

**Okaloosa County School District
Curriculum & Instruction
Books (Fiction or Nonfiction) Approval School Request Form**

Please type or print legibly.

Teacher requesting selection approval: _____ Date: _____

Title of Book/Selection: _____

Author: _____ Copyright date: _____

Genre: _____ ISBN # _____

Class/course in which selection will be used: _____

Grade Level(s): _____ Currently available in Media Center? Yes No

Lexile Level: _____ (To quickly calculate a book's reading level, log onto www.lexile.com.)

Rationale: (Please indicate the standards and objectives of the Florida course code or course description the book will address, the context or situation in which the book will be used, i.e., "enrichment for my civil war unit", models for images or historical settings, used in conjunction with theme of alienation, used for non-fiction writing analysis, current affairs link, to be used for selected excerpts for discussion, etc.)

1. Overarching Standard/Course Objective: _____

2. Additional Standard/Course Objective: _____

3. Additional Standard/Course Objective: _____

Please write a short synopsis of the book:

Please indicate the selection's strengths, weaknesses, or personal commentary regarding the selection as a piece of literature. Use the following criteria as needed:

- The subject matter, interest, reading level, and maturity level of the selection are appropriate for students being taught.
- The selection is appropriate for age, emotional development, ability, and social development for students being taught.
- The selection meets an appropriate instructional purpose.
- The selection will help students better understand themselves and others.
- The selection has identifiable literary or curricular merit.
- The selection appropriately models a literary element (character, setting, plot, conflict, etc.), style, or genre the student is expected to know.

Does the selection under consideration contain any use of profanity?

YES NO If yes, context:

Does the selection contain any treatment of sex that might be considered objectionable?

YES NO If yes, context:

Does the selection contain any treatment of violence that might be considered objectionable?

YES NO If yes, context:

Are there are any other passages or themes that might be considered objectionable or controversial to the community at large?

YES NO If yes, identify passage, section, or themes and page number:

For each course in which the book will be introduced, submit a copy of the *C-Palms* Course Description containing standards.

Principal's Decision: A Approved D Denied S Submitted to School Media Review Committee

Principal Signature _____ **Date** _____

School Media Review Committee: A Approved D Denied

Teacher Signature _____ **Date** _____

Dept. Chair Signature _____ **Date** _____

SAC Member Signature _____ **Date** _____

Principal Signature _____ **Date** _____

Keep completed forms on file for the remainder of the school year.