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## Comal ISD Reserved Titles List

### Purpose of the Reserved Titles List

The list contains books deemed grade-level appropriate, based on content, thematic connections, vocabulary, and student engagement. When teachers choose books for classroom instruction and summer reading, they will select titles from this list for the grade level they teach. Outside independent reading is not restricted to this list and will allow for student choice with teacher approval.

In some cases, it is appropriate for a teacher to “grab down” to a prior grade level list when selecting titles to teach in class; it is not, however, appropriate for teachers to select titles from grade levels ahead, or “grab up.” The goal of this practice is to reserve certain titles for different grade levels in order to foster enthusiasm and engagement.

### Procedure for Selection and Review of the Reserved Titles List

The Reserved Titles List will be reviewed twice annually: once in the fall, and once in the spring prior to the assigning of summer reading. Titles will be approved for addition to the list by a committee comprised of teachers, administrators, and content coordinators and specialists. Each title will go through a rating process by committee members that includes multiple components; titles must meet a minimum overall rating of 2.8 on a 0 to 4 point scale in order to be placed on the Reserved Titles List. In addition, during the biannual review, titles may be removed from the list and/or adjustments may be made to the list based on a 2/3 vote of the committee.

Before a title can be considered for approval by the committee, at least 2 teachers must 1) read the text, 2) submit a hard copy of the text, and 3) complete a documentation page that includes a matrix, summary, and rationale delineating connections to content standards and literary themes. The text must be sent to the Secondary ELA Coordinator, and the documentation page must be submitted in Eduphoria! Formspace at least 10 days before the committee review.

For the committee to consider any other adjustments to the list, teachers must complete a Request for Adjustments Form and submit it in Eduphoria! Formspace at least 10 days before the committee review.

After review and consensus by committee, the Secondary ELA Coordinator will make the necessary updates to the Reserved Titles List and re-post on the web. Notification of the change will be sent to all grade-level teachers.

### Twelfth Grade

*Beowulf*

*Brave New World* – Aldous Huxley

*Buried Giant, The* – Kazuo Ishiguro

*Canterbury Tales, The* – Geoffrey Chaucer

*Curious Incident of the Dog in the*

*Night-Time* – Mark Haddon

*Frankenstein* – Mary Shelley

*Hamlet* – William Shakespeare

*Historian, The* – Elizabeth Kostova

*Heart of Darkness* – Joseph Conrad

*Henry V* – William Shakespeare

*How to Read Literature*

*Like a Professor* – Thomas C. Foster

*Importance of Being Earnest, The* – Oscar Wilde

*In the Time of the Butterflies* – Julia Alvarez

*King Lear* – William Shakespeare

*Native Son* – Richard Wright

*Never Let Me Go* – Kazuo Ishiguro

*Macbeth* – William Shakespeare

*Picture of Dorian Gray* – Oscar Wilde

*Poisonwood Bible* – Barbara Kingsolver

*Pride and Prejudice* – Jane Austen

*Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are*

*Dead* – Tom Stoppard

*Roundhouse, The* – Louise Erdrich

*Tale of Two Cities, A* – Charles Dickens

*Tempest, The* – William Shakespeare

*Wide Sargasso Sea* – Jane Rhys

*Wuthering Heights* – Emily Bronte

LINK – [12th grade title matrices prior to 2016](#)

## Eleventh Grade

*Adventures of Huckleberry*

*Finn* – Mark Twain

*All the Pretty Horses* – Cormac McCarthy

*Angela's Ashes* – Frank McCourt

*Animal Dreams* – Barbara Kingsolver

*As I Lay Dying* – William Faulkner

*Catcher in the Rye, The* – J.D. Salinger

*Color Purple, The* – Alice Walker

*Crucible, The* – Arthur Miller

*Grapes of Wrath, The* – John Steinbeck

*Great Gatsby, The* – F. Scott Fitzgerald

*Help, The* – Kathryn Stockett

*In Cold Blood* – Truman Capote

*Into the Wild* – Jon Krakauer

*Kite Runner, The* – Khaled Hosseini

*My Antonia* – Willa Cather

*Narrative of the Life of Frederick*

*Douglass, The* – Frederick Douglass

*Native Son* – Richard Wright

*Oxbow Incident* – Walter Van Tilburg Clark

*Scarlet Letter, The* – Nathaniel Hawthorne

*Things They Carried, The* – Tim O'Brien

*Thousand Splendid Suns, A* – Khaled Hosseini

*Walden* – Henry David Thoreau

LINK – [11th grade title matrices prior to 2016](#)

