

Student Team Literature
Partner Discussion Guide
Catalog

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Sub-genres:

Adv. Adventure
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 Bio. Biography
 Essay Essay/ persuasive writing
 Fant. Fantasy
 Hist. History
 Hist.Dr Historical Drama

Hist.F Historical fiction
 Myst. Mystery
 Myth. Mythology/folk literature
 Po Poetry
 Real.F Realistic fiction
 SciFi Science fiction
 Sci. Science
 ShSt Short stories

Subject links:

➤ Multicultural: by/about ethnic minorities
 ⌚ History/social studies connections
 🔍 Science connections

I. Non-Fiction *Catalog listings begin on page 16*

| Title & Author | Readability Level | Interest Level | Sub Genre | Subject Links | Topics/ Themes |
|--|-------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|---|
| 1. <i>The Acorn People</i> , Ron Jones | 7 | 7+ | Auto. | | Disabilities |
| 2. ✓ Amos Fortune: Free Man , Elizabeth Yates | 5 | 5-8 | Bio. | ➤ ⌚ | Identity/Slavery/Overcoming adversity |
| 3. ✓ <i>Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl</i> , Anne Frank | 8 | 7+ | Auto. | ➤ ⌚ | The Holocaust/Social justice/ Identity/ Coming-of-age |
| 4. <i>At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess In Victorian England</i> , Walter Dean Myers | 5 | 5-7 | Bio. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Identity |
| 5. ✓ <i>Ben Carson</i> , Ben Carson (book is out of print) | 5 | 5-12 | Auto. | ➤ | Success/Overcoming adversity |
| 6. <i>The Double Life of Pocahontas</i> , Jean Fritz | 6 | 5-9 | Bio. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Identity |
| 7. <i>Frederick Douglass Fights for Freedom</i> , Margaret Davidson (book available in limited quantities only) | 5 | 5-8 | Bio. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Slavery/Overcoming adversity |

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|-----|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|---|
| 8. | <i>Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman</i> , Dorothy Sterling | 6 | 6-9 | Bio. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Slavery |
| 9. | <i>Freedom's Children</i> , Ellen Levine | 7 | 7+ | Hist. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Social justice |
| 10. | <i>The Invisible Thread</i> , Yoshiko Uchida | 5 | 6+ | Auto. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Identity |
| 11. | <i>It Came From Ohio: My Life As a Writer</i> , R.L. Stine | 4.5 | 5-8 | Auto. | | Vocation/Language |
| 12. | <i>Leon's Story</i> , Leon Walter Tillage | 4.8 | 5-7 | Auto. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Social justice/ Overcoming adversity |
| 13. | <i>One More River to Cross: The Stories of Twelve Black Americans</i> , Jim Haskins | 4 | 4-8 | Bio. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Social justice/ Overcoming adversity |
| 14. | <i>Storm Trackers</i> , Katacha Díaz | 3 | 3-6 | Sci. | 📍 | Scientific inquiry |
| 15. | <i>Undying Glory</i> , Clinton Cox | 6+ | 6-9 | Hist. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Social justice/ Overcoming adversity |
| 16. | <i>Warriors Don't Cry</i> , Melba Patillo Beals | 6 | 6+ | Auto. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Social justice/ Overcoming adversity |
| 17. | <i>What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin?</i> Jean Fritz | 4 | 3-6 | Bio. | ⌚ | Success/Patriotism |
| 18. | * <i>When I Was Puerto Rican</i> , Esmeralda Santiago | 7 | 7+ | Auto. | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Family |

II. Short Stories, Poetry, and Mythology *Catalog listings begin on page 19*

| | Title & Author | Readability Level | Interest Level | Sub Genre | Subject Links | Topics/ Themes |
|-----|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 8. | <i>America Street: A Multicultural Anthology</i> , Anne Mazer | 5 | 5+ | ShSt | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity |
| 9. | <i>American Dragons: Twenty Five Asian American Voices</i> , Laurence Yep | 7 | 7+ | ShSt/ Po | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity |
| 10. | <i>Baseball in April</i> , Gary Soto | 5 | 4-9 | ShSt | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/ Family |
| 11. | <i>Beowulf: A New Telling</i> , Robert Nye | 4.8 | 3-7 | Myth. | ⌚ | Good vs. Evil |

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|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|--|
| 12. ✓ The Dark Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural , Patricia C. McKissack | 4 | 3-7 | ShSt | ➤ ⌚ | Social justice/Good vs. evil |
| 13. <i>A Dime a Dozen</i> , Nikki Grimes (selections) | 4 | 5-8 | Poetry | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Family |
| 14. <i>The Dream Keeper and Other Poems</i> , Langston Hughes (selections) | 6.1 | 6-9 | Poetry | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Identity/Social justice/Overcoming adversity |
| 15. <i>ego-tripping and other poems for young people</i> , Nikki Giovanni (selections) | 5 | 7-9 | Poetry | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Family |
| 16. <i>Fitting In</i> , Anilú Bernado | 6 | 6-9 | ShSt | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Peer pressure |
| 17. <i>Flying With the Eagle, Racing the Great Bear: Stories from Native North America</i> , Joseph Bruchac | 4 | 5-9 | Myth. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Coming-of-age |
| 18. <i>The Friendship/ The Gold Cadillac</i> , Mildred Taylor | 3.8 | 5-8 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Social justice |
| 19. <i>The Goddess of the Volcano</i> , Reyes and Schiavo | 3 | 3-6 | Myth. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Resolving conflict |
| 20. <i>Grandma Jenny's Trip</i> , Bently Spang | 3 | 2-6 | Hist.F. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Family/Interdependence |
| 21. <i>An Island Like You: Stories from the Barrio</i> , Judith Ortiz | 6 | 7-12 | ShSt | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Coming-of-Age |
| 22. ✓ <i>The Library Card</i> , Jerry Spinelli | 4 | 5-9 | Real.F | | Choices/ Family/Literacy |
| 23. <i>Nettie's Trip South</i> , Ann Turner | 3 | 1-5 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Slavery |
| 24. <i>The Odyssey</i> , retold by Robin Lister | 6.5 | 6-9 | Myth. | ⌚ | Responsibility/Freedom vs. determinism/Adversity |
| 25. <i>Songs to the Corn: A Hopi Poet Writes About Corn</i> , Ramson Lomatewama | 3 | 3-6 | Poetry | ➤ | Multicultural/Environment |
| 26. <i>Trip to Freedom</i> , Andrea Quynhgioa Nguyen | 3 | 2-6 | Real.F | ➤ ⌚ | Family/Immigration/Patriotism |

