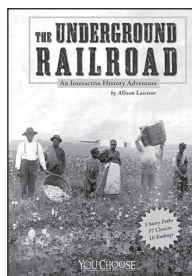


“Must Have” purchases for your school’s curriculum needs



Summary:

This new series of non-fiction narratives owes a lot to the old “Choose Your Own Adventure” books. Readers begin the text by learning some initial facts about the slavery movement and the Underground Railroad. Then they have the option of continuing the tale from the perspectives of a runaway slave, a slave catcher, or a person who is helping slaves travel to freedom on the “railroad.” Featuring historical photographs, maps, and diagrams, yet the size of a paperback novel, this is a great resource for reluctant readers, and an appealing tool to teach perspective, social justice, and critical literacy.



The Sword Thief (The 39 Clues #3)

Peter Lerangis
2009
9780545060431
www.the39clues.com

Sample Curriculum Links:

Intermediate Language Arts:
Reading
Junior Language Arts: Reading

Summary:

In this third of 10 books in the series, Amy and Dan are off to Tokyo, continuing their search for clues to find the mysterious treasure mentioned in the codicil to the late Grace Cahill’s will. With historical as well as fictional characters, an online game, real prizes and collector’s cards, not to mention some of the best children’s authors writing today, the series is a treasure for readers as well!



The Hunger Games

Suzanne Collins
2008
9780439023481
websites: <http://scholastic.com/thehungergames>
www.thehungergames.co.uk

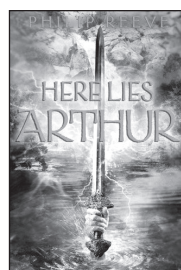
Sample Curriculum Links:

Grade 7 and 8 Media
Literacy
Grade 7 and 8 Reading
Grade 10 Civics

Summary:

Katniss Everdeen is the salvation of her family in the disaster-ravaged land that was once North America. Struggling day by day to provide food for her younger sister and widowed mother in their harsh post-apocalyptic world, Katniss feels she has no choice but to volunteer in her sister’s place when the younger Everdeen is selected for the Hunger Games.

The barbaric, to-the-death survival games, held annually and featuring randomly selected young people from the 12 districts, are televised as a lesson to all would-be rebels. When Katniss finds an acquaintance among the other “Tributes,” and begins to see how the viewing public can be manipulated, she realizes she just might stand a chance of surviving after all...



Here Lies Arthur

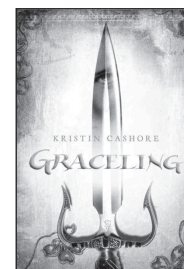
Philip Reeve
2008
9780545093347

Sample Curriculum Links:

Grades 9 and 10: English:
Reading and Literature
Studies
Intermediate Language Arts:
Reading

Summary:

In this beautifully written twist to the traditional Arthurian legends, a young servant girl named Gwyna is rescued by the minstrel Myrddin (Merlin) and kept in disguise as his servant, Gwyn. Through Gwyna’s eyes and her alternating roles as servant boy and, later, lady of the court, the reader experiences Arthur’s barbaric nature, his rise to power and Myrddin’s position as the ultimate spin-doctor, making it all possible.



Graceling

Kristen Cashore
2008
9780152063962

Sample Curriculum Links:

Intermediate Language Arts:
Reading
Grades 9 and 10: English:
Reading and Literature
Studies

Summary:

Katsa is one of the Gracelings – people born with mismatched eyes and particular gifts. In Katsa’s case, her Grace is killing... or so she believes. Forced to mete out punishment according to her arrogant uncle’s royal commands, Katsa has secretly begun to rebel. She and a trusted band of spies and court folk have started “the Council” behind her uncle’s back. When Katsa’s missions bring her into contact with another Graceling – Prince Po, whose skills at combat rival her own – Katsa realizes she can no longer continue doing her uncle’s dirty work. Soon she and Po are on a race for their lives – and what they discover on their journey has the power to destroy all they have ever known and loved. ■