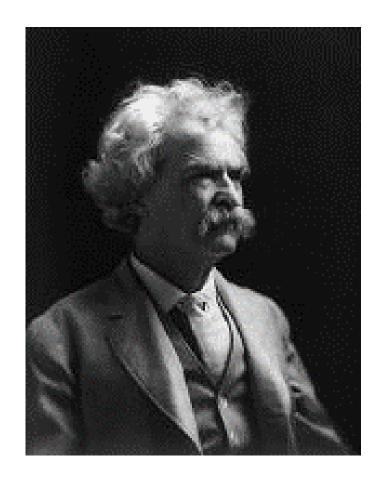
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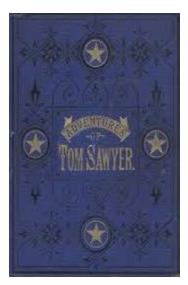
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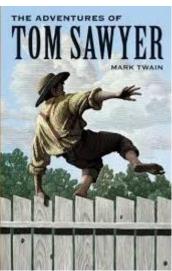


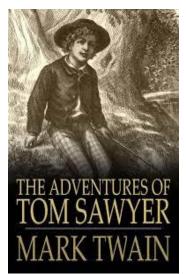
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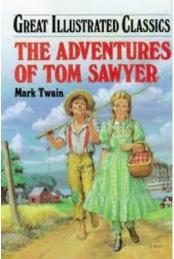


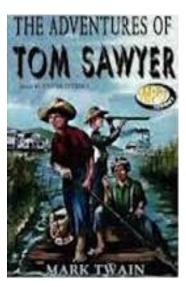
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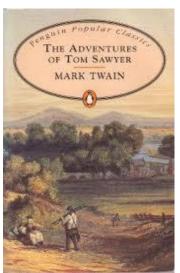


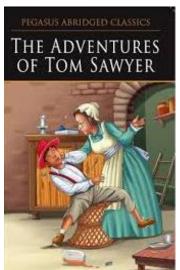


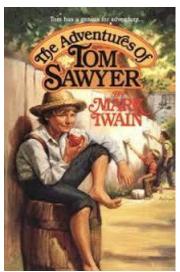


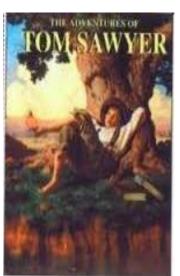














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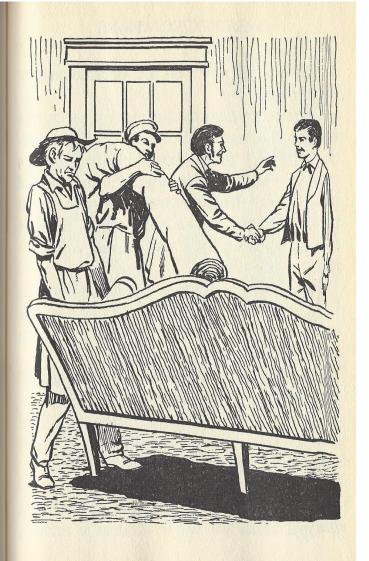
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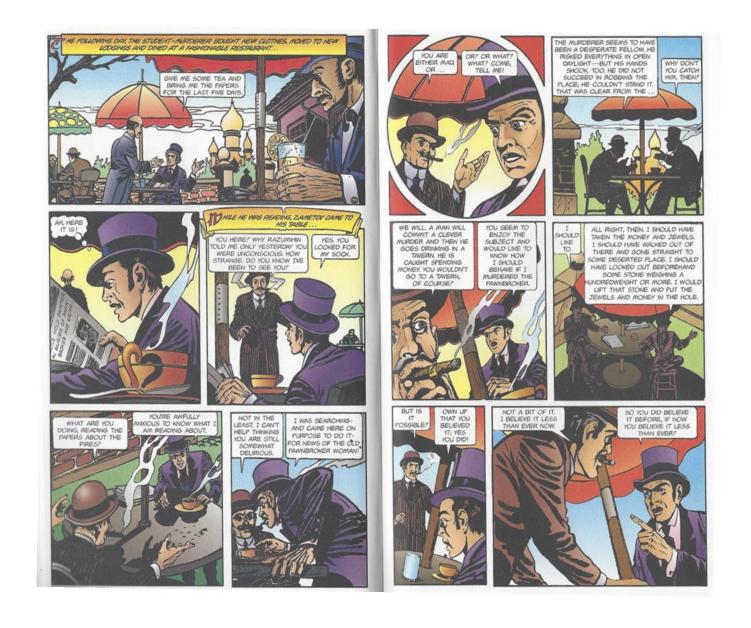
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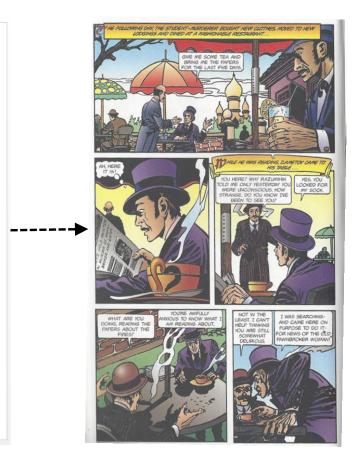
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Ray Bradbury