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III. Novels

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|--|-------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|---|
| 1. <i>Baby</i> , Patricia MacLachlan | 4.5 | 5-8 | Real.F | | Family/Coping with loss |
| 2. <i>The Big Wave</i> , Pearl Buck | 4 | 4-7 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ ⚙ | Coming-of-age/Coping with loss |
| 3. <i>The Book of the Dun Cow</i> , Walter Wangerin, Jr. | 7 | 7-10 | Fable | | Good vs. Evil |
| 4. ✓ Bridge to Terabithia , Katherine Paterson | 6 | 5-8 | Real.F | | Friendship/Coping with loss |
| 5. <i>The Broken Blade</i> , William Durbin | 5 | 5-8 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Coming-of-Age/ Coping with loss |
| 6. Bud, Not Buddy , Christopher Paul Curtis | 5.2 | 4-8 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Family |
| 7. ✓ <i>Bunnicula</i> , James Howe | 6 | 3-7 | Fant. | | Humor |
| 8. ✓ Call It Courage , Armstrong Sperry | 8 | 5-9 | Adv. | ➤ | Multicultural/ Coming-of-Age |
| 9. ✓ <i>The Call of the Wild</i> , Jack London | 7 | 7-11 | Adv. | | Human nature/Freedom |
| 10. <i>Can You Sue Your Parents for Malpractice?</i> Paula Danziger | 5 | 8-12 | Real.F | | Family/Identity/Adjusting to change |
| 11. <i>The Cat Ate My Gymsuit</i> , Paula Danziger | 6 | 5-9 | Real.F | | Family/Self-esteem/Emotional abuse |
| 12. Catherine, Called Birdy , Karen Cushman | 6 | 7+ | Hist.F | ⌚ | Coming-of-age |
| 13. ✓ <i>The Cay</i> , Theodore Taylor | 5 | 4-9 | Adv. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Survival/Coming-of-age |
| 14. <i>Charley Skedaddle</i> , Patricia Beatty | 5 | 4-9 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Civil War/Coming-of-age |
| 15. <i>Circle of Gold</i> , Candy Dawson Boyd | 5 | 4-6 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Family/Coming-of-age/Coping with loss |
| 16. ✓ <i>The Clay Marble</i> , Minfong Ho | 7 | 5-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | War/Survival/Coming-of-age/ Multicultural |
| 17. <i>Cousins</i> , Virginia Hamilton | 5 | 4-9 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Family/Coping with loss |
| 18. <i>Cracker Jackson</i> , Betsy Byars | 4 | 5-8 | Real.F | | Spousal abuse/Coming-of-age |
| 19. ✓ <i>Crash</i> , Jerry Spinelli | 5 | 5-9 | Real.F | | Friendship/Family/Coming-of-age |
| 20. Crazy Lady , Jane Leslie Conly | 6 | 5-10 | Real.F | | Disabilities/Alcoholism/Coming-of-age |
| 21. <i>A Day No Pigs Would Die</i> , Robert Peck | 7 | 6-9 | Hist.F | | Family/Coming-of-age/Coping with loss |
| 22. ✓ <i>Dear Austin</i> , Elvira Woodruff | 4.5 | 4-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Civil War/Slavery/Friendship |

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| 23. Dear Mr. Henshaw , Beverly Cleary | 4.7 | 4-8 | Real.F | | Divorce/Family/Coming-of-age |
| 24. <i>The Devil's Arithmetic</i> , Jane Yolen | 6 | 5-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | The Holocaust/Family/Identity |
| 25. <i>The Divorce Express</i> , Paula Danziger | 4.5 | 7-12 | Real.F | | Family/Divorce/Adjusting to change |
| 26. The Door in the Wall , Marguerite de Angeli | 6.5 | 5-9 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Disabilities/Coming-of-age/Family |
| 27. ✓ Dragonwings , Laurence Yep | 6 | 5-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Family |
| 28. The Ear, the Eye and Arm , Nancy Farmer | 6 | 7+ | SciFi | | Family/Coming-of-age |
| 29. The Egypt Game , Zilpha Keatley Snyder | 6.6 | 5-7 | Real.F | | Friendship/Multicultural |
| 30. ✓ <i>Esperanza Rising</i> , Pam Muñoz Ryan | 5.3 | 4-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Family/Adjusting to change/Friendship |
| 31. The Family Under the Bridge , Natalie Savage Carlson | 4.6 | 2-5 | Real.F | | Homelessness/Poverty/Friendship |
| 32. ✓ <i>Fast Sam, Cool Clyde, and Stuff</i> , Walter Dean Myers | 5.7 | 6-12 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Friendship/Urban issues |
| 33. ✓ <i>Felita</i> , Nicholasa Mohr | 4 | 2-6 | Real.F | ➤ | Identity/Family/Coming-of-age |
| 34. <i>Flipped</i> , Wendelin Van Draanen | 5.2 | 5-9 | Real.F | | Identity/Friendship |
| 35. <i>Flour Babies</i> , Anne Fine | 5 | 6+ | Real.F | | Identity/Family/Coming-of-age |
| 36. ✓ <i>Freak the Mighty</i> , Rodman Philbrick | 5 | 6+ | Real.F | | Disabilities/Friendship/Identity |
| 37. ✓ From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler , E. L Konigsburg | 5 | 4-8 | Real.F | | Friendship/Family |
| 38. ✓ <i>Ghosts Don't Eat Potato Chips</i> , Dadey and Jones | 3.5 | 2-5 | Myst. | | Friendship/Dealing with the elderly |
| 39. ✓ <i>The Gift-Giver</i> , Joyce Hansen | 5.3 | 3-6 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Friendship/Family |
| 40. ✓ The Giver , Lois Lowry | 6 | 5-9 | SciFi | | Freedom vs. conformity/Coming-of-age/Social engineering |
| 41. <i>The Glory Field</i> , Walter Dean Myers | 6 | 7-12 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Family/Social justice/Responsibility/Coming-of-age |
| 42. ✓ <i>Going Home</i> , Nicholasa Mohr | 6 | 4-7 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Family |
| 43. <i>Goodbye, Chicken Little</i> , Betsy Byars | 5 | 5-8 | Real.F | | Family/Identity/Disabilities |



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| 44. ✓ The Great Gilly Hopkins , Katherine Paterson | 6 | 5-8 | Real.F | | Coming-of-age/Foster families/ Friendship |
| 45. * <i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</i> , J.K. Rowling | 5.5 | 5+ | Fant. | | Friendship/Good vs. evil |
| 46. * <i>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</i> , J.K. Rowling | 5.2 | 5+ | Fant. | | Friendship/Good vs. evil |
| 47. ✓* <i>Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone</i> , J.K. Rowling | 5.2 | 5+ | Fant. | | Friendship/Facing one's fears |
| 48. ✓ Hatchet Gary Paulsen | 7 | 5-10 | Adv. | 🔑 | Survival/Coming-of-age |
| 49. <i>The Hobbit</i> , J.R.R. Tolkien | 8 | 7+ | Fant. | | Choices/Loyalty/Risk-taking |
| 50. ✓ § Holes , Louis Sachar | 5.8 | 5+ | Myst. | ➤ | Justice/Friendship/Survival |
| 51. ✓ Hope was Here , Joan Bauer | 5 | 6+ | Real.F | ➤ ⌚ | Overcoming adversity/Family/ Political involvement/Friendship |
| 52. ✓ The House of Dies Drear , Virginia Hamilton | 5 | 5-8 | Myst. | ➤ | Multicultural/Family |
| 53. I am Regina , Sally M. Keehn | 4.5 | 6-9 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Multicultural/Identity/Coping with loss |
| 54. I, Juan de Pareja , Elizabeth Borton de Treviño | 7 | 6-12 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Overcoming adversity |
| 55. <i>In the Year of the Boar and Jackie Robinson</i> , Bette Bao Lord | 4 | 3-6 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Overcoming adversity/ Friendship |
| 56. <i>The Indian in the Cupboard</i> , Lynne Reid Banks | 4 | 4-6 | Fant. | | Multicultural/Friendship |
| 57. ✓ Island of the Blue Dolphins , Scott O'Dell | 5 | 4-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Survival/Coming-of-age |
| 58. Jacob Have I Loved , Katherine Paterson | 7 | 6-9 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Family/Identity/Coming-of-age |
| 59. <i>Jaguar</i> , Roland Smith | 5.8 | 4-8 | Adv. | 🔑 | Survival/Ecology/Family |
| 60. ✓ <i>A Jar of Dreams</i> , Yoshiko Uchida | 4 | 4-8 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Identity |
| 61. ✓ Johnny Tremain , Esther Forbes | 6 | 4-9 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Revolutionary War/Coming-of-age |
| 62. <i>Journey</i> , Patricia MacLachlan | 4.6 | 5-10 | Real.F | | Family/Identity/Coping with loss |
| 63. <i>Journey to the New World: My Diary of 1848</i> , Susan Brocker | 6.0 | 6-8 | Hist.F. | ⌚ | Courage/Interdependence/ Social Justice |



