Text Complexity Analysis Template

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Text and Author	"The Crocodile" by Joe Levitt	**Where to Access Text**	*National Geographic Explorer*, October 2012

Text Description
"The Crocodile" by Joe Levitt is a non-fiction article detailing the hunting tactics of crocodiles.

Quantitative			
Lexile and Grade Level	Third Grade - 600	**Text Length**	387 words

Qualitative

Meaning/Central Ideas	Text Structure/Organization
The big ideas are explicit and easily inferred as they depict the crocodile's hunting techniques.	The text is organized into a two-column format with two pictures. The pictures do not have captions or diagrams, but do somewhat support the features in the text's meaning.
Prior Knowledge Demands	**Language Features**
There are limited prior knowledge demands. Students should be familiar with the reptile family and how to read non-fiction written in column form.	The language of the text is literal, familiar, and easy to understand. There is some new vocabulary and figurative language (ie. thunder by with pounding hooves).

Potential Reader/Task Challenges
This text might be somewhat emotional for sensitive students as it does detail a crocodile hunting wildebeests. In addition, there is some complex text (ie. Instinct, wedge). Finally, the text is non-fiction and presented in a two-column format.

Big Takeaway
The big takeaway for this text is for students to recognize characteristics of the crocodile which were mentioned in the article that make them part of the reptile family.

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	- Gulp-1 - Unnoticed-2 - bone-crushing-1 - prey-2 - swishes-2 - glides-1 - drown-1	- wade-2 - wedges-2 - huddle-2
Words that cannot be determined in context	- riverbank-1 - scaly-1 - powerful-1 - herd-1 - hooves-1 - predator-1 - floats-1	- wildebeest - 1 - instinct - 2 - force - 1 - surface - 1