



Summer Reading 2024

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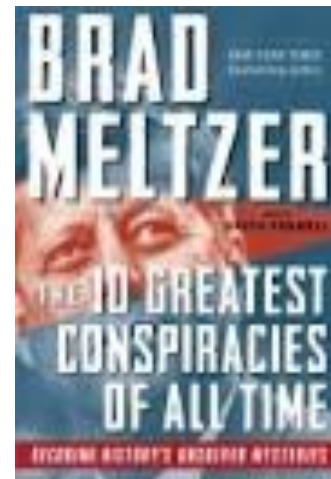
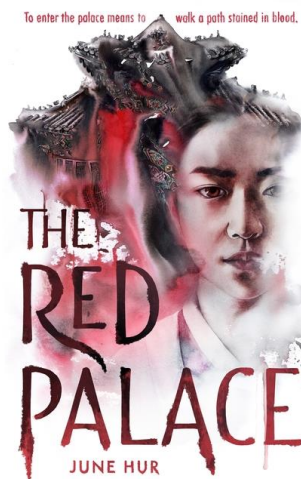
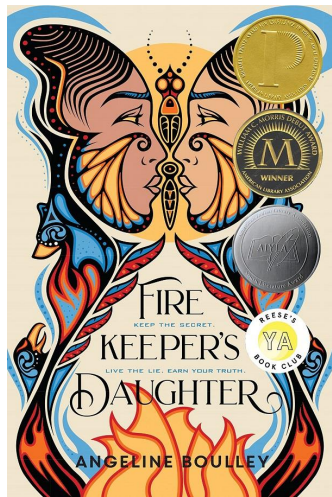


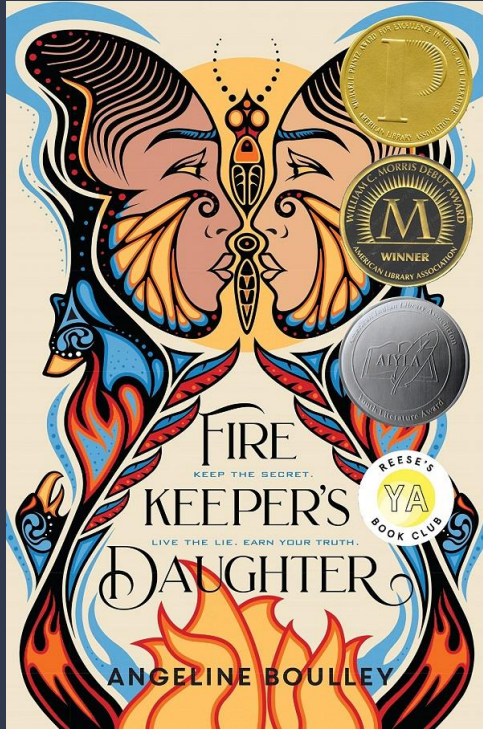
Theme: Mystery and Thriller

The intention of the theme MYSTERY AND THRILLER is to provide students and staff with an opportunity to captivate their imaginations. Delving into the realm of suspense and intrigue, students will embark on literary and non-fiction adventures challenging them to unravel intriguing plots, decipher clues, and grapple with the complexities of human nature. Through the pages of summer reading, staff and students will immerse themselves in the pursuit of uncovering truths hidden beneath layers of suspense. Join us as we embark on a journey into the unknown and embrace the irresistible allure of mystery and thriller.

Mystery and Thriller 2024 Summer Reading

- Select at least one book to read that focuses on the thematic concept of Mystery and Thriller
- Complete note-taking assignment
- Participate in group discussions in ELA classes in September
- Students in Honors/AP will read an additional assigned text





Fire Keeper's Daughter

By: Angeline Boulley

Published: 2021

Fiction

494 Pages

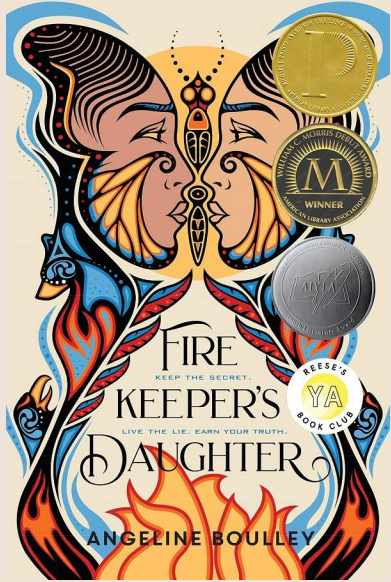
Indigenous Author

#1 NYTimes Best Seller

Michael L. Printz Medal Winner

William C. Morris Award Winner

Walter Dean Myers Award Winner



Overview:

Daunis Fontaine, a half-native, half-white young adult witnesses her friend's murder and becomes involved in an FBI investigation revolving around a new drug that is infiltrating the reservation and surrounding area. This book addresses difficult topics and violence.



Murder on the Orient Express: The Graphic Novel

By: Agatha Christie

Adapted and Illustrated by Bob Al-
Greene

Published: 2023

Fiction- Graphic Novel

276 pages

Male Illustrator/ Female Author



Overview:

Just after midnight, the famous Orient Express is stopped in its tracks by a snowdrift. By morning, passenger Samuel Edward Ratchett is dead, stabbed a dozen times. Everyone on board is a suspect. Isolated by the storm, detective Hercule Poirot must find the killer among a dozen of the dead man's enemies, before the murderer decides to strike again.



The Red Palace

By: June Hur

Published: 2022

Historical Fiction

321 Pages

Diverse Female Author



Overview:

Joseon (Korea), 1758. There are a few options available to illegitimate daughters in the capital city, but through hard work and determination, eighteen-year-old Hyeon has earned a position as a palace nurse. All she wants to do is keep her head down, do a good job, and with the approval of her estranged father.

Hyeon is suddenly in the middle of the dark world of court politics when four women are murdered in a single night. She is determined to prove the innocence of her mentor and teacher who is accused.



Stars and Smoke

By: Marie Lu

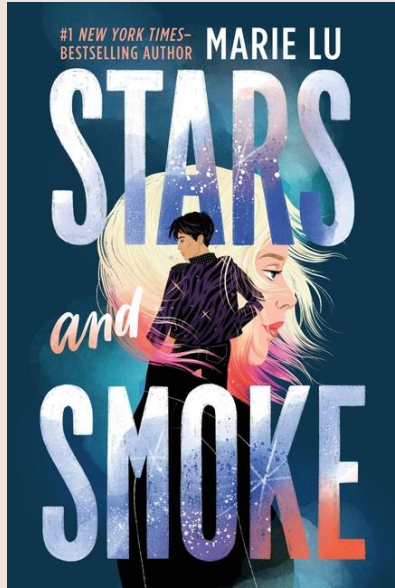
Published: 2023

Fiction

328 Pages

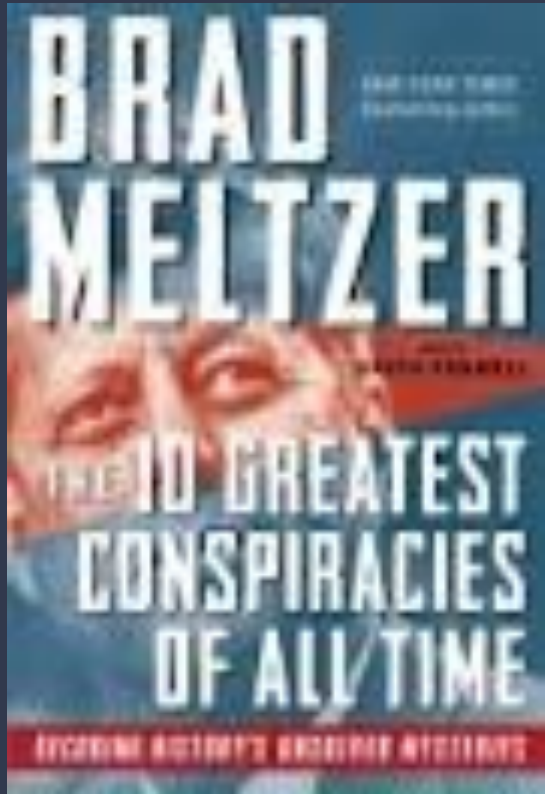
Diverse Female Author

Overview:



Background dancer, turned pop sensation, Winter Young is selling out stadiums around the world. Now he's moving into a whole new arena when an infamous criminal tycoon, Eli Morrison, hires Winter to put on a private concert for his daughter's nineteenth birthday.

