

Tuck Everlasting

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Subjects: English Language Arts

Grades 6-7

Evaluation Date: May 2010

Resource Evaluation

CURRICULUM FIT

Does the resource support BC curriculum?



Extensively

SUGGESTED CLASSROOM USAGE

A reader will be faced with questions such as: What is a good length of time to live? Is there ever a time to choose how long somebody should live? Should humans have any control over the length of lives? This book will provide powerful opportunities for debate.

SOCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Violence

In chapter 19 a character is shot. This may come as a shock to readers, but it is not gratuitous.

Ethical and Legal


The main character breaks another character out of jail.

GENERAL CONTENT


Content

Audience


Is the content appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?

 Extensively

Does the resource provide opportunities for creative and critical thinking?

 Extensively


Is the language use appropriate to the emotional maturity and cognitive level of students?

 Extensively


Does the text show insight into the complexity of the human condition?

 Extensively

Does the text broaden students' experiences and understanding?

 Extensively

To what degree is this text stylistically rich?

 Extensively

Plot description

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Related Comments

This novel deals with themes of life and death, and provides excellent opportunities for discussion around taking another person's life and the possibility of keeping your life forever.

Genre

- Fantasy

Literary Highlights

- Complex conflict(s)
- Well-developed themes
- rich descriptive language used for setting

Type

- Novel

Reading Level

- At intended grade level(s)

An ALA Notable Book (Ages 9 to 12)

GRADES AND SUBJECTS

Subjects

- English Language Arts: 6-7

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