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Text Title: Literature & Composition: Reading, Writing, Thinking. 2nd edition. Author(s): Jago, Carol, Renee H. Shea, Lawrence Scanlon, and Robin Dissin Aufses. Publisher: Bedford/St. Martin's Copyright: 2017 Grade Level: 12 Course: AP Literature and Composition Date Proposal Submitted: March 29, 2017 Required Signatures: **Building Principal** Department Representative Presentation to Board of School Directors: Date Disposition (please circle): Reject Approve Date of Disposition: School term course will be introduced:

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It is the responsibility of the Board to adopt all textbooks, programs, and core trade books used for instruction in the educational program of this district. For purposes of this policy, textbooks shall be defined as books, other printed resources, or electronic materials used as the basic source of information and reading in class. Programs shall be defined as core instructional materials that rely upon a combination of hands-on, audiovisual, technological or print resources. Core trade books shall be defined as books used as core content for whole class or group instruction.

Guidelines for selecting textbooks, programs, and core trade books may include the following:

- 1. Professional staff members selected by the Superintendent or designee shall participate in the selection process.
- 2. Textbooks, programs, and core trade books currently in use shall be periodically evaluated for their continuing usefulness and relevance. Textbooks and programs with copyright dates more than five years old shall be reviewed annually for their continuing suitability.
- 3. The staff shall continually research and evaluate new textbooks, programs, and core trade books.

Although many factors must be examined, the Board directs the staff to apply the following considerations in the evaluation process. The textbook, program, or core trade book should:

- 1. Provide for the needs of all learners, including, but not limited to, the disabled, slow learner, English language learner and exceptionally able.
- 2. Suit the maturity level of students who will be using the book.
- 3. Reflect the diverse beliefs, attitudes, values, and practices across genders, and among ethnic and socioeconomic groups, within our society.
- 4. Reflect the diverse beliefs, attitudes, values, and practices within genders, ethnic groups, and socioeconomic groups.
- 5. Lead the student and teacher into a variety of other materials and educational experiences.
- 6. Support the examination of ideas, events, issues, problems, and solutions from multiple perspectives.
- 7. Use book design and page layout characteristics that support student engagement.

Because textbooks and core trade books are selected for several years' use, the physical characteristics, durability, format, and price shall be evaluated.

The Board directs the staff to exercise professional discretion in the selection of additional resources to supplement textbooks, programs, and core trade books. Building principals or curriculum consultants should provide guidance in the selection of supplemental materials that are appropriate within the Board-adopted curriculum.

A list of all approved textbooks shall be prepared and maintained. It shall be reviewed periodically by the Superintendent and made available for the information of the professional staff, Board members, students and parents.

Staff members responsible for review of proposed text: Hannah Broich and Sarah Davis

Rationale for recommended text:

In an effort to preserve the rigorous AP Literature and Composition Course for Grade 12, and considering the need for a text that is geared for students who will take the AP Examination in May, we are proposing to the Manheim Township School Board that it adopt this new text into the curriculum for the 2017-2018 school year. We have need for an updated book that is specifically designed to target the skillset students must hone and master in preparation for not only taking the AP Examination in May, but also to provide them with an authentic collegiate experience. Since this textbook is one that the College Board suggests, we feel it is a perfect fit for our curriculum.

Unique and essential features of this book include:

- > Strategies and scaffolding that help students learn how to break down difficult texts
- > Application of literary terms
- > Skills and strategies on approaching the three distinctive essay prompts on the AP Exam
- Approaches to reading and writing
- Close Reading exercises on analyzing Poetry and Prose
- > Texts in Context: excerpts from a mixture of classic and modern works
- Helpful MLA Reference Section

But perhaps the best rationale we can offer is from the introduction of the book itself:

Literary analysis is an intellectual discipline that hones students' thinking by requiring them to probe a text deeply and analyze the means that writers employ to achieve their effects. Along with preparing students for the rigors of an Advanced Placement exam, learning how to analyze a text and articulate a perspective prepares students for life, both in academia and in the workplace. This preparation and exploration are what we hope students achieve when they use *Literature & Composition* because it specifically targets the development of the skills and habits of mind that are keys to their success in an Advanced Placement course. (Jago, et al. vii)

Cost of Book: **\$4917.51** (**\$83.29** per book) Projected Enrollment: Approximately 25 students, but we want to purchase enough for two classes, as this is more of the norm with this class.

The proposed text is a (please circle)

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* If a replacement text:

The Bedford Introduction to Literature, Sixth Edition
Text it will replace

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