



## OLETANGY SCHOOLS LITERATURE SELECTION REVIEW FORM DRAFT- 2022

### LOCATION

Building(s): OBMS

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

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Selection Title/Author: Theodore Boone - Kid Lawyer by John Grisham

Genre: fiction/mystery

Lexile Reading Level: 790

Total number of pages: 263

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

A perfect murder...a faceless witness...a lone courtroom champion knows the whole truth....and he's only 13 years old.

Meet Theodore Boone. In the small city of Strattenburg, there are many lawyers, and though he's only 13, Theo Boone thinks he's one of them. Theo knows every judge, policeman, court clerk - and a lot about the law. He dreams of being a great trial lawyer, of a life in the courtroom.

But Theo finds himself in court much sooner than expected. Because he knows so much - maybe too much - he is suddenly dragged into the middle of a sensational murder trial. A cold-blooded killer is about to go free, and only Theo knows the truth. The stakes are high, but Theo won't stop until justice is served.

Brimming with the intrigue and suspense that made John Grisham a number-one international best-seller and the undisputed master of the legal thriller, *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* will keep listeners guessing.

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

**NONE**

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

*Kirkus Review:*



<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/john-grisham/theodore-boone-kid-lawyer/>

Common Sense Media:

<https://www.common Sense Media.org/book-reviews/theodore-boone-kid-lawyer>

## 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](#)

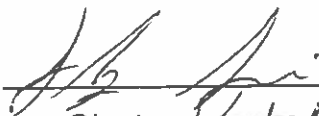

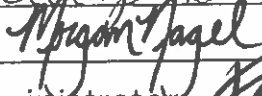

1. RL 6.3 Students will analyze how plot elements are connected and how the characters change or develop based on the episodes.
2. RL 6.9 Students will examine how texts in the mystery genre are similar in structure. Students will examine the similarities and differences in how the author chooses to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

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

Teacher:  Date: 3/8/22  
Department Chair:  Date: 3/8/22  
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District Curriculum Administrator:  Date: 3/14/22