

OLENTANGY SCHOOLS LITERATURE SELECTION REVIEW FORM DRAFT- 2022

LOCATION

Building(s): JOHS

Classes/Grade Level(s): Honors 10 CP 10

ABOUT THE BOOK

Selection Title: The Secret Life of Bees

Author: Sue Monk Kidd

Genre: American Lit / Coming of Age / Survival / undertones of racism 1960's

Lexile Reading Level:

Total number of pages: 302 pgs

Book Summary (abbreviated, bulleted list)	Potentially Objectionable Content (list all categories and at least one example, referenced with a page or chapter number)
See "Quick Summary" on Parent permission slip	Themes of racism + trauma (entire novel) (death of mother) (abusive father)

"Rosaline" a black mother-figure experiences racism

Book Reviews (2-3 links):

ABOUT THE CLASS

Rationale for the Literature Selection (in addition to standards): (To be completed by the teacher or team) Identify and analyze direct / indirect characterization /

Themes / Motifs / Symbols / Foreshadowing / Juxtapositions /

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

1. All standards for Reading and writing about literary elements
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ALTERNATIVE TEXTS

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

Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury

We are going to be reading *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd ☺ College Prep 10 Honors

Task: Purchase the novel used/new/any edition by January first day back 2023

Have this permission slip signed and turned in on or before our day back if you are **NOT** allowed to read this novel. An alternative text will be available. (*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury).

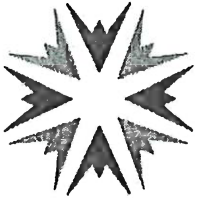
In Quarter 3, we will be reading *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd as a class. Each student needs to purchase their own copy so annotation skills/organization of themes and literary elements can be marked in the text for the future creation of a literary analysis and timed writings about the text. (Don't forget ½ Price Books, used copies in "fair" condition work as long as they are clear of any annotations) (Checking the novel out at the local library/using post-it notes to annotate will work too; please no audiobooks...we need to directly quote in text citations...audio makes it really difficult) If elements of this novel do not align with the ethics, morals, values of the student/family, an alternate novel choice will be available and this permission slip turned in.

Quick summary: In 1964 South Carolina, 14-year-old Lily Own is haunted by the memory of her late mother. To escape her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father, T-Ray, Lily flees with Rosaleen, her caregiver and friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the intelligent and independent Boatwright sisters, Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of beekeeping.

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