

## A Visual Representation of the Range and Complexity of Text in the Existing Core Compared to the Common Core\*

“Gary L. Williamson (2006) found a 350L (Lexile) gap between the difficulty of end-of-high school and college texts—a gap equivalent to 1.5 standard deviations and more than the Lexile difference between grade 4 and grade 8 texts” (Common Core, Appendix A, p.3).

