

Chapter 7. Appendix 9i. The Top Five Common Types by Decade 1920s – 1990s.

Decade of Texts	Top 5 Common Types & number of times evidenced
1920s Texts	great - 51 / men - 30 / time - 29 / island – 28 / long - 26
1930s Texts	men - 37 / time - 29 / great - 27 / sea - 26 / man – 25
1940s Texts	great - 55 / day - 47 / men - 44 / man - 32 / land – 17
1950s Texts	great - 34 / men - 18 / time - 16 / long – 14 / little – 14
1960s Texts	great - 37 / men - 21 / stories - 16 / white – 12 / horse – 11
1970s Texts	man - 14 / beautiful - 13 / girl - 13 / young – 13 / great – 11
1980s Texts	day - 49 / great - 32 / bull - 32 / long – 25 / fight – 25
1990s Texts	time - 44 / men - 35 / day - 31 / great – 27 / warriors – 26

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The most frequent occurring common word throughout the eight decades is ‘great’, occurring in all of the texts analysed from the eight decades. The number of occurrences for the word ‘great’ in the decade analyses totals 274 instances. The next most frequent occurring common word is ‘men’ along with its singular form, ‘man’, occurring in seven of the eight decades analysed, with a total number of 256 instances. This is followed by the third most frequent occurring common word, ‘time’, occurring in four of the eight decades and with an occurrence number of 118 instances.