## Tenth Grade

*1984* – George Orwell

*Alchemist, The* – Paulo Coelho

*All Quiet on the Western*

*Front* – Erich Maria Remarque

*All the Light We Cannot See* – Anthony Doerr

*Animal Farm* – George Orwell

*Antigone* – Sophocles

*Blink: The Power of Thinking Without*

*Thinking* – Malcolm Gladwell

*Cry, the Beloved Country* – Alan Paton

*Farewell to Manzanar* – Jeanne

Wakatsuki Houston

*I Am the Cheese* – Robert Cormier

*Illustrated Man, The* – Ray Bradbury

*Julius Caesar* – William Shakespeare

*Lord of the Flies* – William Golding

*Love in the Time of Cholera* – Gabriel

Garcia Marquez

*Metamorphosis, The* – Franz Kafka

*Monster* – Walter Dean Myers

*Monster Calls, A* – Patrick Ness

*Notes from the Midnight*

*Driver* – Jordan Sonnenblick

*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich* –

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

*One Hundred Years of Solitude* – Gabriel

Garcia Marquez

*Othello* – William Shakespeare

*Prayer for Owen Meany, A* – John Irving

*Scythe* – Neal Shusterman

*Sold* – Patricia McCormick

*Sway: The Irresistible Pull of Irrational*

*Behavior* – Rom Brafman and Ori Brafman

*Taming of the Shrew, The* – William

Shakespeare

*Their Eyes Were Watching*

*God* – Zora Neale Hurston

*Thirteen Reasons Why* – Jay Asher

*Twelve Angry Men* – Reginald Rose

*Unwind* – Neal Shusterman

LINK – [10th grade title matrices prior to 2016](#)

## Ninth Grade

*Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time*

*Indian* – Sherman Alexie

*Adventures of Tom Sawyer, The* – Mark Twain

*Anthem* – Ayn Rand

*Bleachers* – John Grisham

*Dandelion Wine* – Ray Bradbury

*Ender's Game* – Orson Scott Card

*Fahrenheit 451* – Ray Bradbury

*Fallen Angels* – Walter Dean Myers

*Glass Castle, The* – Jeanette Walls

*House on Mango Street, The* – Sandra Cisneros

*I Am Malala* – Malala Yousafzai

*I Know Why the Caged Bird*

*Sings* – Maya Angelou

*Jane Eyre* – Charlotte Bronte

*Life of Pi* – Yann Martel

*Miracle Worker, The* – William Gibson

*Martian Chronicles, The* – Ray Bradbury

*Odyssey, The* – Homer

*Of Mice and Men* – John Steinbeck

*Raisin in the Sun, A* – Lorraine Hansberry

*Romeo and Juliet* – William Shakespeare

*Same Kind of Different as Me* – Ron Hall

*Separate Peace, A* – John Knowles

*Speak* – Laurie Halse Anderson

*Summer Life, A* – Gary Soto

*Things Fall Apart* – Chinua Achebe

*To Kill a Mockingbird* – Harper Lee

*Tuesdays with Morrie* – Mitch Albom

LINK – [9th grade title matrices prior to 2016](#)

## Eighth Grade

*Bar Code Tattoo* – Suzanne Wynn

*Book Thief, The* – Markus Zusak

*Boy in the Striped Pajamas* – John Boyne

*Cyrano de Bergerac* – Edmond Rostand

*Devil's Arithmetic* – Jane Yolen

*Diary of Anne Frank, The* – Frances

Goodrich and Albert Hackett

*Divergent* (series) – Veronica Roth

*Dry* – Jarrod Shusterman and Neal

Shusterman

*Girl Who Survived, The* – Bronia Brandman

and Carol Bierman

*Giver, The* – Lois Lowry

*Hunger Games, The* – Suzanne Collins

*Insignia* – SJ Kinkaid

*Maze Runner* (series) – James Dashner

*Merchant of Venice, The* – William Shakespeare

*Midsummer Night's Dream, A* – William Shakespeare

*Night* – Elie Wiesel

*Nothing But the Truth* – Avi

*Outsiders, The* – SE Hinton

*Pearl, The* – John Steinbeck

*Refugee* – Alan Gratz

*Tangerine* – Edward Bloor

*Uglies, The* – Scott Westerfeld

*Wave, The* – Todd Strasser and Morton Rhue

*Wednesday Wars, The* – Gary D. Schmidt

*Witness* – Karen Hesse

LINK – [8th grade title matrices prior to 2016](#)

