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| Enduring Understanding  Essential Questions | Argumentative  Texts & Other Media: | Narrative  Texts & Other Media: | Explanatory  /Research  Texts & Other Media: | Writing Prompt(s)  Mixed Genres |
| Humans serve technology. Technology serves humans.  Children are spoiled by technology.  Technology can teach.  Knowledge is not the same as wisdom. |  | The Veldt |  | How has technology changed the way you think over the last week?  How does technology affect brain patterns in teenagers? What are the implications for this? |
| When things get out of control.  Good intentions can lead to disaster.  What could go wrong?  Fighting fire with fire  Zombies  Disease  Spread of disease and hatred |  | [The King, the Mice and the Cheese](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL5948917M/The_king_the_mice_and_the_cheese) | [Unleashing Mosquitos](http://www.sciencealert.com/a-google-company-is-unleashing-20-million-mosquitos-in-california-to-fight-zika) |  |
| Be careful what you wish for.  Greed and desire come at a cost.  Magical things require magical costs. |  | The Monkey’s Paw |  |  |
| The most dangerous things are oftentimes the most dangerous.  Things are not always what they seem.  Looks |  | [Descendants](https://vimeo.com/8642276)  Beauty and the Beast |  |  |
| Parents and people in authority do not always care for children and others the way it is expected. |  | Hansel and Gretel |  |  |
| Authority comes with responsibility.  Community service serves the community: what happens when justice is not served? |  | The Hate U Give | Police shootings |  |
| Fear: Necessary and Powerful  Fear of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  What do we fear and why?  Loss  Early humans’ rituals and questions:  Scientific discovery and origin myths |  | Tell-Tale Heart  The Raven  Light’s Out | [Meet the Woman Who Can’t Feel Fear](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/speaking-of-science/wp/2015/01/20/meet-the-woman-who-cant-feel-fear/?utm_term=.49cce5ad1b66) |  |
| Pledges and allegiances must be measured | Should we say the Pledge?  <http://www.ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm>  <http://www.debate.org/opinions/should-students-be-forced-to-stand-up-and-say-the-pledge-of-allegiance>  <http://kaepernick7.com/> | Facing It |  |  |
| Civilization  Constructs of Power  Society’s Needs versus Individuals  Tribalism |  | Lord of the Flies  Graham Greene Story |  |  |
| Journey of the Hero  What is sought is often not what is gained  What is gained is often greater than what is sought |  | Chivalry  The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian |  |  |
| Mythology, Origin Stories, Fables and Folklore  Magical Moment |  | A&P John Updike |  |  |
| Mob Mentality, group think |  | The Widow’s Broom  The Last Town on Earth  The Crucible | [A Brief History of the Salem Witch Trials](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/a-brief-history-of-the-salem-witch-trials-175162489/)  <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/unraveling-mysteries-tituba-salem-witch-trials-180956960/>  <http://salem.lib.virginia.edu/home.html>  <http://www.history.com/topics/salem-witch-trials> |  |
| Racism is personified as a living being. Can it be destroyed? |  |  |  |  |
| Love and good triumph over evil.  Being good for its own sake is its reward. |  | Cinderella |  |  |
| Exploitation: why do people strive for belonging even if it may mean exploitation? |  |  |  |  |
| We all share unique gifts. |  | Seed Folks |  |  |
| People do learn from history.  Why do good things go unnoticed? What positive gains have been made. |  |  |  |  |
| We are stronger when united.  We are more dangerous when united.  Small things and acts make a huge impact. |  | [Slug Invasion](https://vimeo.com/34072719) |  |  |
| Culture and Identity  [Graphically Speaking](http://blog0rama.edublogs.org/2017/07/12/summer-series-of-saves-graphically-speaking/)  [NPR Book List Social Justice Kids](http://www.npr.org/sections/ed/2017/07/06/534443123/summer-reading-for-your-woke-kid) |  | [Slug Invasion](https://vimeo.com/34072719) |  |  |
| Lost and Found |  | The Hidden Lining  [Lost and Found Shop](https://vimeo.com/12672083) |  |  |
| Memoir |  | <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W-OZUCYoAxccfsVI4-sHx7lMg8IWfjO68W-54EBgT28/edit?usp=sharing> |  |  |
| Humor/Satire |  |  | * ***Humor Interlude:***   + McSweeney's: ["An Open Letter To Your Unreadable Hashtag"](http://www.mcsweeneys.net/articles/an-open-letter-to-your-unreadable-hashtag)   + New Yorker: ["Diary of the Left Shark"](http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/02/16/diary-left-shark)   + Hyperbole and a Half: ["The God of Cake"](http://hyperboleandahalf.blogspot.com/2010/10/god-of-cake.html)   + The Oatmeal: ["When your house is burning down, you should brush your teeth"](http://theoatmeal.com/comics/house)   + [Comedy Writing: How to be Funny (NPR Interview with Mike Sacks and Harold Ramis)](http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=111456667)   + [Dissecting a Frog: How to Write a Humor Piece](http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/02/03/dissecting-a-frog-how-to-write-a-humor-piece/?_r=0) (The New York Times Opinionator)   + http://mrsgay.blogspot.com/p/creative-writing.html |  |

Functional Documents:

Functional documents help provide directions, ingredient list, tickets, ephemera, etc.

