



Appleton Area School District
9th Grade Communication Arts 1 Materials Review Committee
Book List Recommendations – Input Sought

The **Communication Arts 1 Materials Review Committee**, composed of administrators, high school Communication Arts, Special Education, and English Language Learner teachers, and a Library Media Specialist was formed to review instructional materials for the Appleton Area School District’s 9th grade Communication Arts 1 courses. **The focus of Communication Arts 1 is on the concept of the individual as well as interpersonal relationships. The goal of the selected literature and activities is to provide students with experiences that will enable them to understand self-esteem, self-awareness, and personal style.**

Current board adopted Communication Arts 1 materials, materials suggested by community members, and materials suggested by Appleton Area School District (AASD) staff members were included in the review. As part of the adoption process, AASD staff members, students, parents, and residents are provided with the opportunity to examine and contribute feedback on the recommended instructional materials. The feedback collected will be taken into consideration by the committee to determine the final list of instructional materials that will be recommended to the AASD Board of Education.

After an extensive analysis of the suggested instructional materials, the Communication Arts 1 Materials Review Committee requests feedback on the instructional materials listed below:

Title/Author	Title/Author
1. <i>A Long Way Gone: Memoir of a Boy Soldier</i> Beah, Ishmael	13. <i>Glass Castle</i> Walls, Jeannette
2. <i>The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian</i> Alexie, Sherman	14. <i>Hitler Youth</i> Bartoletti, Susan Campbell
3. <i>Animal Farm</i> Orwell, George	15. <i>House on Mango Street</i> Cisneros, Sandra
4. <i>The Body of Christopher Creed</i> Plum-Ucci, Carol	16. <i>The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir</i> Yang, Kao Kalia
5. <i>The Book Thief</i> Zusak, Markus	17. <i>Literature from the United States: Multicultural Voices</i> Various; text book, not available at the Library
6. <i>The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind</i> Kamkwamba, William; Mealer, Bryan	18. <i>The Long Walk: A True Story of a Trek to Freedom</i> Rawicz, Slavomir
7. <i>Breathing Underwater</i> Flinn, Alex	19. <i>Night</i> Wiesel, Elie
8. <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> Salinger, J.D.	20. <i>October Sky</i> Hickam, Homer
9. <i>Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice</i> Hoose, Phillip	21. <i>The Odyssey (Prentice Hall Literature)</i> Homer
10. <i>The Color of Water</i> McBride, James	22. <i>Romeo and Juliet (Prentice Hall Literature)</i> Shakespeare, William
11. <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> Bradbury, Ray	23. <i>Speak</i> Anderson, Laurie Halse
12. <i>Falling Leaves</i> Yen Mah, Adeline	24. <i>Step from Heaven</i> Na, An

Examination copies of each recommended instructional material and feedback forms are available at the following locations until **4 PM on Thursday, March 8, 2012:**

MORGAN BUILDING- 2nd Floor Hallway
120 East Harris Street
Appleton, WI 54911

7:30 AM-4 PM
Monday-Friday

Appleton Public Library- Featured Books Area
225 North Oneida Street
Appleton, WI 54911

Mon - Thu 9 AM – 9 PM
Friday 9 AM – 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday 1 PM – 5 PM

Questions regarding the Communication Arts 1 Materials Review Committee and/or their recommendations may be directed to:

- Nan Bunnow, Director of Humanities- Morgan Building, 832-1743
- James Huggins, Principal- North High School, 832-4300



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FEEDBACK FORM

Residents/staff members/parents and students of the Appleton Area School District (AASD), your feedback is important to us! The input you provide will be taken into consideration by the Communication Arts 1 Materials Review Committee to determine the final list of instructional materials that will be recommended to the AASD Board of Education. **Please be as specific as possible.** Completed FEEDBACK FORMS must be submitted by **4 PM on Thursday, March 8, 2012**, in person/postal mail to *Room 203 at the Morgan Building*, in person to the *Information Desk at the Appleton Public Library*, in person (staff/students) to the *Library Media Center Circulation Desk at Appleton East, North, or West High Schools*, or by email to burtontheresa@asd.k12.wi.us.

I am an AASD (please check):

- Resident/Community Member
- Parent
- Student
- Staff Member

Contact Information (to verify Appleton Area School District residency/location):

Name: _____ Address/Building Location: _____

Phone: (optional) _____

Email: (optional) _____