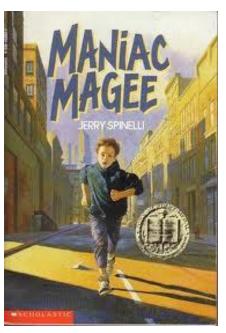


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Text Characteristics at this Level

- Character interpretation essential to understand theme
- Wide range of declarative, imperative, and interrogative sentences
- Many texts with very small font
- Many texts requiring knowledge of history or current events
- Character interpretation necessary for comprehending themes
- Multiple characters revealed by what they think, say and do and what others think about them

Characteristics of the Reader

- Support predictions with evidence from the text or from knowledge of genre
- Infer the big ideas or themes of a text and discuss how they are applicable to people's lives today
- Examine character traits in a complex way, recognizing that they are multidimensional and change over time
- Gain information from texts with complex plots, multiple characters and episodes,
- and long stretches of descriptive language and dialogue
- Infer cause of problems or outcomes in texts
- Engage in critical thinking across a writer's body of work on the same content and discuss findings or produce a literary essay