FAHRENHEIT 451

CHAPTER I

"TOM!"

No answer.

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No answer.

"What's gone with that boy, I wonder? You TOM!"

No answe

The old lady pulled her spectacles down and looked over them about the room; then she put them up and looked out under them. She seldom or never looked through them for so small a thing as a boy; they were her state pair, the pride of her heart, and were built for "style," not service—she could have seen through a pair of stove-lids just as well. She looked perplexed for a moment, and then said, not fiercely, but still loud enough for the fumiture to hear:

"Well, I lay if I get hold of you I'll--"

She did not finish, for by this time she was bending down and punching under the bed with the broom, and so she needed breath to punctuate the punches with. She resurrected nothing but the cat.

"I never did see the beat of that boy!"

She went to the open door and stood in it and looked out among the tomato vines and "jimpson" weeds that constituted the garden. No Tom. So she lifted up her voice at an angle calculated for distance and shouted:

"Y-o-u-u TOM!"

There was a slight noise behind her and she turned just in time to seize a small boy by the slack of his roundabout and arrest his flight.

"There! I might 'a' thought of that closet. What you been doing in there?"

"Nothing."

"Nothing! Look at your hands. And look at your mouth. What is that truck?"

"I don't know aunt "

"Well, I know. It's jam—that's what it is. Forty times I've said if you didn't let that jam alone I'd skin you. Hand me that switch."

The switch hovered in the air-the peril was desperate-

"My! Look behind you, aunt!"

The old lady whirled round, and snatched her skirts out of danger. The lad fled on the instant, scrambled up the high board-fence, and disappeared over it.

His aunt Polly stood surprised a moment, and then broke into a gentle laugh.

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And both that morning equally lay In leaves no step had trodden black. Oh, I kept the first for another day! Yet knowing how way leads on to way, I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh Somewhere ages and ages hence: Two roads diverged in a wood, and I— I took the one less traveled by, And that has made all the difference.

A Long Novel

A Short Poem

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By Dana Dusbiber (6/13/2015)

I am a high school English teacher. I am not supposed to dislike Shakespeare. But I do. And not only do I dislike Shakespeare because of my own personal disinterest in reading stories written in an early form of the English language that I cannot always easily navigate, but also because there is a WORLD of really exciting literature out there that better speaks to the needs of my very ethnically-diverse and wonderfully curious modern-day students.

I do not believe that I am "cheating" my students because we do not read Shakespeare. I do not believe that a long-dead, British guy is the only writer who can teach my students about the human condition. I do not believe that not viewing "Romeo and Juliet" or any other modern adaptation of a Shakespeare play will make my students less able to go out into the world and understand language or human behavior. Mostly, I do not believe I should do something in the classroom just because it has "always been done that way."

I am sad that so many of my colleagues teach a canon that some white people decided upon so long ago and do it without question. I am sad that we don't believe enough in ourselves as professionals to challenge the way that it has "always been done." I am sad that we don't reach beyond our own often narrow beliefs about how young people become literate to incorporate new research on how teenagers learn, and a belief that our students should be excited about what they read — and that may often mean that we need to find the time to let them choose their own literature.

I was an English major. I am a voracious reader. I have enjoyed reading some of the classics. And while I appreciate that many people enjoy re-reading texts that they have read multiple times, I enjoy reading a wide range of literature written by a wide range of ethnically-diverse writers who tell stories about the human experience as it is experienced today. Shakespeare lived in a

pretty small world. It might now be appropriate for us to acknowledge him as chronicler of life as he saw it 450 years ago and leave it at that.

What I worry about is that as long as we continue to cling to ONE (white) MAN'S view of life as he lived it so long ago, we (perhaps unwittingly) promote the notion that other cultural perspectives are less important. In the 25 years that I have been a secondary teacher, I have heard countless times, from respected teachers (mostly white), that they will ALWAYS teach Shakespeare, because our students need Shakespeare and his teachings on the human condition.