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| 64. Julie of the Wolves , Jean Craighead George | 5 | 4-8 | Adv. | ➤ 🔍 | Multicultural/Survival/Coming-of-age |
| 65. <i>Jumping Off to Freedom</i> , Anilú Bernado | 5 | 5-7 | Real.F/ Adv | ➤ ⌚ | Freedom/Survival/Multicultural/ Interdependence |
| 66. <i>Just Like Martin</i> , Ossie Davis | 6 | 5-9 | Hist. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Social Justice/Non-violence |
| 67. <i>Justin and the Best Biscuits in the World</i> , Mildred Pitts Walter | 2.7 | 3-7 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Self-esteem |
| 68. ✓ <i>Let the Circle Be Unbroken</i> , Mildred Taylor | 6 | 6-12 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Family/Social justice |
| 69. <i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> , C.S. Lewis | 6 | 4-9 | Fant. | | Choices/Good vs. evil |
| 70. <i>A Long Way from Chicago</i> , Richard Peck | 5 | 3-7 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Family/Social justice |
| 71. <i>Loser</i> , Jerry Spinelli | 4.5 | 3-7 | Real.F | | Identity |
| 72. <i>Lyddie</i> , Katherine Paterson | 6 | 7-12 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Choices/Family/Social justice/ Coming-of-age |
| 73. <i>Maizon at Blue Hill</i> , Jacqueline Woodson | 4.6 | 5-9 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Choices/Identity |
| 74. ✓ § Maniac Magee , Jerry Spinelli | 5 | 3-8 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Choices/Friendship |
| 75. <i>Me, Mop, and the Moondance Kid</i> , Walter Dean Myers | 4.5 | 4-7 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Friendship/Family/Adoption |
| 76. <i>The Midwife's Apprentice</i> , Karen Cushman | 6 | 7+ | Hist.F | ⌚ | Coming-of-age/Identity/Risk-taking |
| 77. <i>The Missing 'Gator of Gumbo Limbo</i> , Jean Craighead George | 5 | 3-7 | Myst. | 🔍 | Ecology/Environmentalism |
| 78. <i>Morning Girl</i> , Michael Dorris | 5 | 5-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Family/Coming-of-age/New World Conquest |
| 79. My Brother Sam is Dead , James L. Collier and Christopher Collier | 5.8 | 6-9 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Revolutionary War/Family/Patriotism/ Coming-of-age |
| 80. <i>My Name is Maria Isabel</i> , Alma Flor Ada | 3 | 2-5 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity |
| 81. <i>Necessary Roughness</i> , Marie Lee | 6 | 7+ | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Sports/Coming-of-age |
| 82. ✓ <i>Night of the Twisters</i> , Ivy Ruckman | 4 | 3-6 | Real/Adv | 🔍 | Survival/Family |
| 83. ✓ <i>Nightjohn</i> , Gary Paulsen | 4.6 | 7-12 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Slavery/Literacy |
| 84. <i>Ninjas, Piranhas, and Galileo</i> , Greg Leitich Smith | 5.8 | 3-7 | Real.F. | 🔍 | Scientific inquiry/Truth/ Freedom |

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| | 85. ✓ <i>No Promises in the Wind</i> , Irene Hunt | 7 | 7-10 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Family/Choices/Coming-of-age |
| | 86. <i>Nothing but the Truth</i> , Avi | 6 | 6-12 | Real.F | ⌚ | Honesty/Integrity/Media |
| | 87. <i>Number the Stars</i> , Lois Lowry | 5.2 | 4-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Holocaust/Coming-of-age/Risk-taking |
| New! | 88. <i>On My Honor</i> , Marion Dane Bauer | 5.3 | 7-10 | Real.F | | Honesty/Peer pressure/Coping with loss |
| | 89. <i>One-Eyed Cat</i> , Paula Fox | 5.7 | 5-9 | Hist.F. | ⌚ | Family/Guilt and responsibility |
| | 90. ✓ <i>Out of the Dust</i> , Karen Hesse | 5.4 | 8+ | Hist.F/Po. | ⌚ | Family/Coping with loss/Identity |
| | 91. ✓ <i>The Outsiders</i> , S.E. Hinton | 4.6 | 8-12 | Real.F | | Coming-of-age/Peer pressure/Violence |
| | 92. <i>Pacific Crossing</i> , Gary Soto | 5 | 3-7 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Family/Friendship |
| | 93. ✓ <i>The Pinballs</i> , Betsy Byars | 4 | 4-8 | Real.F | | Friendship/Foster families |
| | 94. <i>Pleasing the Ghost</i> , Sharon Creech | 4 | 2-5 | Real.F | | Family |
| | 95. ✓ <i>Report to the Principal's Office</i> , Jerry Spinelli | 4 | 3-7 | Real.F | | Friendship/Adjusting to change |
| | 96. <i>The Rifle</i> , Gary Paulsen | 7.4 | 7+ | Hist.F | ⌚ | Gun control |
| | 97. <i>The River</i> , Gary Paulsen | 5.9 | 5-9 | Real.F | | Survival |
| | 98. ✓ <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> , Mildred Taylor | 5 | 5-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Family/Social justice |
| | 99. <i>Sarah, Plain and Tall</i> , Patricia MacLachlan | 3.5 | 3-6 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Family/Coping with loss |
| | 100. <i>Sees Behind Trees</i> , Michael Dorris | 5 | 5-8 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Coming-of-age/Disabilities |
| | 101. <i>Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind</i> , Suzanne Fisher Staples | 6.5 | 8-12 | Real.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Identity/Survival/ Women's rights |
| New! | 102. <i>The Shakespeare Stealer</i> , Gary Blackwood | 7.0 | 7-9 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Friendship/Integrity/Identity |
| | 103. <i>Shakespeare's Spy</i> , Gary Blackwood | 6 | 5-9 | Hist.F. | ⌚ | Coming-of-age/Responsibility |
| | 104. <i>Shiloh</i> , Phyllis Reynolds Naylor | 5 | 3-7 | Real.F | | Coming-of-age/Honesty/Choices/Abuse |
| | 105. <i>The Sign of the Beaver</i> , Elizabeth George Speare | 5.7 | 5-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Coming-of-age/Friendship |
| | 106. <i>Sing Down the Moon</i> , Scott O'Dell | 5.3 | 5-10 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Social justice/Overcoming adversity/Disabilities |
| | 107. § <i>The Skin I'm In</i> , Sharon G. Flake | 5.5 | 5+ | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Family/Peer pressure/Literacy |
| | 108. ✓ <i>Slake's Limbo</i> , Felice Holman | 6 | 6-10 | Real.F | | Survival/Coming-of-age/Disabilities |

