

Readability Workshop Goals and Lab Directions:

Goals:

1. Demonstrate how to find materials to meet the unique needs of different students.
2. Review database resources
3. Independently explore resources (print and digital) of interest

Lab Directions (These are the directions I am following):

1. Application menu
2. Media center
3. Media center homepage
4. Click on Gale Virtual Reference Center
5. Select appropriate databases (Student Resources in Context, Student Edition, Gale Virtual Reference)

6. Type in The Black Plague
7. Click Search
8. Click on Advanced Search
9. Make sure Search Assistant is GREEN (on)
10. Type in your key word and some suggested terms may come up
11. Click Full Text
12. Click Lexile range 850 to 1050
13. To narrow further, go to Related Subjects

14. [The black death: a plague that brought change to Europe](#). [Calliope](#). 21.8 (May-June 2011) p42. Word Count: 369. Reading Level (Lexile): 1040.
15. Bring it up
16. Show features such as translation and read aloud tools

But what if I find an article somewhere else with no Lexile rating?

17. Copy
18. Go to Word
19. Paste article in new document
20. Go to File
21. Go to Options
22. Go to Proofing
23. Click on Show readability
24. Go to Review
25. Check spelling and grammar
26. Then go to storytoolz.com (cool tool!)
27. Paste and analyze. Neat features, especially for English/writing nerds!

SIRS is a little different. Not as exacting, it seems, but can still search using Lexiles. There is some reading aloud capabilities. Go to SIRS Discovery for articles written at a lower level.