So I ask, why not teach the oral tradition out of Africa, which includes an equally relevant commentary on human behavior? Why not teach translations of early writings or oral storytelling from Latin America or Southeast Asia other parts of the world? Many, many of our students come from these languages and traditions. Why do our students not deserve to study these "other" literatures with equal time and value? And if time is the issue in our classrooms, perhaps we no longer have the time to study the Western canon that so many of us know and hold dear.

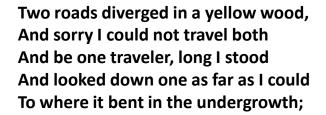
Here then, is my argument: If we only teach students of color, as I have been fortunate to do my entire career, then it is far past the time for us to dispense with our Eurocentric presentation of the literary world. Conversely, if we only teach white students, it is our imperative duty to open them up to a world of diversity through literature that they may never encounter anywhere else in their lives. I admit that this proposal, that we leave Shakespeare out of the English curriculum entirely, will offend many.

But if now isn't the time to break some school rules and think about how to bring literature of color to our student's lives, when will that time be?

Let's let Shakespeare rest in peace, and start a new discussion about middle and high school right-of-passage reading and literature study.

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ROBERT FROST: A BACKGROUND

To pursuit his literary career, Frost gave up his farm and teaching position and moved to England.

Robert Frost was a farmer and teacher while trying to make a literary career.

His literary career in America was stalled.

Frost needed "a fresh environment".

His choice was move to Vancouver or England, based on the flip of a coin.

"Heads" sent Frost and his wife across the Atlantic Ocean to England!

A FORTUNATE REVIEW

Frost met Edward Thomas, a critic who loved his work, and Frost's work took off.

His poetic writings met with little interest from critics.

Edward Thomas was a noted critic who loved Frost's work.

Frost's work took offincluding "North of Boston" (Mending Wall), and the two became friends.

WWI was closing in, and Thomas was torn between "Join / Don't Join" the war effort.

Thomas was bothered Frost could choose "based on a coin flip" while he couldn't choose at all about WWI.

REGRET

Thomas and Frost would take walks, but Thomas would regret the route chosen when it was unproductive.

Thomas would invite Frost on walks to see "the wonder of nature".

Not all paths include "wonderous things".

Some walks resulted in "awe", while others not so much "awe".

Thomas wanted to see "awe" on every path.

Though paths were equal and results random, Thomas would regret his path when it yielded no results.

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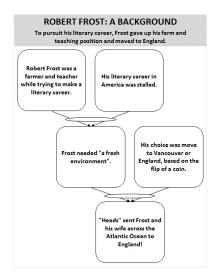
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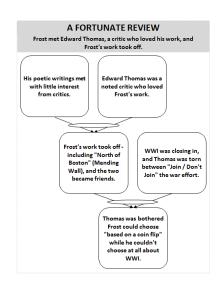
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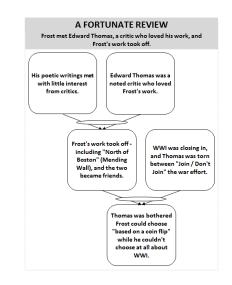
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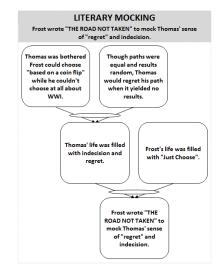
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LITTLE LOGIC BOOK

