

QUARTER 5



CHARACTER BASED LITERACY

Quarter 5 theme and annotations

Courage Requires Fortitude

Courage is risk for a reason, not risk for a thrill; courage requires I moderate my impulses and emotions. Courage leads me to consider the heroic journey in which people live for purposes bigger than themselves and their wants and needs.

High School

Cycle II 2017-2018

Parrot in the Oven

Victor Martinez

Manny, fourteen years old, is confronted with an alcoholic father, friends involved in gangs, and a rough neighborhood. Manny struggles to make the right choices and to somehow belong. The novel contains mature and graphic situations. California author.

Under the Blood Red Sun

Graham Salisbury

This novel depicts 1941 Hawaii through the eyes of a thirteen-year-old Japanese American boy, Tomi Nakaji, as he struggles with the racism, violence, and hardship that arise when his father and grandfather are wrongfully arrested after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The language used in the book and the emotional intensity of the story aptly reflect the theme and setting.

Middle School

Cycle I 2017-2018

Bridge to Terabithia

Katherine Paterson

Jess and Leslie become special friends as they create a magical secret world that they call Terabithia. But when a tragic accident causes Leslie's death, Jess is forced to face life alone. This junior novel confronts many of the issues teens face and is great for literature circles. This selection depicts emotional intensity.

Parvana's Journey

Deborah Ellis

After her father's death, 13-year-old Parvana, disguised as a boy, wanders alone through war-torn Afghanistan looking for her mother and siblings. Early in her journey, Parvana comes across a baby, the only survivor in a bombed village. She takes him along, as both a burden and comforting company.

Beardance

Will Hobbs

In the sequel to Hobbs's Bearstone, Cloyd Atcitty returns to the high country with his rancher friend Walter. But whereas the elderly man is searching for a lost cache of Spanish gold, Cloyd is hoping to find a family of grizzly bears that has been sighted. The previous novel ended with Cloyd believing that he had failed to save what could have been the last of the Colorado grizzlies, and he clings to the belief that its mate and cubs may be alive. Eventually, his search for the bears and his commitment to their survival becomes a journey of self-discovery.



The Hobbit

J.R.R. Tolkien

In the land of Middle Earth - inhabited by dwarves, elves, goblins, dragons, and humans - Bilbo Baggins, the hobbit, encounters many adventures when he is persuaded to join a band of dwarves on an expedition to recover a stolen treasure hidden by a thieving dragon.