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| | Title & Author | Readability Level | Interest Level | Sub Genre | Subject Links | Topics/ Themes |
|------|--|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|--|
| New! | 109. <i>The Slave Dancer</i> , Paula Fox | 5.9 | 5-9 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Friendship/Slavery |
| | 110. <i>Sunder</i> , William Armstrong | 5 | 6-8 | Hist.F. | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Family/Coming-of-age |
| | 111. <i>Space Station Seventh Grade</i> , Jerry Spinelli | 5.3 | 7-12 | Real.F | | Adolescence/Adjusting to change |
| | 112. <i>Summer of the Swans</i> , Betsy Byars | 5 | 4-7 | Real.F | | Adolescence/Family/Friendship/Disabilities |
| | 113. <i>Taking Sides</i> , Gary Soto | 5 | 5-10 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Friendship |
| | 114. <i>The Talking Earth</i> , Jean Craighead George | 5 | 6-10 | Adv. | ➤ § | Multicultural/Identity/Survival/Coming-of-age/Environmentalism |
| | 115. ✓ <i>Tangerine</i> , Edward Bloor | 5 | 6+ | Real.F | ➤ § | Multicultural/Family/Integrity/Sports/Environment/Social justice |
| | 116. <i>That Was Then, This is Now</i> , S.E. Hinton | 5.1 | 6-10 | Real.F | | Adolescence/Friendship |
| | 117. ✓ <i>There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom</i> , Louis Sachar | 4 | 3-7 | Real.F | | Bullying/Identity/Friendship |
| | 118. <i>Thief of Hearts</i> , Laurence Yep | 5 | 5-8 | Myst. | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Friendship |
| New! | 119. <i>Tituba of Salem Village</i> , Ann Petry | 5 | 5-10 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Social justice |
| | 120. <i>Treasure Island</i> , Robert Louis Stevenson | 7 | 7+ | Hist.F/ Adv. | ⌚ | Courage/Choices/Integrity |
| | 121. <i>Trino's Choice</i> , Diane Gonzalez Bertrand | 6 | 6-9 | Real.F | ➤ | Poverty/Peer pressure/ Friendship/Choices |
| | 122. <i>The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle</i> , Avi | 6.6 | 5-9 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Family/Identity/Conformity/Choices |
| | 123. ✓ <i>Tuck Everlasting</i> , Natalie Babbitt | 6.3 | 5-6 | Fant. | | Immortality/Choices/Friendship |
| | 124. ✓ <i>Vampires Don't Wear Polka Dots</i> , Dadey/ Jones | 3.3 | 2-5 | Myst. | | Friendship |
| | 125. <i>Waiting for the Rain</i> , Sheila Gordon | 6 | 7-12 | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Apartheid/Friendship/Social justice/ Coming-of-age |
| | 126. ✓ <i>Walk Two Moons</i> , Sharon Creech | 5 | 5-9 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Coping with loss |
| | 127. ✓ <i>The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963</i> , Christopher Paul Curtis | 6.1 | 5+ | Hist.F | ➤ ⌚ | Multicultural/Social justice/Family |
| | 128. <i>Weasel</i> , Cynthia DeFelice | 5.2 | 5-9 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Coming-of-age/Family |
| | 129. <i>The Westing Game</i> , Ellen Raskin | 7 | 5-8 | Myst. | | Human nature/ Values/ Relationships |

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| Title & Author | Readability Level | Interest Level | Sub Genre | Subject Links | Topics/ Themes |
|--|-------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| 130. <i>Where the Lilies Bloom</i> , Vera and Bill Cleaver | 7 | 6-10 | Hist.F | 🔑 | Family/Coping with loss/Overcoming adversity |
| 131. ✓ <i>Where the Red Fern Grows</i> , Wilson Rawls | 6 | 5-10 | Hist.F | | Family/Adjusting to change |
| 132. ✓ <i>The Whipping Boy</i> , Sid Fleischman | 4 | 3-7 | Adv. | | Friendship |
| 133. <i>Windcatcher</i> , Avi | 5 | 3-7 | Real./Myst. | ⌚ | Family/Choices/Adventure |
| 134. <i>The Witch of Blackbird Pond</i> , Elizabeth George Speare | 6 | 5-8 | Hist.F | ⌚ | Coming-of-age/Family |
| 135. § <i>Wringer</i> , Jerry Spinelli | 5 | 4-8 | Real.F | 🔑 | Coming-of-age/Family/Peer pressure |
| 136. ✓ <i>A Wrinkle in Time</i> , Madeleine L' Engle | 5.8 | 5+ | SciFi | 🔑 | Good vs. evil/Family |
| 137. ✓ <i>Yolonda's Genius</i> , Carol Fenner | 5.2 | 4-9 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Family/Friendship/Honesty |
| 138. <i>The Young Landlords</i> , Walter Dean Myers | 5 | 6-10 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Friendship |
| 139. <i>Zeely</i> , Virginia Hamilton | 5 | 5-8 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Fantasy vs. reality |

IV. Partner Discussion Guides with Bully-Prevention Strategies *Catalog listings begin on page 48*

| Title & Author | Readability Level | Interest Level | Sub Genre | Subject Links | Topics/ Themes |
|--|-------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|--|
| 1. † <i>The Boy Who Lost His Face</i> , Louis Sachar | 4.5 | 5-8 | Real.F | | Bullying/ Peer pressure/ Identity |
| 2. † <i>The Bully</i> , Paul Langham | 5.5 | 6-10 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/ Bullying/ Identity |
| 3. <i>Holes</i> , Louis Sachar | 5.8 | 5+ | Myst. | ➤ | Justice/Friendship/Survival |
| 4. <i>Maniac Magee</i> , Jerry Spinelli | 5 | 3-8 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Choices/Friendship |
| 5. <i>The Skin I'm In</i> , Sharon G. Flake | 5.5 | 5+ | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Family/Peer pressure/Literacy |
| 6. <i>Wringer</i> , Jerry Spinelli | 5 | 4-8 | Real.F | 🔑 | Coming-of-age/Family/Peer pressure |

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V. Challenging Titles for High School and High-Performing Middle Grade Classes

Catalog listings begin on page 50

| Title & Author | Readability Level | Interest Level | Sub Genre | Subject Links | Topics/ Themes |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|---|
| 1. <i>Animal Farm</i> , George Orwell | 9 | 9-12 | Fable | ⌚ | Justice/Freedom vs. Dictatorship |
| 2. <i>The Chosen</i> , Chaim Potok | 8 | 10+ | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/ Coming-of-age/Friendship |
| 3. <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> , Ray Bradbury | 7 | 9+ | SciFi | ⌚ 🔍 | Literacy/Technology/ Freedom vs. Dictatorship |
| 4. <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i> , Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston | 9 | 7-10 | Auto. | ➤ ⌚ | Social justice/Survival/ Family/Identity |
| 5. <i>I Am the Cheese</i> , Robert Cormier | 7 | 8-12 | Myst. | ⌚ | Family/ Mental health/ Corruption in government |
| 6. <i>The Killer Angels</i> , Michael Shaara | 7 | 10+ | Hist.F | ⌚ | Civil War |
| 7. <i>The Pearl</i> , John Steinbeck | 6 | 7-12 | Real.F | ➤ | Greed/Materialism/Social justice |
| 8. <i>The Pigman</i> , Paul Zindel | 7 | 9-12 | Real F | | Friendship/Responsibility/ Coming-of-age |
| 9. <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> , Charles Dickens | 10 | 10+ | Hist.F | ⌚ | French Revolution/Responsibility/ Choices/Friendship |
| 10. <i>Think Big: Unleashing Your Potential for Excellence</i> , Ben Carson | 9+ | 9+ | Essay | ➤ ⌚ | Success/ Overcoming adversity |
| 11. <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> , Harper Lee | 10 | 9+ | Hist.F | ⌚ | Social Justice/Racism/ Disabilities/Prejudice |

