

Arrowhead Union High School  
LITERATURE TEXT ADOPTION RECOMMENDATION

DEPARTMENT Language Arts

SCHOOL YEAR 2005-2006

CLASS Modern Literature

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RECOMMENDED TEXT

Interpreter of Maladies

Jhumpa Lahiri

Mariner Books

1999

OTHER TEXTS REVIEWED

Storyteller's Daughter

Sairah Shah

Knopf

2003

Kite Runner

Khaled Hosseini

Riverhead Trade

2004

**RATIONALE FOR LITERATURE TEXT PURCHASE** (check all that apply)

Previous texts are worn

Previous texts are outdated

There was a change in curriculum

Text rotation

Other Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

The following has been taken into consideration in the selection of this literature text.

CONTENT

Meets state and national standards

Meets local Power Standards

Aligns with course curriculum

Integrates with other content areas

Reflects a cultural and pluralistic society

Appropriate for age group

Provokes critical discourse

Reflects board policy for selection of materials

***Please explain any areas not checked and/or elaborate on the qualities of the book chosen.***

Arrowhead Union High School  
TEACHER'S RATIONALE FOR LITERATURE IN THE CURRICULUM

DEPARTMENT Language Arts

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GRADE LEVEL(S) 11-12

TEACHER COMPLETING FORM Andy Freeburg

Approximate date(s) a book will be used: X Semester 1 Semester 2

This book will be (check one or more):

studied by the whole class.

studied by small groups.

placed on a reading list.

recommended to individual students.

part of a larger study of (explain):

other (explain):

Ways in which the book is especially appropriate for students in this class:

This book is a great introduction to Indian culture, tradition, beliefs, and history. It also examines interpersonal relationships and the different ways the characters deal with them.

Ways in which the book is especially pertinent to the objectives of this course or unit:

Interpreter of Maladies represents contemporary, award-winning fiction which showcases Indian cultural perspectives and the challenges of integrating into American society.

Indicate types of concepts in this book that might be questionable to some readers:

(for example: explicit sexuality, violence, profanity, etc.)

Sparse profanity, a boy is hit by a monkey with a stick.

Recommendation for parent notification: Yes  No

Special problems that might arise in relation to the book and some planned activities that handle this problem:

Some other appropriate books an individual student might read in place of this book:

The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy

The Death of Vishnu by Manil Suri

Summary of the book:

Nine short stories cover the fallout of India's political turmoil, the homesickness of being in America, confusion about American culture, arranged marriages, India's social class system, and religious identity.

Reviews and/or awards of the book or author:

2000 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction  
New York Times Book Review July 11, 1999  
New York Time  
Booklist  
Kirkus

***Once approved, a copy of the Rationale for Literature in the Curriculum should be posted on the AHS web page.***

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Department Chair/Department Liaison Signature                      Date

This form must be completed and on file with the district administrator before purchasing materials.

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