**Novels That Will Be Read in Mrs. Erlenbusch’s Classes in 2021-2022**

**Seniors**

*Blind Your Ponies* by Stanley Gordon West OR

One of the trade books from our textbook

**Juniors**

*Uncle Tom’s Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe OR

One of the trade books from our textbook

**Sophomores**

*Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini OR

One of the trade books from our textbook

**Freshmen**

*Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck OR

One of the trade books from our textbook

**8th Grade**

*The Boy in the Striped Pajamas* by John Boyne OR

One of the trade books from our textbook

The listed books have all been approved by the curriculum committee, but, as a parent, you may opt your child out of the book we read as a class. If you choose to opt your child out, there are 10-15 novels that have text, lesson plans, and test(s) included in our textbook program. We can meet and decide which book your child will read independently. While the rest of the class is having daily discussions on the main text, your child will be in another room working independently—these alternative novels are designed to be independent work.

Please either research the book (book reviews aren’t necessarily accurate or kept in context) or discuss the book with me if you have questions regarding the book your child will be asked to read and discuss with the class.

We will begin reading class novels the second quarter of the school year, so please contact me prior to that time if you wish to have your child in an alternate book.

Please sign this sheet and return it with your student. I will have a copy of this sheet on the school website so that you can view it at any time. Your signature **does not** indicate that you agree to your student reading the books, it just indicates that you have seen a copy of the book list, that you know your child can opt out of the classroom book, that you know you must contact me prior to second quarter if you wish to opt your child out, and that you know that your child will be doing independent reading and will work in another classroom if you choose to opt him/her out of the class novel.

Thank you, Mrs. Erlenbusch

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