Everything he thought he knew changes when a covert ops organization approaches Winter to join them with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to infiltrate the inner circle of Morrison to help bring him down.



The 10 Greatest Conspiracies of All Time: Decoding History's Unsolved Mysteries

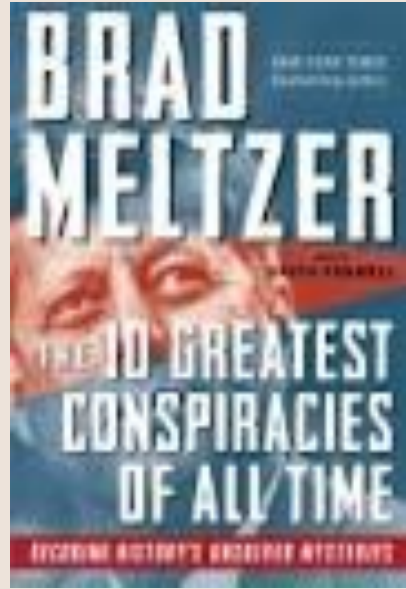
By: Brad Meltzer with Keith Ferrell

Published: 2013

Non-Fiction

213 Pages

Male Author



Overview:

Brad Meltzer, author of both fiction and nonfiction partners with fellow author Keith Ferrell to bring to light the world's top 10 most intriguing stories ranging from Leonardo da Vinci's stolen prophecy to the Kennedy Assassination. This text is adopted from Meltzer's show *Decoded*. It has rich text and illustrations that delve into unexplained questions that nag at history buffs and separates theories from what we know and possibly decodes the mystery with the most likely explanation... possibly.

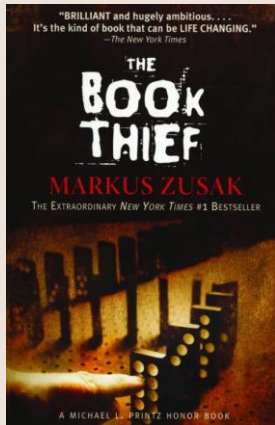
Requirements for Honors and AP

9th Grade H

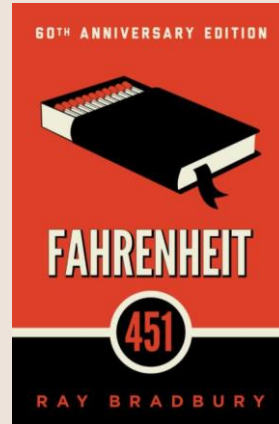
10th Grade H

11th Grade AP

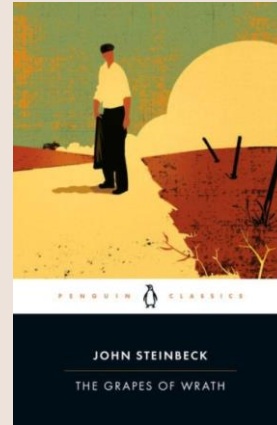
12th Grade AP



The Book Thief
By Markus Zusak



Fahrenheit 451
by Ray Bradbury



The Grapes of Wrath
by John Steinbeck



1984
by George Orwell

Summer Reading Assignment

Guiding questions- students will receive a set of guiding questions on the theme Mystery and Thriller

As they read they will be required to complete a note taking activity.

Choices:

1. **Two Column Notes:** students engage in a written dialogue with the text as they read. On the left column write the important text, on the right column reflect, analyze, explain how the text connects to the thematic questions.
2. **In text annotations:** take notes on post-it notes or in the margin, reflecting on how the text connects to the guiding questions.
3. **Outline:** create a structured outline focused on the theme and supported with textual evidence.
4. **Mind Mapping/ Sketchnotes:** create a visual representation of text, characters, plot episodes that connect to the guiding questions.