Resources:

<http://utahvalley360.com/2014/11/08/6-positive-themes-in-disneys-big-hero-6/>

Theme topics: <https://literarydevices.net/a-huge-list-of-common-themes/>

<https://go.sdsu.edu/education/projectcore/files/03252-6_Universal_Themes.pdf>

<http://mrsgay.blogspot.com/p/creative-writing.html>

**Critical thinking skills:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0ByKyQvl3l_F5ZUpXdjhSOW1GZXc/view?usp=sharing>

<https://www.discoverartifacts.com/>

https://www.commonlit.org/

<http://www.ethicalela.com/letting-literature-work-started-inclusive-literature-workshop/>

<http://www.ethicalela.com/buying-books-for-your-classroom-heres-an-inclusive-list/>

Short Story links:

<http://staff.esuhsd.org/danielle/English%20Department%20LVillage/RT/Short%20Stories/All%20Summer%20in%20a%20Day.pdf>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hHhEdcjlKk65ehJ5r3rlkkhmettrP8xfpI6chqQwNxk/edit>

Interweave:

What is the nature of conflict?

Man versus:

Nature

Technology

Self

Society

Man

From <http://www.ethicalela.com/letting-literature-work-started-inclusive-literature-workshop/>

**Books I bought for the 2016-17 school year**

A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel by Madeleine L’Engle, Hope Larson  
Ada’s Violin: The Story of the Recycled Orchestra of Paraguay by Susan Hood  
All the Bright Places by Jennifer Niven  
All the Broken Pieces by Anne E. Burg  
Always Running: La Vida Loca: Gang Days in LA by Luis J. Rodriguez  
American Ace by Marilyn Nelson  
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz  
Batman: The Killing Joke, Deluxe Edition by Alan Moore, Brian Bolland  
Because I am Furniture by Thalia Chaltas  
Boy 21 by Matthew Quick  
Caminar by Skila Brown  
Cruise Control by Terry Trueman  
Cut by Patricia McCormick  
Death Coming Up the Hill by Chris Crowe  
Dust of Eden by Mariko Nagai  
Edison’s Alley (Accelerati Trilogy) by Neal Shusterman, Eric Elfman  
Elena Vanishing: A Memoir by Elena Dunkle, Clare B. Dunkle  
Empty Places by Kathy Cannon Wiechman  
Fake ID by Lamar Giles  
Fat Angie by e.E. Chartlon-Trujillo  
Gaijin: American Prisoner of War by Matt Faulkner  
Genius: The Game by Leopoldo Gout  
Ghost by Jason Reynolds  
Ghosts by Raina Telgemeier  
Gracefully Grayson by Ami Polonsky  
Grandfather Gandhi by Arun Gandhi  
If I Grow Up by Todd Strasser  
It’s Kind of a Funny Story by Ned Vizzini  
It’s So Amazing: A Book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies, and Families by Robie H. Harris, Michael Emberley  
Life Happens Next by Terry Trueman  
Life in Prison by Stanley Williams, Barbara Cottman  
Locomotion by Jacqueline Woodson  
Monster: A Graphic Novel by Walter Dean Myers, Guy A. Sims  
Ms. Bixby’s Last Day by John David Anderson  
My Friend Dahmer by Derf Backderf  
Navy SEAL Dogs: My Tale of Training Canines for Combat by Mike Ritland  
One by Sarah Crossan  
Pink is for Blobfish: Discovering the World’s Perfectly Pink Animals by Jess Keating  
Positive: A Memoir by Paige Rawl, Ali Benjamin  
Princeless, Book 2: Get Over Yourself by Jeremy Whitley, Emily Martin  
Princeless: Save Yourself by Jeremy Whitley, M. Goodwin  
Rhyme Schemer by K.A. Holt  
Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson  
Samurai Rising: The Epic Life of Minamoto Yoshitsune by Pamela S. Turner, Gareth Hinds  
Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks  
Shakespear Bats Cleanup by Ron Koertge  
Solving the Puzzle Under the Sea: Marie Tharp Maps the Ocean Floor by Robert Burleigh  
Still a Work in Progress by Jo Knowles  
Sunny Side Up by Jennifer L. Holm, Matthew Holm  
Tales from the Brother’s Grimm and the Sisters Weird by Vivian Vande Velde, Brad Weinman  
Terrible Typhoid Mary: A True Story of the Deadliest Cook in America by Susan Campbell Bartoletti  
The Accelerati Trilogy Book One: Tesla’s Attic by Neal Shusterman  
The Boxer: The True Story of the Holocaust Survivor Harry Haft by Reinhard Kleist  
The Honest Truth by Dan Gemeinhart  
The Jumbies by Tracey Baptiste  
The Memory of Light by Francisco X. Stork  
The Memory of Things: A Novel by Gae Polisner  
The One and Only Ivan by Katherine Applegate, Patricia Castelao  
The Serpent King by Jeff Zentner  
The Seventh Wish by Kate Messner  
Tina’s Mouth: An Existential Comic Diary by KEshni KAshyap, Mari Araki  
Tiny Stitches: The Life of the Medical Pioneer Vivien Thomas by Gwendolyn Hooks  
Towers Falling by Jewell Parker Rhodes  
Ungifted by Gordon Korman  
Unidentified Suburban Object by Mike Jung  
When the Beat Was Born: DJ Kool Herc and the Creation of Hip Hop by Laban Carrick Hill  
Wild Boy: The Real Life of the Savage of Aveyron by Mary Losure, Timothy Basil Ering