

SUGGESTED BOOKLIST

In this lesson, students read and discuss realistic fiction that showcases a male protagonist who acts courageously and overcomes obstacles. Multiple copies of appropriate texts should be available for student selection. Suggested titles include:

The Broken Blade by William Durbin (Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers, 1997)

During the 1800s, a 13-year-old Canadian old boy, Pierre La Page, supports his family by transporting trade goods and furs along the Ottawa River System and the Great Lakes.

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis (Delacorte Press, 1999)

In 1936 Flint, Michigan, 10-year-old Bud Caldwell runs away from a foster home to find a family member.

The Crossing by Gary Paulsen (Random House, 1987)

Fourteen-year-old Manny Bustos risks his life as he embarks on a solo journey from Juarez, Mexico to El Paso, Texas. He deals with injustices as he strives for a better life in America.

Dave at Night by Gail Carson Levine (Scholastic, 1999)

Alone in the world, Dave Caros shows loyalty, compassion, and courage when he becomes a resident of Harlem's Hebrew Home for Boys in the 1920s.

Dogsong by Gary Paulsen (Penguin Books, 1985)

Proud of his Eskimo heritage, Russel Suskitt embarks on a dog-sled journey to explore the Alaskan wilderness.

Hank Zipzer: I Got a "D" in Salami by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver (Grosset & Dunlap, 2003)

Hank Zipzer struggles each day with learning disabilities that impede his academic progress. Told with humor, this text helps students find courage to overcome learning challenges and succeed in an academic environment.

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen (Simon & Schuster, 1987)

Thirteen-year-old Brian Robeson is the sole survivor of a plane crash in the Canadian wilderness. Brian develops self-reliance as he struggles to survive.

Hoot by Carl Hiaasen (Yearling, 2002)

New kid in town Roy Eberhardt strives to preserve the ecology of the Florida Everglades.

Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery by John Feinstein (Alfred A. Knopf, 2005)

Writing talent enables basketball fan Steven Thomas to win a Press Pass and all-access tickets to the NCAA Final Four Basketball Championship. Now he must summon courage to report injustices he sees during the games.

A Single Shard by Linda Sue Park (Clarion, 2001)

Set in 12th century Korea, *A Single Shard* tells the story of Tree-Ear, an orphaned teen who becomes an apprentice to the village's leading potter.

The Solid Gold Kid by Norma Fox Mazer and Harry Mazer (Bantam Books, 1977)

Sixteen-year-old Derek Chapman and his friends are kidnapped and held for ransom. Does Derek have the courage and intelligence to bring everyone to safety?

Stone Fox by John Reynolds Gardiner (Harper Collins, 1980)

Little Willy is determined to earn enough money to save the family's Wyoming farm.

Taking Sides by Gary Soto (Harcourt Paperbacks, 2003)

When he decides to play basketball for a new school, Hispanic-American student Lincoln Mendoza finds the courage to deal with cultural differences.

Touching Spirit Bear by Ben Mikaelson (Harper Collins, 2001)

Because he has broken the law, 15-year-old Cole Matthews is banished to a remote Alaskan village to serve his punishment.

Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (Doubleday Books, 1961)

Ten-year-old Billy finds the courage to leave his family to acquire and train a pair of hunting dogs in the Ozarks.