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VI. Titles for High School Classes *Catalog listings begin on page 52*

| Title & Author | Readability Level | Interest Level | Sub Genre | Subject Links | Topics/ Themes |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|---|
| 1. <i>Act Now, Apologize Later</i> , Adam Werbach | 10+ | 10+ | Essay | ⌚ | Environmentalism |
| 2. <i>Blue Skin of the Sea</i> , Graham Salisbury | 6 | 9+ | Real.F | ⌚➤ | Multicultural/ Identity/ Coming-of-age/Friendship |
| 3. <i>The Chocolate War</i> , Robert Cormier | 6.7 | 9-12 | Real.F | ⌚ | Peer Pressure/ Responsibility/ Choices |
| 4. <i>Flowers for Algernon</i> , Daniel Keyes | 7 | 9-12 | Sci.F | ⌚🔑 | Identity/ Scientific ethics/ Responsibility |
| 5. <i>Forged by Fire</i> , Sharon Draper | 5 | 9-12 | Real.F | ➤ | Multicultural/ Child abuse/ Addiction/ Overcoming adversity |
| 6. <i>The Friends</i> , Rosa Guy | 7 | 9-12 | Hist.F | ➤ | Multicultural/ Friendship/ Identity |
| 7. <i>The House on Mango Street</i> , Sandra Cisneros | 7 | 9+ | ShSt | ➤ | Multicultural/ Social justice/ Responsibility/ Freedom |
| 8. <i>In My Place</i> , Charlayne Hunter-Gault | 11 | 9+ | Auto. | ➤⌚ | Multicultural/ Civil rights/ Family/ Education |
| 9. <i>Julius Caesar</i> , William Shakespeare | 10 | 9+ | Hist.Dr | ⌚ | Choices/ Moral responsibility |
| 10. <i>The Jungle</i> , Upton Sinclair | 7 | 9+ | Hist.F | ⌚ | Social Justice/Capitalism vs. Socialism |
| 11. <i>Macbeth</i> , William Shakespeare | 9 | 9+ | Hist.Dr | ⌚ | Choices/ Moral responsibility/ Good vs. evil/ Freedom vs. determinism |
| 12. <i>Monster</i> , Walter Dean Myers | 5.1 | 9+ | Real.F | ➤⌚ | Choices/ Responsibility/ Social justice |
| 13. <i>Night</i> , Elie Wiesel | 10 | 9+ | Auto. | ➤⌚ | Good vs. evil/ The Holocaust |
| 14. <i>Somewhere in the Darkness</i> , Walter Dean Myers | 7 | 9-12 | Real.F | ➤ | Choices/ Responsibility/ Family |
| 15. <i>Sweet Summer</i> , Bebe Moore Campbell | 9 | 9+ | Auto. | ➤⌚ | Multicultural/ Family/ Identity |
| 16. <i>Whatever Happened to Justice?</i> Richard J. Maybury | 10 | 10+ | Essay | ⌚ | Law/ Government/ Freedom |
| 17. <i>Whatever Happened to Penny Candy?</i> R. J. Maybury | 10 | 10+ | Essay | ⌚ | Economics |

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* indicates titles also available in Spanish (see pages 14 and 51)

§ indicates titles for which Bully-Prevention Versions also exist (see page 47)

VI. Titles Available in Spanish

Catalog listings on page 56

| Title & Author | Readability Level | Interest Level | Sub Genre | Subject Links | Topics/ Themes |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-----------|---------------|--|
| 1. <i>Cuando Era Puertorriqueña (When I Was Puerto Rican)</i> , Esmeralda Santiago | 7 | 7+ | Auto. | ➤ | Multicultural/Identity/Family |
| 2. <i>Harry Potter y La Camara Secreta (Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets)</i> , J.K. Rowling | 5.5 | 5+ | Fant. | | Friendship/Good vs. evil |
| 3. <i>Harry Potter y La Piedra Filosofal (Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone)</i> , J.K. Rowling | 5.2 | 5+ | Fant. | | Friendship/ Facing one's fears |
| 4. <i>Harry Potter y La Prisionero de Azkaban (Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban)</i> , J.K. Rowling | 5.2 | 5+ | Fant. | | Friendship/ Good vs. evil |
| 5. <i>La Casa en Mango Street (The House on Mango Street)</i> , Sandra Cisneros (high school) | 7 | 9+ | Sh.St. | ➤ | Multicultural/ Social justice/ Responsibility/ Freedom |

Part I.

Partner Discussion Guides for Non-Fiction

The Acorn People by Ron Jones (Bantam Edition, 1977). First-person account of a challenging but rewarding experience as a counselor at a summer camp for young people with disabilities. 80 pages. Two Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 7+**

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P07-JONSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$45.00

P07-JONSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$25.00

Amos Fortune: Free Man, by Elizabeth Yates (Puffin Books, 1989). The fictionalized biography of an African prince, enslaved in 1725, who became a skillful tanner and eventually obtained his freedom, becoming a prosperous tradesman and benefactor. 181 pages, Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 5+ IL 5-8**

P07-YATTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-YATSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$75.00

P07-YATSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$35.00

P07-YATUT Set of 35 Student Unit Tests with Teacher Instructions and Answer Key \$40.00

Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl (Bantam Edition, 1993). The classic diary of a thirteen-year-old Jewish girl hiding from the Nazis in a secret attic apartment in Amsterdam for two years of deprivation, hope, and fear reveals her quick mind, independent spirit, and courage. 283 pages. Six Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 8 IL 7+**

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At Her Majesty's Request: An African Princess in Victorian England by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic Inc., 1999). The biography of an

African princess who became the protégée of Queen Victoria, who placed her in a family and provided for her education. She returned to Africa as the wife of an African missionary businessman and became a teacher and mother. 140 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 5 IL 5-7**

P07-MYE2TE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-MYE2SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

P07-MYE2SC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

Ben Carson by Ben Carson, M.D., with Cecil Murphey and Nathan Aaseng, (Zondervan: Today's Heroes Series, 1992). The true story of the young man from inner city Detroit who has become one of the most highly acclaimed neurosurgeons in the world thanks to his mother's tough discipline and persistent, self-sacrificing faith. 112 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **(book is out of print) RL 5 IL 5-12**

P07-CAR3TE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-CAR3SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

P07-CAR3SC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

P07-CAR3UT Set of 35 Student Unit Tests with Teacher Instructions and Answer Key \$40.00

The Double Life of Pocahontas, by Jean Fritz (Puffin Books Edition, 1987). A biography that relates the founding of Jamestown and the conflict between the English and Native Americans, focusing on the tragic consequences of this conflict in Pocahontas' life. It depicts other colonial and Native American leaders (Captain John Smith, Powhatan, and John Rolfe) as well. 85 pages. Two Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 6 IL 5-9**

P07-FRITE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-FRISNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$45.00

P07-FRISC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$25.00

Frederick Douglass Fights for Freedom by Margaret Davidson (Scholastic, 1989; limited availability). Douglass' biography of his experiences as a slave, his escape as a young man, and his rise to prominence as a speaker and writer for the rights of African Americans until his death in 1895. 80 pages. Six Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 5 IL 5-8**

P07-DAVTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-DAVSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

P07-DAVSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

Freedom Train: The Story of Harriet Tubman by Dorothy Sterling (Scholastic Biography Edition, 1959). The exciting story of the African-American "Moses" born into slavery who escaped and later led hundreds of people to freedom via the Underground Railroad, then worked for the Union Army during the Civil War. 191 pages. Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 6 IL 6-9**

P07-STETE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-STESNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$75.00

P07-STESC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$35.00

Freedom's Children by Ellen Levine (Avon Books: Avon Flare, 1994). First-hand oral history accounts of young people involved in the civil rights movement from 1955 through 1965: the bus boycott, school desegregation, sit-ins, Freedom Riders, and voter registration. Includes preface, introductions, explanatory notes, photographs, epilogue, selective chronology, annotated list of contributors, glossary, and index. 191 pages. Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 7+**

