

# APPENDIX A

## DISCIPLINARY LITERACY IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

*Note.* Amazon, Goodreads, and teacher and student readers were valuable resources in helping us with summaries of recommended titles.

### **When students of English read, they**

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- Find meaning through literary techniques
- Identify underlying messages that evolve as theme
- Recognize bias
- Use context to learn new vocabulary or words used in new ways
- Summarize, synthesize, analyze, and evaluate
- Comprehend how devices such as tone, foreshadowing, or irony affect the text
- Question through critical lenses
- Make connections
- Pay attention to the craft of writing
- Recognize elements of stories, poems, or novels
- Understand perspective

### **When students of English write, they**

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- Utilize a process: drafting, revising, and editing
- Understand how to flexibly utilize organization, details, elaboration, and voice to enhance meaning
- Ask for and appropriately utilize feedback
- Avoid formulaic writing
- Employ literacy techniques and devices appropriately
- Use credible evidence
- Avoid bias when appropriate
- Employ various perspectives
- Utilize mentor texts
- Adapt communication for various audiences
- Employ effective techniques for argumentation

## When students of English think, they

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- Use reflection as a tool for understanding
- Ask questions of the text
- Compare texts or themes
- Communicate as a way of clarifying
- Make connections among texts, themes, or the real world
- Respect multiple viewpoints
- Listen to others
- Compare texts, sources, and perspectives

## Websites for Teaching ELA

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<http://www.nytimes.com/section/learning>

The Learning Network is an excellent resource for teachers with activities, articles, and contests for students.

<http://www.goodreads.com>

Free website for book lovers. See reviews, ratings, recommendations, and awards lists. Designed to help students find good books, join a discussion group, or contact authors.

<http://www.poets.org>

Produced by the Academy of American Poets, this online source contains poems, poets' biographies, essays about poetry, and resources for K–12 teachers.

<http://www.makeuseof.com>

This site describes ten websites for reading short stories and flash fiction.

<https://newsela.com>

This popular site contains news articles that can be used in every subject.

<https://www.readworks.org/>

Teachers can access thousands of high-quality, free K–12 articles, and create online assignments with them.

<https://www.commonlit.org/>

A rich collection of free and accessible texts enables students to explore unique resources that support literacy and critical thinking.

<https://www.vocabulary.com/>

Vocabulary.com helps readers learn new words, play games that improve vocabulary, and explore language.

<http://www.adlit.org/>

Access a range of resources for teachers, students, and parents including award winning book lists, video interviews with top young adult (YA) authors, themed book lists for teen readers, historical fiction book lists, blogs, research, and multi-media resources centered on YA literature.

<https://www.nwp.org/>

This is a valuable resource devoted to improving writing and learning in all classes.

## Websites for Award Winning Young Adult Literature

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<http://guysread.com>

A web-based program to help boys become self-motivated, life-long readers.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/alex-awards>

The Alex Awards are given to ten books written for adults that have special appeal to young adults, ages 12 through 18.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/printz-award>

The Michael L. Printz Award is an award for a book that exemplifies literary excellence in young adult literature.

[http://www.nationalbook.org/aboutus\\_history.html#.WiHBH0xFxRQ](http://www.nationalbook.org/aboutus_history.html#.WiHBH0xFxRQ)

Find lists of the latest National Book Award winners, including those written for students. Books listed on this site are reliably good, often future classics.

<http://www.npr.org>

This National Public Radio site includes news articles on a variety of topics including science, health, politics, technology, world, business, race, and culture.

<http://www.ala.org/rt/emiert/cskbookawards>

The Coretta Scott King Book Awards are given to outstanding African American authors and illustrators of books for children and young adults that demonstrate an appreciation of African American culture and universal human values.

<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/get-resources/reading-lists>

Young Adults' Choices highlights thirty books selected by teenage reviewers. A popular site for engaging student readers.

<http://www.ala.org/yalsa/teenstopten#nominees>

The Teens' Top Ten is a "teen choice" list, where teens nominate and choose their favorite books of the previous year. Nominators are members of teen book groups in fifteen school and public libraries around the country.

<http://www2.ncte.org/awards/orbis-pictus-award-nonfiction-for-children/>

The NCTE Orbis Pictus Award is given to nonfiction books for children and teens.

<https://www.booklistonline.com/Booklist-s-50-Best-YA-Books-of-All-Time-Kraus-Daniel/pid=8945051>

Fifty best young adult novels of all time based on literary quality as well as significant influence.