

WHS Book Rationale

Title: *The Forever War*

Author: Dexter Filkins

- **Intended Audience**

English 10 and Honors English 10

- **Brief summary and educational significance**

This book is a winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award and A *New York Times* Book Review Best Book of the Year. The book is an account of America's conflict with Islam fundamentalism seen through the eyes of Dexter Filkins, a foreign correspondent with *The New York Times*. Through the book, the students see the rise of the Taliban, the aftermath of 9/11 and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

- **Purpose of teaching the work and how it will be used**

This book is non-fiction which aligns with the Common Core Standards, as well as the sophomore English curriculum, which is World Literature. Although non-fiction, it reads like a narrative so it will be easy for the students to read and follow. The students will get a firsthand account of life in America, Afghanistan and Iraq since the 1990's. This is a choice book for summer reading.

- **Potential problems**

War related issues.

- **Addressing potential problems**

We will discuss weapons and the destruction they can cause and talk about the particularly harrowing aspects of the book.