OLENTANGY SCHOOLS LITERATURE SELECTION REVIEW FORM

LOCATION

Building(s): OSMS
Classes/Grade Level(s): 6th Grade

ABOUT THE BOOK

Selection Title/Author: Found by Margaret Peterson Haddix
Genre: Science Fiction
Lexile Reading Level: 750
Total number of pages: 336

Book Summary
One night a plane appeared out of nowhere, the only passengers aboard: thirty-six babies. As soon as they were taken off the plane, it vanished. Now, thirteen years later, two of those children are receiving sinister messages, and they begin to investigate their past. Their quest to discover where they really came from leads them to a conspiracy that reaches from the far past to the distant future—and will take them hurtling through time. In this exciting new series, bestselling author Margaret Peterson Haddix brings an element of suspense that will keep readers on the edge of their seats.

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

Violence

- To disarm their attackers and save a group of kids, an adult uses a taser on them before tying them up. Ch 28
- To try to explain time travel and what has happened to the group of kids, they are shown a video about the suffering in history- brief mention of atrocities like killings and beheadings in the video. Ch 30.

Romance/Dating

- Main character's friend is asking him about trying out for the basketball team and he says, "the basketball players get all the chicks". Ch 1
- References to the possibility of the main character's best friend having a crush on the main character's sister. Ch 1, 13, 15, 22.
- References to the "cute janitor boy" by main character's sister. Ch. 22.

Book Reviews (1-2 link(s)) *Note: teacher is not responsible for broken links*

From Kirkus Reviews:
Fans of Haddix's Shadow Children books will want to jump on this time-travel adventure, which



kicks off yet another series. The author grabs readers' attention from the first scene, in which a planeload of unaccompanied babies lands out of nowhere at an airport. Time passes; two of those babies, Jonah, now 13, and his best friend, Chip, receive similar strange letters of warning. They set out with Jonah's younger sister, Elizabeth, to find out what's going on. Mixing in some rather esoteric physics, the narrative plunges the children into a time-travel trap from which there seems to be no escape. This outing merely introduces well-delineated characters and sets up their dilemma, ending with a teaser for the next book in the series. Somewhat slow in this installment, but intriguing enough nonetheless to keep kids reading what promises to be an exciting trip through history. (Fiction. 10-14)

ABOUT THE CLASS

Rationale for the Literature Selection (in addition to standards): (To be completed by the teacher or team)
This book is being used in 6th grade ELA as part of an ELA book club on the science fiction genre. Students will read the novel and analyze the literature elements in preparation for a discussion with classmates. Once done, we will explore the characteristics of the science fiction genre and they will write their own science fiction short stories.

This book has been selected because of its excellent contribution to the science fiction genre. It is fast-paced and mysterious, so it will hold students' attention, and it is from a local Ohio author as well.

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

- RL.6.1 Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.
- RL.6.2 Analyze literary text development. B. Incorporate a theme and story details into an objective summary of the text.
- RL.6.3 Describe how a particular story's or drama's plot unfolds in a series of episodes as well as how the characters respond or change as the plot moves toward a resolution.

ALTERNATIVE TEXTS

What alternative texts would allow students to meet the same objectives?
1. Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix
2. The City of Ember by Jeanne DuPrau

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