Middle School



Grade 6: Theme- Discovering Ourselves and Creating Community

CURRENT LIST- No Proposed Changes

The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Flipped by Wendelin Van Draanen

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson

When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson with Omar Mohamed

Grade 7: Theme- Life's Journey

CURRENT LIST- No Proposed Changes

The Boys in the Boat (Young Readers Adaptation) by
Daniel James Brown

Counting by 7s by Holly Goldberg Sloan

The Crossover by Kwame Alexander

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill

Refugee by Alan Gratz

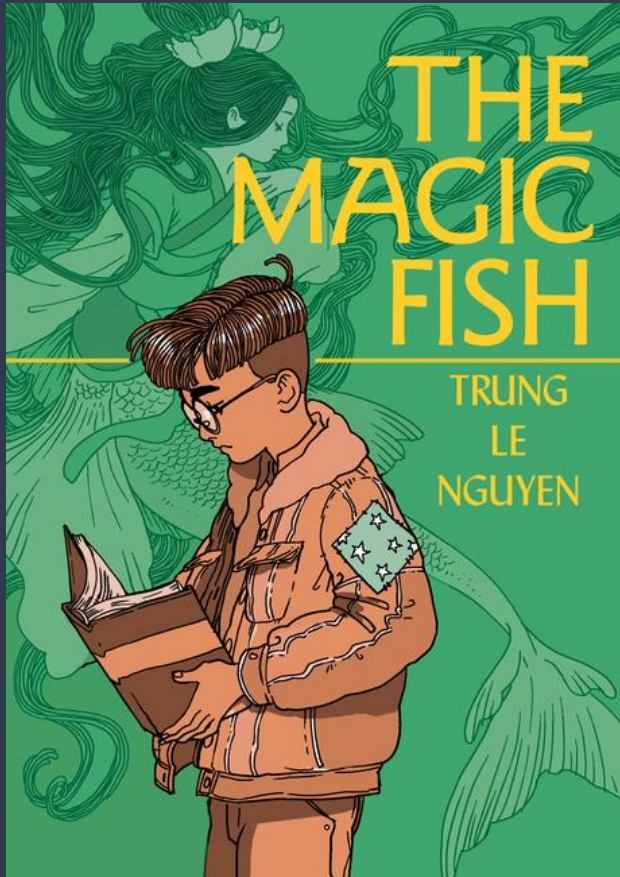
Grade 8: Theme - Resiliency

CURRENT LIST

Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Freak the Mighty by Rodman Philbrick
Running Dream by Wendelin Van Draanen
Hope Wins: A Collection of Inspiring Stories for Young Readers Edited by Rose Brock

PROPOSED CHANGE

Add:
The Magic Fish by Trung Le Nguyen



The Magic Fish

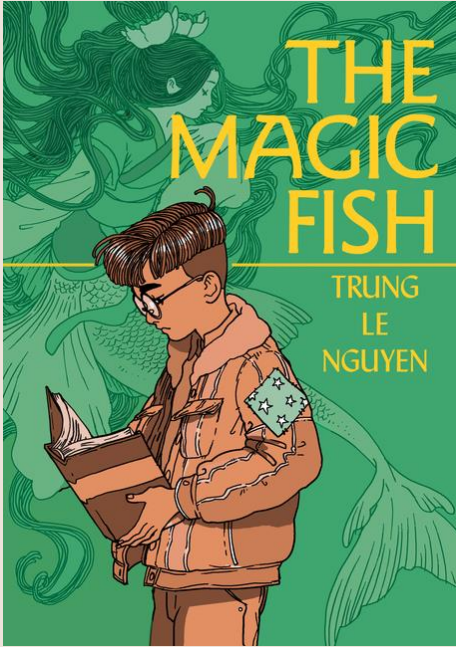
By: Trung Le Nguyen

Published: 2020

Graphic Novel

229 Pages

Diverse Male Author,
LGBTQIA+



Overview:

Tien is a Vietnamese teenager born to refugee parents who are still learning English; Tien is struggling to find the right words to use to come out to them.

Struggling with finding the right words and hoping that his parents will accept him, Tien uses fairy tales, a language that they all share. Using his favorite stories, friends, and family Tien navigates this coming of age story of acceptance.



Summer Reading Assignment Example

Directions: Consider how your grade level theme is exemplified through character, setting, and/or plot development as you read your book. Complete the double entry journal with textual evidence and reasoning.

Textual Evidence that exemplifies the theme.	Describe how the evidence in the text relates to the theme and explain why.
Example:	Example:



How can I get a copy of my summer reading?



Digital Copies will be available on SORA.

