

QUARTER 2



CHARACTER BASED LITERACY

Quarter 2 theme and annotations

Change Requires Effort

Change is possible. Change requires three things; a vision, a plan, and effort. It requires changing bad habits to good habits. It requires effort even when we don't feel like working. It requires one step at a time.

High School

Cycle I 2016-2017

Holes

Louis Sachar

Young Stanley Yelnats is sent to a correctional boot camp for a crime he did not commit. Through a series of flashbacks and subplots, the reader solves the puzzle of Camp Green Lake. This young adult novel is useful for studying prediction, foreshadowing, and plot structure.

Fiction, English-Language Arts/Literary Elements, Mathematics, Science 6-8, 9-12

Nectar in a Sieve

Kamala Markandaya

The life of a simple peasant woman in a primitive village in India is told as her entire life becomes a gallant, persistent battle to care for those she loves.

Fiction, English-Language Arts/Writing

A Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens

"Bah Humbug!" Said Scrooge. With those famous words unfolds a tale that renews the joy and caring that are Christmas. This story reminds us with laughter and tears how the true Christmas spirit comes from giving with love.

Middle School

Cycle III 2016-2017

The Maze

Will Hobbs

Troubled teen Rick Walters breaks out of Blue Canyon Youth Detention Center and becomes a stowaway in a pickup truck headed into Utah's canyons. The pickup driver, Lon, oversees a condor-release project, and soon has Rick caring as much about the freedom of the birds as he does about his own. Connections may be made to science, ecology, and environmental issues.



Frindle

Andrew Clements

When he decides to turn his fifth-grade teacher's love of the dictionary around on her, clever Nick Allen invents a new word and begins a chain of events that quickly move beyond his control.

I am the Cheese

Robert Cormier

Imagine discovering that your whole life has been a fiction, your identity altered, and a new family history created. Suddenly nothing is as it once seemed; you can trust no one, maybe not even yourself.