

LOS GATOS-SARATOGA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
RECOMMENDATION FOR ADOPTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

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Proposing School: Los Gatos High School		Date: 1/31/2017
Proposed and Reviewed by:		
Course Title: Social Justice Change English (12)		
Title: I Am The Messenger		Author (s): Markus Zusak
Edition:	Publisher: Knopf Books for Young Readers	Publication Date:
ISBN #: 078-0375836672	Quantity Needed: 100	Cost/Book: \$6.70

Select One	Type of Instructional Material	
	Primary Textbook— <i>Complete Rating Form Below</i>	
	Supplementary Textbook	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Novel	
	Technology-based	Describe:
	Test	Describe:
	Other	Describe:

Select One	Proposed New Instructional Material is for:
	Additional material for an existing course.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	For use in a new course.
	To replace other instructional material.
Title of material replaced:	
Reason for replacement:	

Please Provide a brief narrative explaining reasons for selection
Students read the novel as a means to evaluate their place in the world. The crux of the novel is that no kind deed goes undone, but rather is paid forward, with the cycle of kindness ever increasing. The novel will be a launching point for students who enroll in Social Justice Change to analyze societal norms, how the main character of the novels breaks away from the aforementioned norms, and how in turn they can create the change portrayed in the novel.

Textbook Rating Form

Evaluator(s):

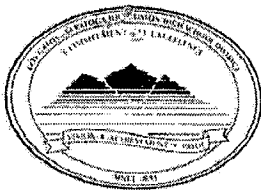
Rating Items *	Rating	Comments
1.5	5	
2. Presentation of subject matter is appropriate for intended group.	5	
3. Explanations are clear and provide for student understanding.	5	
4. Meets course objectives.	5	
5. Aligns with state content standards.	5	
6. Supplementary instructional materials are adequate.	5	
7. There is sufficient range in problems, assignments, questions, etc., to meet individual needs.	5	
8. Material is presented adequately without political or religious bias.	5	
9. Does this book require a workbook? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cost:	5	
10. Web-based supplementary resources available.	5	
11. The roles of minorities, women, and the disabled are fairly represented.	5	

* Rating Scale: 0 – Not Applicable 1 – Unsatisfactory 2 – Below Average 3 – Average 4 – Very Good 5 – Excellent

Select One	Department Chair Recommendation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Support adoption		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Do not support adoption		
Department Chair Name: Mike Ballherd		Signature: <i>M. Ballherd</i>	Date: 2-17-17
Comments:			

Principal Approval	
These materials comply with all requirements of the Education Code.	
Principal's signature: <i>[Signature]</i>	Date: 2-17-17

Date of Board Approval: *[Signature]*



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Course Title: Social Justice Change- English 12		
Title: The Alchemist		Author (s): Paulo Coelho
Edition:	Publisher: Harper One	Publication Date: 1988
ISBN #:98-0062315007	Quantity Needed: 100	Cost/Book: 10.19

Select One	Type of Instructional Material	
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	Test	Describe:
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The themes of *The Alchemist* are in keeping with the overarching themes of the class and one's impact on the world. The novel will be used as a tool to help facilitate the message of forging one's own path and taking responsibility for it. The students will reflect on the need to take action and risk failure. The themes of risking, making mistakes, wasting time, losing money and being laughed at takes serious courage and determination, but in the end, that which does not kill you only makes you stronger. Ultimately, taking control of your own life so that you can head towards where you want to go and how you want to live.

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1. Reading and vocabulary level satisfactory for intended group.	5	
2. Presentation of subject matter is appropriate for intended group.	5	
3. Explanations are clear and provide for student understanding.	5	
4. Meets course objectives.	5	
5. Aligns with state content standards.	5	
6. Supplementary instructional materials are adequate.	5	
7. There is sufficient range in problems, assignments, questions, etc., to meet individual needs.	5	
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Department Chair Name: Mike Bellbird		Signature: <i>Mike Bellbird</i>	Date: 2-17-17
Comments:			

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Principal's signature: <i>Kate My</i>	Date: 2-17-17

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Course Title : Social Justice Change English 12		
Title: Zeitoun		Author (s): Dave Eggers
Edition:	Publisher: Vintage	Publication Date: 2009
ISBN #: 978-0307387943	Quantity Needed: 100	Cost/Book: 9.79

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<p>Please Provide a brief narrative explaining reasons for selection</p> <p>Zeitoun is a nonfiction book written by Dave Eggers. It tells the story of Abdulrahman Zeitoun, the Syrian-American owner of a painting and contracting company in New Orleans, Louisiana who chose to ride out Hurricane Katrina in his Uptown home. After the hurricane, he traveled the flooded city in a secondhand canoe rescuing neighbors, caring for abandoned pets and distributing fresh water, but was arrested without reason or explanation at one of his rental houses, along with three others, by a mixed group of U.S. Army National Guard soldiers and local police officers. Zeitoun and the others were accused of terrorist activities, presumably because of the large amount of money found in their possession as well as maps of the city and a storage disc, and were detained for 23 days.</p> <p>I plan on offering a trip over the Feb. break in 2018 to both my freshmen and senior English classes. They will be given the opportunity to participate in a service learning trip to New Orleans. This novel would help to support the learnings on the trip as well as the racial inequities discussed in class.</p>

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Department Chair Name: <i>M. K. Bell</i>		Signature: <i>M. K. Bell</i>	Date: <i>2-17-17</i>
Comments:			

Principal Approval	
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Principal's signature: <i>Justin [Signature]</i>	Date: <i>2-17-17</i>

Date of Board Approval: _____