- Go to soraapp.com (or download the app on your phone)
- Select Cherry Hill Township Schools
- Sign in using your @chclc.org username and password
- Use the Explore tab on the bottom to search for a title
- All books are available on both e-book and audio with the exception of Brad Meltzer



AUDIOBOOK
Illustration

Books are also available through:
CHERRY HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY

www.chplnj.org

(856)667-0300

INKWOOD BOOKS, Haddonfield

<https://shop.inkwood.com/>

(856)429-1298

BARNES & NOBLE

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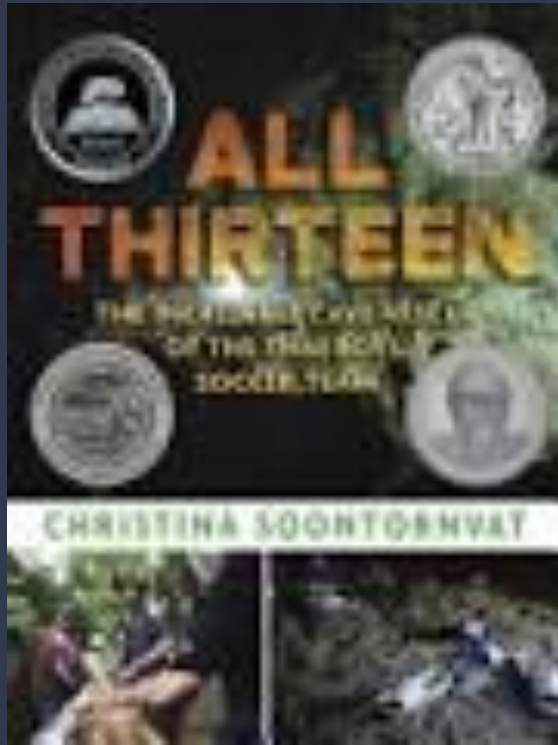
Additional
Books
for
Board Approval





Middle School





All Thirteen

By: Christina Soontornvat

Published: 2020

Non-Fiction

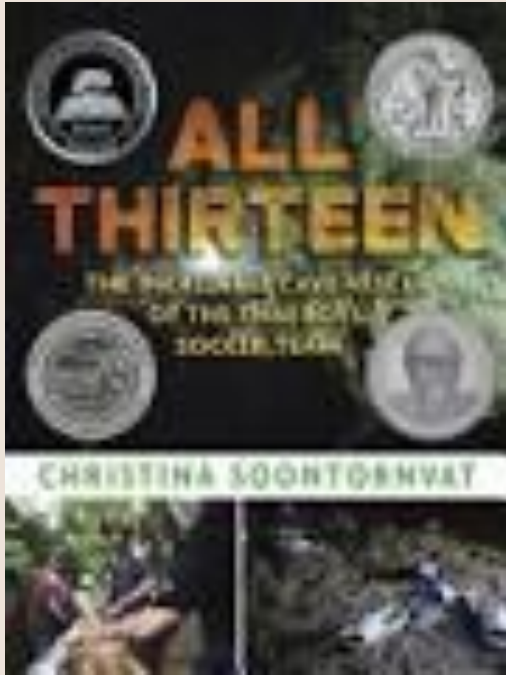
225 Pages

Diverse Female Author

Grade: 7

Theme: Life's Journey

Multidisciplinary Individual Learning Plan on Climate Change occurs midyear, this will be used as a companion piece.



Overview:

This is the incredible story of the Thai boys' soccer team cave rescue. The harrowing ordeal began on June 23, 2028 when the Wild Boars soccer team and their coach head into a local cave to explore. When they turn to leave rising floodwaters block their path and the boys are trapped. This riveting read shares how the world comes to action to save all thirteen.



High School





This is My America

By: Kim Johnson

Published: 2020

Fiction

398 Pages

Diverse Female Author

Grade 10

Theme: Power and Responsibility



Overview:

Tracy Beaumont, a high school student, writes a letter to Innocence X, every week asking for help for her father, an innocent black man on death row. She has less than a year to convince them to take his case and prove his innocence. One night changes everything and she needs their help even more than ever. This is a powerful story of racial injustice.

There will be a full critical literacy PD with 10th grade teachers before anybody will teach this text.

QUESTIONS?