



OLETANGY SCHOOLS LITERATURE SELECTION REVIEW FORM DRAFT- 2022

LOCATION

Building(s): OBMS

Classes/Grade Level(s): 6th/ELA

ABOUT THE BOOK

Selection Title/Author: The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

Genre: fiction/mystery

Lexile Reading Level: 640

Total number of pages: 372

Book Summary (abbreviated, bulleted list or link to a book summary)

Avery Grambs has a plan for a better future: survive high school, win a scholarship, and get out. But her fortunes change in an instant when billionaire Tobias Hawthorne dies and leaves Avery virtually his entire fortune. The catch? Avery has no idea why -- or even who Tobias Hawthorne is.

To receive her inheritance, Avery must move into sprawling, secret passage-filled Hawthorne House, where every room bears the old man's touch -- and his love of puzzles, riddles, and codes. Unfortunately for Avery, Hawthorne House is also occupied by the family that Tobias Hawthorne just dispossessed. This includes the four Hawthorne grandsons: dangerous, magnetic, brilliant boys who grew up with every expectation that one day, they would inherit billions. Her apparent Grayson Hawthorne is convinced that Avery must be a conwoman, and he's determined to take her down. His brother, Jameson, views her as their grandfather's last hurrah: a twisted riddle, a puzzle to be solved. Caught in a world of wealth and privilege, with danger around every turn, Avery will have to play the game herself just to survive.

Potentially Objectionable Content (list all categories and at least one example, referenced with a page or chapter number)

Violence: A shooting leaves one character with a non-life-threatening injury from tree bark embedded in her skin. Pain is described and bleeding briefly mentioned. A woman is in a controlling, abusive relationship and appears with bruises and a black eye once.

Sex: A few kisses and romantic attraction

Drinking: After a painful injury, tea with a large dose of whiskey is given to a teen to calm her nerves. "Before handing me my tea, she laced it heavily- with whiskey" (pg 219).

Language: Mild swearing "That sick son of a bitch", Jameson cursed. (pg 315).

Book Reviews (2-3 links) Note: teacher is not responsible for broken links



Kirkus Review:

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/jennifer-lynn-barnes/inheritance-games/>

Common Sense Media:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/book-reviews/the-inheritance-games-book-1>

ABOUT THE CLASS

Rationale for the Literature Selection (In addition to standards): (To be completed by the teacher or team)

This book will be used for a genre study of mystery in which students will practice skills such as analyzing how the plot unfolds and how characters respond as the plot moves toward a resolution. (RL 6.3). Additionally, students will compare the text to several mystery short stories in terms of how the texts address the mystery topic. (RL 6.9)

The Ohio Department of Education ELA Standards (list priority standards *only* and abbreviations of the main ideas of the priority standards) [Link to Ohio's ELA Standards](#)


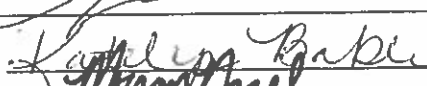
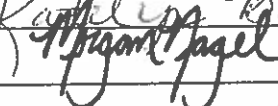

1. RL 6.3 Students will analyze how plot elements are connected and how the characters change or develop based on the episodes.
2. RL 6.9 Students will examine how texts in the mystery genre are similar in structure. Students will examine the similarities and differences in how the author chooses to develop the mystery.

ALTERNATIVE TEXTS

What alternative texts would allow students to meet the same objectives? (Title/author)

1. The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle by Avi
2. Dovey Coe by Frances O'Roark Dowell

SIGNATURES (embedded jpegs of authentic signatures are fine OR download/print form and obtain traditional signatures)

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