Qualitative Dimensions of Text Complexity Chart

Category	Notes and comments on text, support for placement in this band	Where to place within the band?			
		NOT suited to band	Low to middle Band (2 nd)	Mid to upper end of Band (3 rd)	NOT suited to band
Structure: (both story structure or form of piece)			•		>
Language Demands and Conventions (including vocabulary load and sentence structure)			•		-
Knowledge Demands (life, content, cultural/literary)			•	•	•
Levels of Meaning/ Purpose			•	,	•
Overall placement:	Justification (what trumped- what factor weighed most heavily)				
	Instructional level:		•		•
	Independent level:		•		•