

QUARTER 6



Quarter 6 theme and annotations

CHARACTER BASED LITERACY

Integrity Requires Wholeness

Integrity requires that the way I live my life is whole, entire, undivided, sound, coherent, and principled. Integrity moves me to do difficult and new things, not just easy and accustomed things.

High School

Cycle I 2016-2017

The Contender

Robert Lipsyte

Alfred Brooks is scared. He's a high-school dropout and his grocery store job is leading nowhere. His best friend is sinking further and further into drug addiction. So Alfred begins going to Donatelli's Gym, a boxing club in Harlem that has trained champions. There he learns that it's the effort, not the win, that makes the man.

The Joy Luck Club

Amy Tan

This California author depicts the contrasting worldview of women born in China who immigrated to the United States and their American-born daughters. As the story unfolds, the younger characters in the novel discover the importance of preserving their culture.

Fiction, English-Language Arts/Vocabulary, History/Social Science

Our Town

Thornton Wilder

Wilder's masterpiece is the classic play on Americana set in a New England town during the early twentieth century. Through simple dialogue and nostalgic touches, the play magically conveys a profound love story between George Gibbs and Emily Webb set against a rich study of citizens of a small town. Drama 9-12

Middle School

Cycle III 2016-2017

The Giver

Lois Lowry

Jonas lives in a seemingly utopian society. He is about to experience the Ceremony of Twelve to determine his role in life. Little does he know that he will discover the secret memories of his dystopian society. The story depicts human rights violations with mature themes and emotional intensity.



Lisa, Bright and Dark

John Neufeld

Lisa is smart, attractive, and seemingly successful, so her parents and teachers are unwilling to admit that she is struggling with a mental illness. She has "light" days when everything is normal and "dark" days that push her further into herself where no one can reach her. Lisa's friends listen to her and keep her from being consumed by the darkness that threatens to engulf her.

Goodbye, Vietnam

Gloria Whelan

When they realize that grandmother faces arrest in present-day Vietnam for following the old religion and practicing healing, the Vinh family decides to flee their small rice-growing village in the Mekong Delta and escape by sea to Hong-Kong.