>	<i>United States</i>	1520L	4362	1788
<b>Declaration of Independence</b>	<i>United States</i>	1480L	1321	1776
<b>Economic Bill of Rights</b>	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	1250L	424	1944
<b>Emancipation Proclamation</b>	Abraham Lincoln	1990L	697	1863
<b>Farewell Address</b>	George Washington	1490L	6080	1796
<b>Gettysburg Address</b>	Abraham Lincoln	1490L	264	1863
<b>Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death</b>	Patrick Henry	980L	1214	1775
<b>Letter to the American People</b>	George Harkins	1320L	1119	1832
<b>House Divided Speech</b>	Abraham Lincoln	1320L	1959	1858
<b>I Have a Dream</b>	Martin Luther King	1140L	1651	1963
<b>Inaugural Address I</b>	Abraham Lincoln	1320L	3627	1861

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<b>Inaugural Address II</b>	Abraham Lincoln	1490L	698	1865
<b>Magna Carta</b>	Barons of King John of England	1880L	3537	1215
<b>Malala Yousafzai's speech to the United Nations</b>	Malala Yousafzai	880L	1515	2013
<b>Monroe Doctrine</b>	James Monroe	1580L	956	1823
<b>Original Design of U.S. Seal</b>	Charles Thomson	1340L	396	1782
<b>Pennsylvania Charter of Privileges</b>	William Penn	1960L	2212	1701
<b>Petition for Abolition of Slavery</b>	Benjamin Franklin	1920L	475	1790
<b>The Mayflower Compact</b>	Carver, et al.	1700L	198	1620
<b>To those who keep slaves and approve the practice</b>	Richard Allen	1720L	839	1794