P07-LEVTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-LEVSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$75.00

P07-LEVSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$35.00

The Invisible Thread by Yoshiko Uchida (Beech Tree Edition, 1995). Autobiographical account of coming of age as a Japanese-American in an American internment camp in the 1940s. Uchida and her family respond to this ordeal with resourcefulness, determination, and patriotism. 133 pages. Five Partner Discussion Guides **RL 5 IL 6+**

P07-UCHTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-UCHSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$90.00

P07-UCHSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$40.00

It Came from Ohio: My Life as a Writer by R. L. Stine (Scholastic Edition, 1997). Humorous autobiography describing the author's early love for writing and storytelling, and his fascination with scary movies and books. Includes writing tips for his young readers. 140 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 4.5 IL 5-8**

P07-STITE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-STISNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

P07-STISC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

Leon's Story by Leon Walter Tillage (Douglas & McIntyre Ltd., 1998). Autobiography of an African American born in North Carolina in 1936, relating the poverty, lack of opportunity, and everyday racial discrimination common during the 1940s and 50s, as well as African-American initiatives in the 1950s to improve this situation, and Tillage's own involvement. 101 pages. Two Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 4.8 IL 5-7**

P07-TILTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-TILSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$45.00

P07-TILSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$25.00

One More River to Cross: The Stories of Twelve Black Americans by Jim Haskins (Scholastic, Inc, 1992). Short biographies (about twenty pages each) of twelve African Americans: Crispus Attucks, Madam C. J. Walker, Matthew Henson, Marian Anderson, Ralph Bunche, Charles R. Drew, Fannie Lou Hamer, Eddie Robinson, Shirley Chisholm, Malcolm X, and Ronald McNair. Teachers may select biographies they wish to use. 200 pages. Twelve Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 4 IL 4-8**

P07-HASTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$15.00

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P07-HASSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$75.00

Storm Trackers, by Katacha Díaz (Rigby, 1997). True story of third-graders in a northern Virginia school who man a rooftop weather station, learn about hurricanes, and create an in-class hurricane simulation. 24 pages. One Partner Discussion Guide. **RL 3 IL 3-6**

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P07-DIASNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$30.00

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Undying Glory by Clinton Cox (Scholastic Inc., 1992). Non-fiction account of the 54th Massachusetts "Glory" Regiment in the Civil War, the first regiment of African-American armed soldiers. Despite a disastrous initial setback and multiple injustices, the raw courage and noble character of the men of the 54th astonished white Americans, paved the way for other African-American troops in the war, and proved that slavery was not a "natural" condition for black people. 153 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 6+ IL 6-9**

P07-COXTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-COXSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

P07-COXSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

Warriors Don't Cry by Melba Patillo Beals (Abridged edition, Pocket Books Archway Paperbacks, 1995). Memoir of the author's participation as one of nine African-American students in the integration of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1957-58. Despite constant fear, isolation, ridicule, threats, and even physical attacks, the eight students completed their year. **Teacher's Note:** Dialogue includes racial epithets typical of the time period. 226 pages, Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 6 IL 6+**

P07-BEA2T Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-BEA2SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$75.00

P07-BEA2SC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$35.00

What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin? by Jean Fritz (Paperstar Books, Penguin Putnam, 1996). A casual, often humorous biography of the runaway printer's apprentice who became a successful printer. His zest for learning and commitment to new ideas led him to establish a hospital, university, library, and fire department. Electrical experiments made him world-famous; he helped write the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and brought France into the American Revolution. 48 pages. Two Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 4 IL 3-6**

P07-FRI2TE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-FRI2SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$45.00

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When I Was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago (First Vintage Books Edition, 1994). Memoir of the author's turbulent childhood in Puerto Rico and her

move to New York as the eldest of many siblings. The family's poverty and the insecurities resulting from her parents' troubled relationship reveal both the strengths and weaknesses of her family and culture. Themes include women's issues, cultural heritage, religion, and sexual awareness. **Teacher's Note:** Sexual and emotional content of this novel may be more appropriate for older students. 270 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 7+**

P07-SANTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-SANSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

P07-SANSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

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Part II.

Partner Discussion Guides for Short Stories, Poetry, and Mythology

America Street: A Multicultural Anthology of Stories edited by Ann Mazer (Persea Books, 1993). Anthology of short coming-of-age stories about young people in America whose diverse cultural backgrounds include Native American, Asian, African, Latino, Jewish, Arab and European. Partner Discussion Guides are non-sequential; teachers may determine which stories they wish students to study. 146 pages. Fourteen brief Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 5 IL 5+**

P07-MAZTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$15.00

P07-MAZSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$150.00

P07-MAZSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$80.00

American Dragons edited by Laurence Yep (First Harper Trophy Edition, 1995). Collection of short stories and poems by Asian Americans that address multicultural issues. Topics include identity, cultural and generational conflicts, relationships between children and parents or grandparents, cultural heritage, and the suffering of Japanese Americans during World War II. 236 pages. Twenty-three brief Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 7+**

P07-YEP2TE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$15.00

P07-YEP2SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$230.00

P07-YEP2SC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$125.00

Baseball in April by Gary Soto (Harcourt, 1990) includes eleven short stories about young Latino characters coming of age in Fresno, California. Many of the stories address characters' relationships with others, especially parents and people of the opposite sex. Many also address characters' searches for identity and their need for acceptance and confidence. 107 pages. Eleven Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 5 IL 4-9**

P07-SOT3TE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-SOT3SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$125.00

P07-SOT3SC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$55.00

Beowulf, A New Telling by Robert Nye (Bantam Doubleday Dell Edition, 1968). In this narrative version of the seventh-century epic poem, the peace-loving beekeeper Beowulf becomes king after he defeats the flesh-eating monster Grendel and his powerful, vengeful mother. 94 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 4.8 IL 3-7**

- P07-NYETE** Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00
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The Ear, the Eye, and the Arm by Nancy Farmer (Puffin Books Edition, 1994). In the year 2184, three siblings living in Harare, Zimbabwe, manage to escape the heavy security of their father's compound and slip into the bustling city, where they are kidnapped and taken on what becomes a terrifying nightmare. After a complicated, lengthy pursuit by three eccentric detectives called Eye, Ear, and Arm, the children and detectives escape danger and destroy a powerful criminal gang called the Masks. **Teacher's Note:** Although this is essentially a science fiction-adventure story, some parents may object to its supernatural content and brief profanity. Please read the book before assigning it to determine its suitability. 301 pages. Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 6 IL 7+**

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The Glory Field by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic, 1994). The saga of an African-American family, portraying members of different generations at critical moments. Lizzy, a slave girl, offers a drink to a captured runaway at the risk of her own life, then joins him in his escape. In 1900, Elijah courageously saves a wealthy white neighbor's child, earning the reward to pay taxes on the farm, but leaves his home to escape the fury of white neighbors. Later, her dreams of college thwarted, his daughter Luvenia becomes an entrepreneur instead. High school athlete Tommy renounces a scholarship in order to support the civil rights movement. Finally, in 1994, fifteen-year-old Malcolm suffers shame and discomfort to rescue his crack-addicted cousin Shep. **Teachers' Note:** *Dialogue in the book is realistic, including*

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Holes by Louis Sachar (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1998). Stanley Yelnats is unjustly sentenced to a desert detention camp where boys constantly dig holes in the desert – not to build character, but because the sinister Warden is looking for a buried treasure linked to a century-old tragedy. Stanley and fellow camper Zero must flee the camp to unravel the story's mysteries, unearth the treasure, and return home. 233 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 5.8 IL 5+**

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Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer (Puffin Books, 2000). Hope, a sixteen-year-old waitress, and her Aunt Addie leave their Brooklyn home for a diner in rural Wisconsin whose leukemia-stricken owner, G.T. Stoops, is running for mayor against the corrupt incumbent. As Hope and her friends become grassroots activists against the odds, she also faces the reality of her derelict mother, Deena, and her absent father. 186 pages. Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 5 IL 6+**

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Journey to the New World: My Diary of 1848 by Susan Brocker (Shortland Publications, 1999). The fictional account of fourteen-year-old Hannah's journey from Ireland to America along with 350 other steerage passengers. Harsh conditions on board and an outbreak of disease heighten tensions between steerage passengers, wealthier travelers, and callous crew members. Hannah's courage and compassion, and the kindness of a young deck hand named Tom, help the travelers put aside their differences and arrive safely in port. 60 pages. Two Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 6.0 IL 6-8**

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P07-SPI5SNC-BP 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

P07-SPI5SC-BP Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

Part V.

