

Olentangy Local School District Literature Selection Review

Teacher: Megan Walker

School: OLMS

Book Title: One of Us Is Lying

Genre: Mystery

Author: Karen M. McManus

Pages: 368

Publisher: Delacorte Press

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In a brief rationale, please provide the following information relative to the book you would like added to the school's book collection for classroom use. You may attach additional pages as needed.

Book Summary and Summary Citation: (suggested resources include book flap summaries, review summaries from publisher, book vendors, etc.)

On Monday afternoon, five students at Bayview High walk into detention. Bronwyn, **the brain**, is Yale-bound and never breaks a rule. Addy, **the beauty**, is the picture-perfect homecoming princess. Nate, **the criminal**, is already on probation for dealing. Cooper, **the athlete**, is the all-star baseball pitcher. And Simon, **the outcast**, is the creator of Bayview High's notorious gossip app.

Only, Simon never makes it out of that classroom. Before the end of detention, Simon's dead. And according to investigators, his death wasn't an accident. On Monday, he died. But on Tuesday, he'd planned to post juicy reveals about all four of his high-profile classmates, which makes all four of them suspects in his murder. Or are they the perfect patsies for a killer who's still on the loose? Everyone has secrets, right? What really matters is how far you would go to protect them.

Provide an instructional rationale for the use of this title, including specific reference to the OLSD curriculum blueprints and/or State standards.

RL.8.1 Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as

inferences drawn from the text.

RL.8.2 Analyze literary text development.

a. Determine a theme of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to the characters, setting, and plot.

b. Incorporate a theme and its relationship to other story elements into an objective summary of the text.

RL.8.3 Analyze how particular lines

Include two professional review of this title: (a suggested list of resources for identifying professional reviews is shown below. Reviews may be "cut and pasted" (with citation) into the form or printed reviews may be attached to the form). Reviews should suggest an appropriate grade-level or grade-band.

Review #1

What a marvelous, delectable read! There was something so addictive about this book; it felt at times distinctly young adult while also having moments that felt so well done it was beyond the stereotype of what a teenage thriller tends to be. It's taken me 4 days just to collect my thoughts to the point that I can attempt writing a proper review, and I'm certain this will be one of the most talked about books in the YA genre this Spring/Summer season (Common Sense Media 2020).

Review #2

ONE OF US IS LYING opens with four students heading into detention, all thinking they don't deserve to be there. Before long, a fifth student -- Simon, who runs a popular gossip app called About That -- is dead in the classroom, and the four students are murder suspects. Not only were Bronwyn, Nate, Addy, and Cooper the only people in the room with Simon when he died, but they also all have devastating secrets Simon was close to publishing. As the story unfolds, it's possible the students have been framed, but they keep unraveling more of one another's secrets, leaving them all confused as to whom they can trust. They also learn Simon had plenty of enemies on campus, as he had wrecked many lives by posting students' darkest secrets and misdeeds. Romance, bullying, cliques, secret lives, cheating, and family issues entangle the four main characters as they try to figure out which of them did it or who would want to set them up for a murder conviction (GoodReads 2020)

What alternate text(s) could also fulfill the instructional requirements?

Title: The Westing Game

Author: Ellen Raskin

Title: And Then There Were None

Author: Agatha Christie

Title:

Author:

Document any potentially controversial content:

Parents need to know that Karen M. McManus' One of Us Is Lying is a murder mystery set in a high school. Four teens are suspects in the death of a classmate. They were in detention with the boy when he died, but no one saw anyone do anything to him. The mystery has many twists and turns, plus romance, social drama, and bullying of all types (verbal, physical, and online). Teen make-out sessions are described in detail.

Keeping in mind the age, academic level, and maturity of the intended reader, what is the suggested classroom use: (check all that apply)

Gifted/Accelerated

Regular

At Risk

GRADE LEVEL(S): 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Reading Level of this Title (if applicable):

Suggested Professional Literacy Review Sources:

School Library Journal

Horn Book

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates)

Library Journal

Book Links

Publisher's Weekly
Booklist
Kirkus Review
Wilson Library Catalog
English Journal (and other resources of the National Council of Teachers of English)
The Reading Teacher (International Reading Association)
Literature for Today's Young Adults

Signatures:

Teacher: _____ **Date:** _____

Department Head: _____ **Date:** _____

Building Administrator: _____ **Date:** _____

Curriculum Supervisor: _____ **Date:** _____