



New! Amplify ELA Novel Guides

In partnership with Multicultural Classroom, Amplify ELA is excited to announce our brand new Novel Guides that were made to help teachers prepare their middle school students for high school and beyond!

Amplify ELA partnered with Multicultural Classroom to select a set of diverse, engaging, and critically acclaimed titles:

- *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds
- *The Revolution of Evelyn Serrano* by Sonia Manzano
- *From the Desk of Zoe Washington* by Janae Marks
- *Before the Ever After* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *They Called Us Enemy* by George Takei

These Novel Guides combine Amplify ELA's close reading pedagogy with Multicultural Classroom's expertise in including and celebrating the diversity of our students. The guides include:

- Supports for building teacher and student background.
- Close reading activities and aligned writing prompts.
- Reading questions and discussion prompts focused on character and community building.
- Writing or discussion prompts that target the social issues raised by the novel.
- Activities for students to draw connections between the novel and other text types.

These new guides have been created in partnership with Multicultural Classroom, whose mission is to support teachers and students through culturally sustaining resources.

The novels were chosen to represent some of the diverse backgrounds and lived experiences of your students, and the guides are focused on merging critical literary work with important discussions about the individual, community, and societal issues raised by each novel.

These guides are designed to be used flexibly and come with suggestions for implementation. Whenever you choose to use them, we hope they'll help you create a community of engaged, active learners while fostering a love of reading.

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Amplify ELA Novel Guides

We asked middle school ELA teachers to name the books they most love to teach. Then we took that list and created novel guides for the most requested titles, including some that were already available in our digital library.

Amplify ELA's novel guides include the following:

- Bridge to Terabithia
- Brown Girl Dreaming
- The Call of the Wild
- The Hate U Give
- Hidden Figures
- Inside Out and Back Again
- The Outsiders
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963
- When I Was Puerto Rican
- Wonder
- And Then There Were None

Amplify ELA's novel guides follow the Amplify ELA pedagogy for close reading and include standards alignment while providing:

- Activities that focus on a range of literacy skills
- Project-based learning activities
- Discussion questions
- Writing prompts
- Role-playing opportunities
- Collaborative activities

This group of diverse titles comprise a range of genres and themes from mystery to nonfiction and social justice to identity and courage. Students will explore classics and contemporary award winners, expand their literacy skills and discover the rewards that come with close reading compelling texts.

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