Challenging Titles for High School and High-Performing Middle Grade Classes

Animal Farm by George Orwell (Signet Classic, 1996). In this classic political satire, the farm animals' revolution is an allegory showing the corrupting effects of power in the hands of an ideological few, based on the communist revolution in Russia and its tragic aftermath. After the animals overthrow their abusive owner, the pigs, natural leaders, become dictators under whose rule the animals are exploited more than ever, their dream of freedom and equality crushed by the lure of power and wealth. 139 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 9 IL 9-12**

P07-ORWTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-ORWSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

P07-ORWSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

The Chosen by Chaim Potok (Ballantine Books Edition, 1982). Reuven, an Orthodox Jew, and Danny, a Hasidic Jew, meet on a baseball field in Brooklyn and become fierce rivals whose desire to win culminates in near tragedy. Yet, the two boys eventually develop a friendship that will bring them both intense joy and pain as they pursue their goals and rewrite their destinies. 271 pages. Six Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 8 IL 10+**

P07-POTTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-POTSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$100.00

P07-POTSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$45.00

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury (Ballantine Books, 1991). A science fiction novel about a high tech society where books are banned in favor of room-sized televisions, and firemen start fires rather than stop them. Fireman Montag begins to

search for answers in long-forbidden volumes, resisting arrest and killing the fire chief when the crew arrives to burn his books. After a desperate police chase, he escapes to the country, where a group of like-minded renegades carefully commit entire books to memory. 179 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 9+**

P07-BRATE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-BRASNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

P07-BRASC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston (Holt, Rinehart and Winston, 1998) chronicles the author's internment with her family during World War II in a camp for Japanese Americans, who were suspected of treason and other war crimes following Pearl Harbor. The author takes a critical look at the pain and shame her family suffers. Five Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 9 IL 7-10**

P07-HOUTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-HOUSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$90.00

P07-HOUCS Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$40.00

I Am the Cheese by Robert Cormier (Random House: Dell Laurel Leaf, 1991). In this challenging novel, teenage Adam's first person account of riding a bicycle from Massachusetts to Vermont alternates with interview transcripts apparently aimed at helping a subject recover lost memories of a mysterious and terrifying family secret. Readers eventually discover that Adam's parents were involved in a witness prevention program prior to their assassination and Adam's

confinement in a mental facility. 214 pages. Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 8-12**

P07-COR2TE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-COR2SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$75.00

P07-COR2SC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$35.00

The Killer Angels by Michael Shaara (Ballantine Books, 1996). Pulitzer-prize winning historical fiction about the momentous battle of Gettysburg, where over 43,000 men were killed or wounded in three days. Told from the points of view of Robert E. Lee, Chamberlain, Longstreet, and other important historical figures. 355 pages. Seven Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 10+ IL 7+**

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P07-SHA3SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$100.00

P07-SHA3SC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$45.00

The Pearl, by John Steinbeck (Penguin Books, 1992). When Kino, a poor Mexican fisherman, finds an enormous pearl, the Pearl of the World, he dreams of what it could buy – a church wedding, a harpoon, a rifle, schooling for his son – but others learn of Kino's good fortune, and he becomes defensive and suspicious. His wife Juana tries to return the pearl to the sea, but Kino grimly refuses. After he kills a would-be thief, the family must flee over the mountains, with tragic consequences. 90 pages. Two Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 6 IL 7-12**

P07-STE3TE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-STE3SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$45.00

P07-STE3SC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$25.00

The Pigman by Paul Zindel (Bantam Books, 1978). A phone prank puts John and Lorraine in contact with a sad old man named Mr. Pignati, whom they nickname "the Pigman." A friendship gradually develops, and when Mr. Pignati is hospitalized, John and Lorraine hold a party in his house that has unforeseen and heartbreaking consequences. 158 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 9-12**

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P07-ZIN2SC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens (Bantam Classic Edition, 1981). This intense, classic tale set during the French Revolution focuses on the complicated relationships linking the Manettes, a middle-class French family living as refugees in Britain, their friend Sydney Carton, and the Defarges, working-class revolutionaries actively involved in the Reign of Terror. 352 pages. Five Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 10 IL 10+**

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Think Big: Unleashing Your Potential for Excellence by Ben Carson (Harper Paperbacks, 1993). Dr. Ben Carson, the world-renowned neurosurgeon, explains his principles for success, using the acrostic "Think Big": Talent, Honesty, Insight, Nice, Knowledge, Books, In-depth knowledge, and God. Drawing on his own experience, Dr. Carson stresses the importance of doing one's best and making the world a better place for others, measuring success by service and the development of one's potential. 278 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 9+ IL 9+**

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P07-CAR2SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

P07-CAR2SC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee (Warner Books, 1982). A mysterious neighbor who is rumored to be a psychotic killer fascinates Scout Finch and her brother Jem, children of a respected Southern small-town lawyer in the 1930's. As the children pursue a cautious

relationship with the recluse, their father becomes involved in defending an African American wrongly accused of rape. When a real criminal attacks the children, their mysterious neighbor comes to their rescue. 281 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 10 IL 9+**

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Part V. Titles for High School Classes

Note to Teachers: The titles listed in this section vary widely in their reading level. However, the Talent Development Middle Grades Program considers them appropriate for use in high school classes because of their **content**. Some of these works contain **sexually explicit material** or **graphic portrayals of violence** not appropriate for study in middle grades classrooms. Others deal with **complex adult issues** that, while not offensive to middle grades students, can be much more profitably addressed by students with greater personal and intellectual maturity. As always, teachers are urged to read the works ahead of time in order to evaluate their appropriateness before selecting them for use in the classroom.

