

# QUARTER 1

## High School

### **Cycle I 2016-2017**

#### ***The Adventures of Ulysses***

Bernard Evslin

The mythological wanderings of Odysseus are recounted by the Greek epic poet, Homer (circa 550 BCE). English-Language Arts/Vocabulary, English-Language Arts/Writing, History/Social Science 9-12

#### ***The Grapes of Wrath***

John Steinbeck

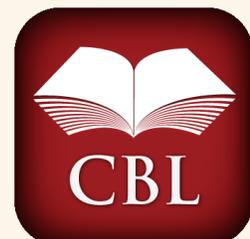
The hardships faced by migrant farmworkers who arrived in California during the Great Depression are depicted by this Nobel Prize-winning California author.

English-Language Arts/Writing, History/Social Science 9-12

#### ***Heaven***

Angela Johnson

When fourteen-year-old Marley discovers that her parents are not her birth-parents, her previously peaceful world is suddenly not what it seemed to be. This novel is useful for discussions about adoption.



Quarter 1 theme and annotations

## CHARACTER BASED LITERACY

### **Responsibility Requires Action**

Responsibility is the active side of morality: doing what I should do, doing what I said I would do, what is best for everybody; especially doing the one thing I should be doing right now.

## Middle School

### **Cycle III 2016-2017**

#### ***Lupita Mañana***

Patricia Beatty

To help her poverty-stricken family, thirteen-year-old Lupita enters California as an undocumented immigrant to work.

#### ***Freak the Mighty***

Roman Philbrick

A very unusual and special friendship develops between oversized, learning-disabled Max and his new friend Freak, a classmate whose birth defects have limited the growth of his body but not the power of his brain or his capacity to care about others. Together, they become an unbeatable team, fighting time and the narrow attitudes of others.

#### ***The Outside Shot***

Walter Dean Myers

Recruited by a small Midwestern college to play basketball, Lonnie Jackson, a Harlem boy, has many new experiences, including working with a child who needs physical therapy and dealing with corruption in college sports. Lonnie has one year to learn how to make it as a "college man." It's his outside shot at a bright future. Does he have what it takes?