

Incoming 6th Grade

Novel List

"Moving Target" (610L) Christina Diaz Gonzalez
"Amelia Earhart" (1,000L) Tanya Lee Stone
"Harriet Tubman: Conductor on The Underground Railroad" (1,000L) Ann Petry
"Terror at Bottle Creek" (650L) Watt Key
"The War That Saved My Life" (580L) Kimberly B. Bradely
"Framed" (680L) James Ponti
"One for The Murphys" (520L) Lynda Mullaly Hunt
"The Nerdy Dozen: Jack Strong Takes a Stand" (640L) Tommy Greenwald
"Slink: No Surrender" (770L) Carl Hiassen
"Twerp" (730L) Mark Goldblatt

Activity Choices

Create a poster-sized advertisement for the novel's upcoming movie release.

Create a timeline that includes major events in the story.

Create a multimedia project such as a book trailer using moviemaker software featuring the highlights of the story.

Write a detailed letter to the main character offering advice during the climax of the story.

Incoming 7th Grade

Novel List

"Chomp" (800L) Carl Hiaasen
"The Secret of Rover" (690L) Rachel Wildavsky
"A Wrinkle in Time" (740L) Madelaine L'Engle
"Omega City" (700L) Diana Peterfreund
"Counting By 7s" (770L) Holly Goldberg Sloan
"Freedom Walker: Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott" (1,110L) Russell Freedman
"Joan of Arc" (980L) Diane Stanley
"Shadows of Sherwood" (650L) Kekla Magoon
"The Girl Who Drank the Moon" (640L) Kelly Barnhill
"How to (Almost) Ruin Your Summer" (740L) Taryn Sounders

Activity Choices

Create a flipbook or pamphlet to identify all essential story elements.

Design a comic strip that represents the plot of the novel. Multimedia designs are acceptable.

Compile a list of 20 interview questions for the main character to answer and include likely responses this character would give.

Create a collage using words and pictures from magazines and/or newspapers that represents literary elements from your novel.

Create a book trailer featuring the highlights of the story.

Incoming 8th Grade

Novel List

"The Nest" (640L) Kenneth Oppel
"Randoms" (840L) David Liss
"The Girl in the Well was Me" (780L) Karen Rivers
"Courage for Beginners: It Ain't so Awful Falafel" (730L) Firoozeh Dumas
"Stung" (HL760L) Bethany Wiggins
"This Mark of a Dragonfly" (820L) Jaleigh Johnson
"The Outsiders" (750L) S. E. Hinton
"To Be a Slave" (1,080L) Julius Lester
"The Crossover" (750L) Kwame Alexander
"Seeing Red" (760L) Kathryn Erskine

Activity Choices

Construct a story map to illustrate the plot of your novel. The map should include the exposition, rising action, climax, and falling action/resolution. May use power point presentation.

Write a 5-day diary that the main character may have written. Use the main character's voice and include important literary elements and events from the novel.

Design a new book jacket for your novel. The jacket should be well illustrated and include a summary of important highlights that would peak the interest of a reader looking for a great novel.

Create a book trailer featuring the highlights of the story.