## Seventh Grade

### *Adventurous Deeds of Deadwood*

*Jones, The* – Helen Hemphill  
*Al Capone Does My Shirts* – Gennifer Choldenko  
*And Then There Were None* – Agatha Christie  
*Bear Stone* – Will Hobbs  
*Crispin* – Avi  
*Dogsong* – Gary Paulsen  
*Dragon Song* – Anne McCaffrey  
*Drums, Girls and Dangerous*  
*Pie* – Jordan Sonnenblick  
*Esperanza Rising* – Pam Munoz Ryan  
*Full Tilt* – Neal Shusterman  
*Ghost of Spirit Bear* – Ben Mikaelson  
*Hobbit, The* – JRR Tolkien  
*Homecoming* – Cynthia Voigt  
*Homeless Bird* – Gloria Whelan  
*Lightning Thief, The* – Rick Riordan  
*Matched* – Ally Condie  
*Much Ado About Nothing* – William Shakespeare  
*Navigation Early* – Clare Vanderpool  
*Old Yeller* – Fred Gipson  
*Rangers Apprentice: The Ruins of*  
*Gorlan* – John Flanagan

*Rithmatist, The* – Brandon Sanderson  
*Redwall* – Brian Jacques  
*So B. It* – Sarah Weeks  
*Star Girl* – Jerry Spinelli  
*Taking Sides* – Gary Soto  
*Tales of King Arthur* – (retold by) Felicity Brooks  
*The Testing* – Joelle Charbonneau  
*That was Then, This is Now* – SE Hinton  
*Touching Spirit Bear* – Ben Mikaelson  
*Treasure Island* – Robert Louis Stevenson  
*The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle* – Avi  
*Ungifted* – Gordon Korman  
*Van Gogh Café* – Cynthia Rylant  
*Whirligig* – Paul Fleischman  
*White Fang* – Jack London  
*Witch of Blackbird Pond, The* – Elizabeth  
George Speare  
*Woodsong* – Gary Paulsen

LINK – [7th grade title matrices prior to 2016](#)

## Sixth Grade

*Bud, Not Buddy* – Christopher Paul Curtis  
*Bully, The* – Paul Langan  
*Call of the Wild, The* – Jack London  
*Cay, The* – Theodore Taylor  
*City of Ember* – Jeanne DuPrau  
*Cracker* – Cynthia Kadohata  
*Flipped* – Wendelin Van Draanen  
*Freak the Mighty* – Rodman Philbrick  
*Hoot* – Carl Hiaasen  
*Incredible Journey, The* – Sheila Burnford  
*Iqbal* – Francesco D'Adamo  
*Island of the Blue Dolphins* – Scott O'Dell  
*Long Walk to Water, A* – Linda Sue Park  
*My Dog Skip* – Willie Morris  
*My Life in Dog Years* – Gary Paulsen  
*My Side of the Mountain* – Jean  
Craighead George

*On My Honor* – Marion Bauer  
*Out of the Dust* – Karen Hesse  
*River, The* – Gary Paulsen  
*Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* – Mildred Taylor  
*Rules* – Cynthia Lord  
*Schwa Was Here, The* – Neal Shusterman  
*Swiss Family Robinson* – Johann Wyss  
*Timothy of the Cay* – Theodore Taylor  
*View from Saturday, A* – EL Konigsburg  
*Walk Two Moons* – Sharon Creech  
*Watsons Go to Birmingham, The* – Christopher  
Paul Curtis  
*Westing Game, The* – Ellen Raskin  
*Where the Red Fern Grows* – Wilson Rawls  
*Wonder* – RJ Palacio

LINK – [6th grade title matrices prior to 2016](#)