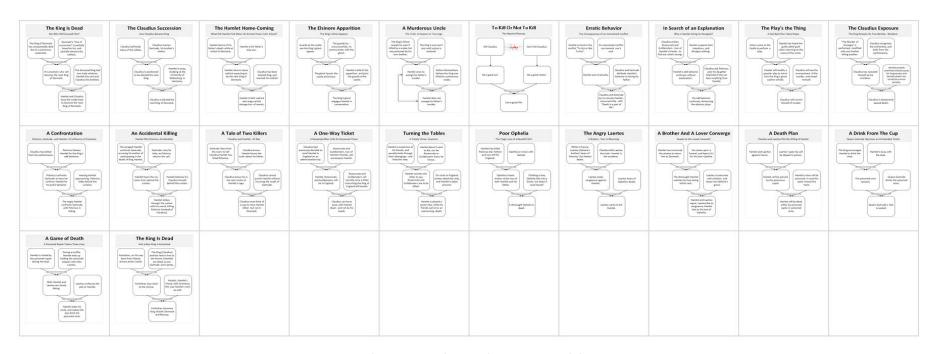








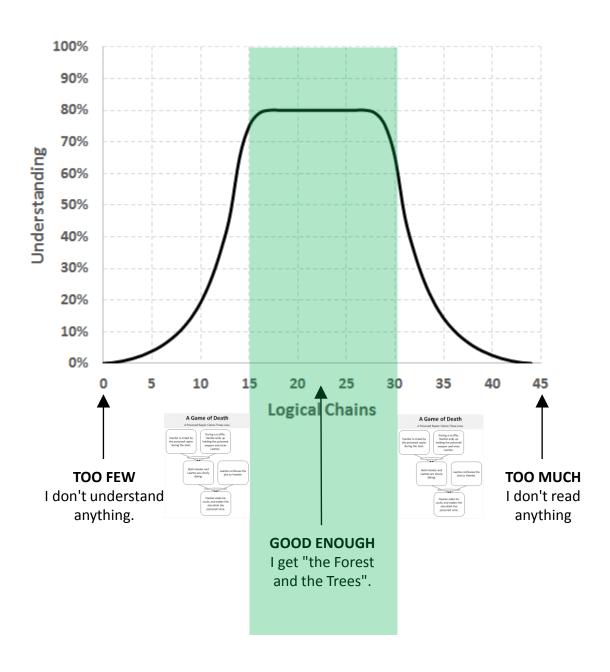
What amount of information is "GOOD ENOUGH"?



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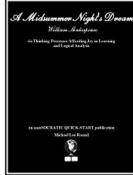


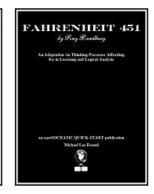
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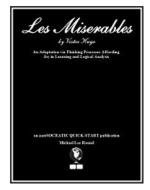








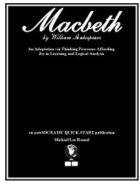


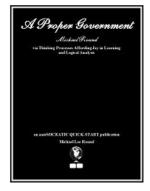
















This is a great start – but they're still separate books here. What are the general ideas permeating many books. We're now in a position to answer that question!

The Death of a Danish King

The unexpected death of the King of Denmark leaves a void to be filled.

The King of Denmark has died from a poisonous snake bite.

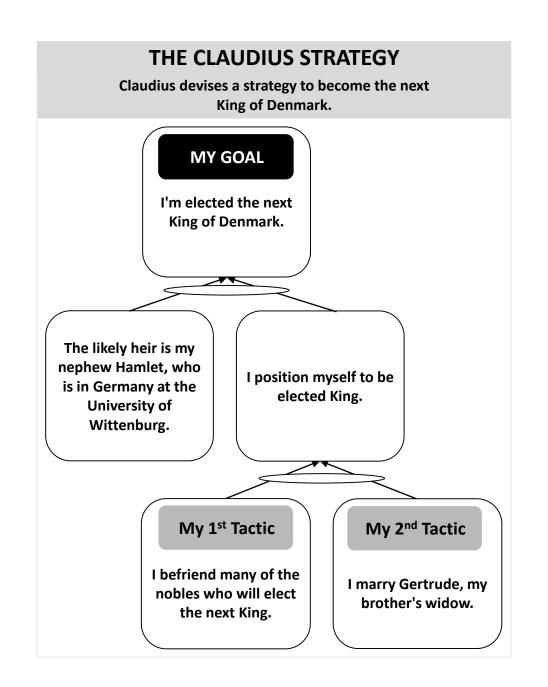
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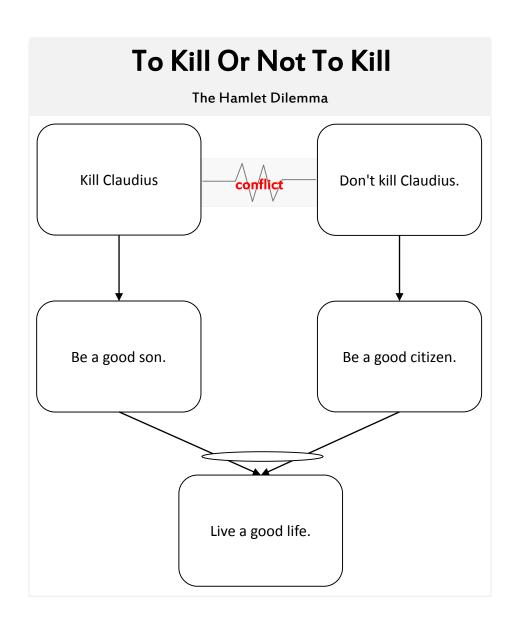
The likely successor to the Crown is HAMLET (the King's son).

