

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD
PUBLIC BOARD MEETING
July 19, 2021**

FOR ACTION

RESOLUTION NUMBER **4171**

SUBJECT Book Adoption

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT The Board of Education adopts the following books:

SUBJECT	GRADE	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER/DATE
ELA	9	The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness, Simon Wiesenthal	Schocken; 2 nd Revised & Expanded Ed May 1, 1998
Background: This book fits into the topic of World War II and beyond. It directly addresses the Holocaust from innocence to experience. This text crosses both the discipline of English and History on the global stage.			

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ELA	9	The Samurai's Garden, Gail Tsukiyama	St. Martin's Griffin, April 14, 1992
Background: The text captures the tension between Japanese and Chinese people in the 1930's through a gender and horticultural perspective. It is a coming of age story which highlights how we treat the disabled.			

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ELA	9	Sophie's World: A Novel About the History of Philosophy, Jostein Gaarder	Farrar, Straus and Giroux, March 2000
Background: This book is considered an enrichment for the course where students can use an option to presentation. It pre-dates the time period of the course but addresses intellectual and societal dissonance.			

SUBJECT	GRADE	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER/DATE
ELA	9	The People of the Book, Geraldine Brooks	Penguin Books; 1 st Edition, January 1, 2008
Background: This book covers a vivid history of the Middle East, Europe, Australia as well as the US from an historical perspective. It looks at the interplay of various religious groups, nations and people. It emphasis the importance of cultures in the creation of sacred documents. This text crosses both the discipline of English and History on the global stage.			

SUBJECT	GRADE	TITLE/AUTHOR	PUBLISHER/DATE
ELA	9	Homegoing, Yaa Gyasi	Vintage; Reprint Edition, May 2, 2017
Background: This book gives a clear sense of the impact of Africa Diaspora and the world regarding slave enterprise. This text crosses both the discipline of English and History on the global stage.			