

OLETANGY SCHOOLS LITERATURE SELECTION REVIEW FORM

LOCATION

Building(s): OHMS

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

ABOUT THE BOOK

Selection Title: The Seventh Most Important Thing

Author: Shelley Pearsall

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Lexile Reading Level: 760L

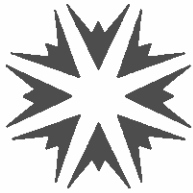
Total number of pages: 278

<p>Book Summary (abbreviated, bulleted list)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arthur T. Owens hurls a brick at a trash picker, and it hits him in the arm. The judge wants to send him to juvenile detention, but the junkman himself offers an alternative: 120 hours of community service...working for him!- Arthur is given a rickety shopping cart and a list of the "Seven Most Important Things". But it isn't long before Arthur realizes there's more to the junkman than meets the eye, and the "trash" he's collecting is being transformed into something more precious than anyone could possibly have imagined.	<p>Potentially Objectionable Content (list all categories and at least one example, referenced with a page or chapter number)</p> <p>Violence- few examples showing minimal violence (p. 1) -Arthur Owens throws a brick at another character Mr. James Hampton .</p> <p>Trauma- Few examples of trauma- Arthur's dad died in a motorcycle accident three months earlier.(p. 148) -Loss/death of a parent and friend (Mr. Hampton dies of cancer) starting on p147</p> <p>Alcohol/ Drugs-One example- Chapter 32 Arthur dreams of going around town collecting empty beer bottles to save his father's life. (Dad had a drinking problem) Nothing explicit is mentioned.</p> <p>Religion- One brief conversation about heaven and hell. Chapter 30</p>
--	--

Book Reviews (2-3 links):

Kirkus

Penguin Random House



ABOUT THE CLASS

Rationale for the Literature Selection (in addition to standards): This realistic fiction novel, *The Seventh Most Important Thing*, will be used at the beginning of the year as an anchor novel. This is a high quality choice as it includes highly developed characters, plot events, and includes many important themes such as: One man's treasure is another man's treasure, people aren't always who they seem, the seven important things are catalysts for growth, as well as dealing with grief, loss, redemption, and friendship. . Additionally, Pearsall set *The Seventh Most Important Thing* during the American Civil Rights movement which promotes rich discussion and opportunities for close readings of nonfiction reading selections.

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

RL.6.2b Incorporate a theme and story details into an objective summary of the text.

RL.6.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text; provide a summary

RL.6.3 Plot development.

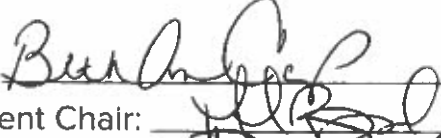
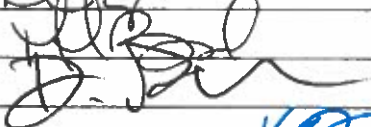


RL.6.6 Explain how an author uses the point of view to develop the perspective

ALTERNATIVE TEXTS

What alternative texts would allow students to meet the same objectives?

1. *Crash Jerry Spinelli*
2. *Freak the Mighty Rodman Philbrick*

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

Teacher:  Date: 8/22/22
Department Chair:  Date: 8/22/22
Building Principal:  Date: 8/22/22
District Curriculum Administrator:  Date: 8/24/22