Act Now, Apologize Later by Adam Werbach (First Harper Perennial Edition, 1998). A plea by the youngest president of the Sierra Club for youth involvement in environmental issues. Werbach identifies what he considers causes of environmental harm and suggests remedies, using personal experiences and anecdotes to bolster his arguments. 307 pages, Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 10+ IL 10+**

P07-WERTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-WERSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$75.00

P07-WERSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$35.00

Blue Skin of the Sea by Graham Salisbury (Dell Yearling Book, 1997). Eleven first-person stories of Sonny Mendoza's coming of age in 1950s and 60s Hawaii, spanning his life from age 6 to 19. Sonny has lived with his aunt and uncle since his mother's death, but rejoins his

fisherman father at age six. Sonny's ongoing struggle to master his deep, desperate fear of the ocean forms a thread tying the stories together. Sonny also learns to deal with bullies, respond to peer pressure, make sense of the adult world, and forge a bond with his kind but often distant father. **Warning: Parts of this novel contain profanity and obscenities.** Questionable activities are related without critical comment or evaluation. 215 pages, Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 6 IL 9+**

P07-SALTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-SALSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$75.00

P07-SALSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$35.00

The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier (Harper Trophy Books, 1989). Jerry Renault and his friend Goober, freshmen at an elite private boys' school, are assigned elaborate, potentially

serious pranks by the Vigils, a powerful secret society. Jerry's ten-day non-compliance with the school's annual chocolate fund-raiser is tolerated only because it is a Vigils prank. When he later refuses the chocolates as a personal choice, school authorities and cynical, manipulative Vigils leader Archie use increasingly vicious forms of coercion to force his submission. Goober struggles to support Jerry against the evil forces of crowd violence and peer pressure. 263 pages. Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 6.7 IL 9-12**

P07-CORTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-CORSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$75.00

P07-CORSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$35.00

Flowers for Algernon by Daniel Keyes (Bantam Books, 1975). The first person account of Charlie Gordon, a mentally retarded man who undergoes an experimental procedure to enhance his intelligence. Reports reflect this intellectual progress and accompanying inner conflicts as Charlie outstrips the researchers and becomes aware of complex psychological and sexual tensions. These are soon overshadowed by the frightening realization that his intellectual gains are to be short-lived. The experiment's tragic failure raises ethical issues relevant today. **Warning:** This book contains sexually explicit content as well as profanity and obscenities. **Please read it before assigning it.** 216 pages, Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 9-12**

P07-KEYTE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-KEYSNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$75.00

P07-KEYSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$35.00

Forged by Fire by Sharon Draper (Aladdin Paperbacks, 1998). When nine-year-old Gerald's loving, stable Aunt Queen dies of a heart attack, he goes back to live with his abusive, neglectful mother and stepfather. Gerald and his half-sister

Angel become allies against their parents' mistreatment and manage to have Jordan, the stepfather, arrested. Through hard work and perseverance, they manage to make a life for themselves as hopeful young adults. **Warning:** This book graphically portrays physical and sexual child abuse, drug and alcohol addiction, and death. 156 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 5 IL 9-12**

P07-DRA2TE Teachers' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides \$10.00

P07-DRA2SNC 40 Copies of the Students' Edition of Partner Discussion Guides (Classroom Set of Non-Consumables) \$60.00

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The Friends, by Rosa Guy (Bantam Doubleday Dell, 1996). Fourteen-year-old Phyllisia, a West Indian girl in Harlem in the 1960s, is frightened by her classmates' hostility, estranged from her harsh father Calvin, and alarmed by her gentle mother's world of secret pain. Her only friend, Edith, has her own enormous challenges, and Phyllisia pushes her away. Faced with her mother's imminent death, Phyllisia later turns to Edith, whom Calvin rudely rebuffs. Soon Phyllisia and her sister are left alone with their father. The deaths of two of Edith's siblings show Phyllisia her selfishness. Learning that Calvin plans to send her back to the West Indies, she summons her courage to plead for a chance to remain available to her friend. 185 pages, Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 8-12**

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The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros (First Vintage Contemporaries Edition, 1991). A series of short vignettes of life on Mango Street, a poor Hispanic neighborhood in Chicago, told from the point of view of Esperanza, a discontented young girl on the brink of womanhood who gradually matures in her understanding and

her motivations. **Warning:** This book portrays sexual assault, suicide, prostitution, and numerous cases of physical abuse. 110 pages. Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 9+**

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P07-CISSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$30.00

In My Place by Charlayne Hunter-Gault (Random House Vintage Books, 1993). This memoir of the first African-American woman to attend the University of Georgia, including her childhood and life as a college student, focuses on the strength she received from her upbringing and culture to face the challenges of her role in the civil rights movement. Sources of her courage include confidence instilled by her family, faith in God cultivated by her church, and dedicated nurturing of the African-American educational community. 257 pages, Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 11 IL 9+**

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P07-HUNSC Consumables for 35 students (Classroom Set of Literature Tests and Vocabulary Tests) \$35.00

Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare (Arden Shakespeare, 1995; may be used with any edition of the play annotated for use at a high school level). A dramatic account of Caesar's assassination and its consequences in the lives of his friends and enemies. Roman leaders conspire to kill Caesar because they fear the loss of their freedom if he becomes king. Afterward, Caesar's ally Marc Antony, uses shrewd oratory skills to turn Roman citizens against the conspirators and incite a civil war. 130 pages; Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 10 IL 9+**

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The Jungle by Upton Sinclair (Bantam Classic Edition, 1981). The dramatic story of Jurgis Rudkis, a young Lithuanian immigrant who comes to Chicago in the early 1900s in search of the American dream, only to fall victim to the injustice and corruption rife in the meat packing industry at that time. Rudkis turns to a life of crime and despair before eventually finding hope in the socialist movement. 346 pages; Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 9+**

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Macbeth by William Shakespeare (Folger Shakespeare, 1992; may be used with any edition of the play annotated for use at a high school level). The fictional medieval tragedy of Macbeth, a Scottish nobleman who murders the king believing—because of an occult prophecy—that he is destined to ascend to the throne himself. As king, Macbeth falls into greater and greater depravity of character, even as his once-callous wife and co-conspirator commits suicide in an agony of remorse. Macbeth's seeming invincibility is short-lived; he learns too late that the prophecies are technically accurate but cruelly deceptive. 191 pages; Five Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 9 IL 9+**

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Monster by Walter Dean Myers (Harper Tempest, 1999). The first-person account of Steve Harmon, a sixteen year old on trial for felony murder, told through his journal and a film script he writes to tell his story. Readers must weigh the evidence presented at the trial as well as the objectivity and accuracy of Steve's account. 281 pages; Three Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 5.1 IL 9+**

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Night by Elie Wiesel (Bantam Books, 1982). The moving memoir of Wiesel's harrowing experiences as a sixteen-year-old Hungarian Jew in a Nazi concentration camp during World War II. 109 pages; Two Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 10 IL 9+**

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Somewhere in the Darkness by Walter Dean Myers (Scholastic, 1992) recounts the reunion of Crab, a father recently escaped from prison, with Jimmy, his long estranged son. As they travel across the country together, they come to realize that neither Crab's dream of clearing his name nor Jimmy's longing for a picture-book relationship with his father will be fulfilled. However, as each one learns to face his own failures, they come to a genuine affection and respect for one another before Crab dies of a serious illness. 168 pages; Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 7 IL 9-12**

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Sweet Summer by Bebe Moore Campbell (Ballantine Books, 1990) is the evocative memoir of a young girl's childhood divided between school years with her mother and grandmother in Philadelphia and much-awaited summers with her father in North Carolina. It is a tale of growing up female and African American in the 1950s and 60s and a tribute to Campbell's father, a flawed but fiercely courageous paraplegic, and to good fathers everywhere. **Warning:** Profanity and expletives occur frequently in this book; some sexual themes are also explored. 272 pages; Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 9 IL 9+**

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Whatever Happened to Justice? by Richard J. Maybury (Bluestocking Press, 1993). An accessible, well-written treatment of the origin of law and government from a libertarian point of view. Relationships between law and economics, freedom and democracy are addressed in a way that provides a thought-provoking spring-board for discussion. 236 pages; Four Partner Discussion Guides. **RL 10 IL 10+**

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Whatever Happened to Penny Candy? by Richard J. Maybury (Bluestocking Press, 1993) is an accessible introduction to economics at a high school level, written in the form of letters from Uncle Eric to his nephew Chris. Topics include the history of money, the business cycle,

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La Casa en Mango Street (The House on Mango Street) by Sandra Cisneros (**appropriate for high school classes**; summary on page 53) Five Partner Discussion Guides.

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