CLAUDIUS (the King's younger brother) wants to be the next King of Denmark.

Claudius needs a
"GET ELECTED"

Strategy to become the next King.





















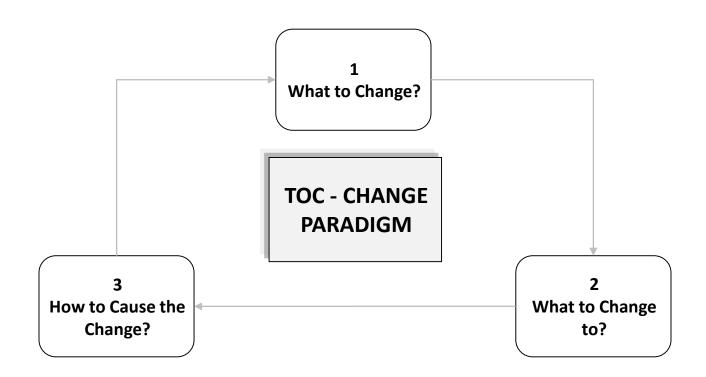




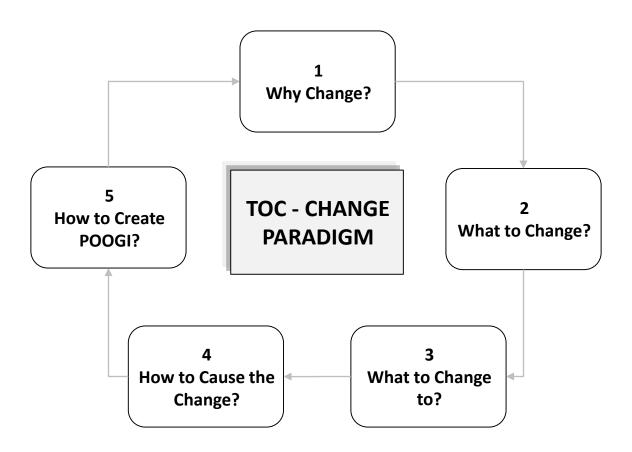




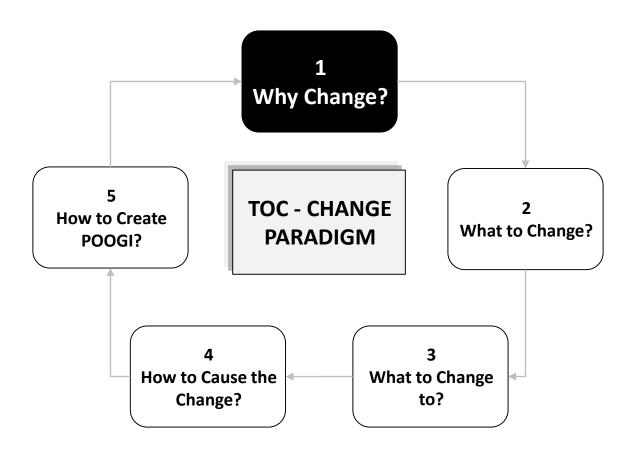
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Watching well fed and happy apes on the screen, man-ape becomes dissatisfied.



"Moon-Watcher felt the first faint twinges of a new and potent emotion. It was a vague and diffuse sense of envy – of dissatisfaction with his life."

2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY Arthur C. Clarke

Fahrenheit-451

In Fahrenheit, Montag is content being a fireman and burning books.

Montag becomes a "freedom fighter".

"He was not happy. He was not happy. He said the words to himself. He recognized this as the true state of affairs. He wore his happiness like a mask and the girl had run off across the lawn with the mask and there was no way of going to knock on her door and ask for it back."

> FAHRENHEIT-451 Ray Bradbury

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Clarisse asks Montag:
"Are you happy?"

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Man-ape has a new future.

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Montag answers "No" to Clarisse's question, "Are you happy?"

Montag becomes a "freedom fighter".

"WHY CHANGE"

becomes infinitely more important than "WHAT TO CHANGE"?

SOME CLOSING THOUGHTS

WHAT ABOUT THE BOOK?

Having done all of this, I'm now in a position to read the book if I want to. Sometimes I do, sometimes not. When I do, I can – WITHOUT EXCEPTION – open the book anywhere and know immediately what is going on, and follow along.

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