Text Complexity Analysis Template

Text complexity analysis								
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Text and Author "Awesome Amphibians "by Jeff Bauer			Where to Access Text		Schoalstic Science Vocabulary Readers			
Text Description								
Did you know that frogs, toads and salamanders are all amphibians? Open this book to find out more about this awesome animal group! This book tells all about amphibians and their skills.								
Quantitative								
Lexile and Grade Level		Lexile Level 490 First Grade		Text Length 16 pages				
Qualitative								
Meaning/Central Ideas				Text Structure/Organization				
What are amphibians?				Non-Fiction – Short Chapter Book				
What do amphibians do?								
Life Cycle of Amphibians								
Prior Knowledge Demands				Language Features				
Comprehension of the text does not demand prior knowledge of amphibians. What students don't know about amphibians can be learned from the definitions, text, or photographs. Familiarity of non-fiction text would be helpful but is not necessary.				Text is organized with facts, descriptions, vocabulary, definitions, photos and many non-fiction text features. Some of the vocabulary may be familiar to some students. Some of the vocabulary may be new words for students.				
Potential Reader/Task Challenges								

The challenge this text may propose is vocabulary or lack of background knowledge of amphibians. Some students may have the background of what an amphibian is and some may not. There are also content vocabulary words that some students may struggle with. Another challenge could be that students may not have had the exposure to non-fiction texts.

Big Takeaway

- 1) After reading this text, students should have an understanding of what an amphibian is and what they do.
- 2) Students should also learn how to ask and answer questions about key details in a non-fiction text.
- 3) The life cycle of an amphibian.

Vocabulary Analysis Template

	Words that demand less teaching time (i.e. the definition is singular and concrete)	Words that demand more teaching time (i.e. words with multiple meanings and/or that are part of a word family)
Words that can be determined in context	Swim Hop Crawl wiggle	Camouflage Predators
Words that cannot be determined in context		Skillful Scurry