



2013 Sequoyah Book Awards Lessons + Activities

Day Two:

The Sequoyah Book Award Week focuses on the High School Masterlist of books for grades 9-12.

Visit bit.ly/R9QKHU on the web for background on this Oklahoma honor—the third oldest youth-choice literary award in the nation. You'll also find the masterlists, activities and promotional help to get your students reading and involved in selecting the next winning authors.

Let's Talk About It

Get a book discussion going either in your classroom or through a school library book club. Group discussion is a wonderful way for students to discover themes, discuss issues, and relate books to the real world. Sample discussion questions include:



- **What character(s) do you identify with, and why?**
- **What's the biggest problem or central conflict in the book?**
- **Does the author have a larger message beyond the action in the book?**

Book discussions provide doorways to talk about symbolism, metaphors, and narrative structure.

More book club info and tips from Jog the Web: bit.ly/NNqQ68

Go to nie.newsok.com for more ideas, plus a lesson and activity plan for the High School Sequoyah selection *Rot & Ruin* by Jonathan Maberry.

Radio Promo



Coming up with ways to promote a book can really get the little grey cells buzzing. Have the students choose a book either separately or in small groups. Students should write a radio ad for the book and include background music. (Royalty Free music can be found on Jamendo, www.jamendo.com/en.) Students can record their ads using a computer with microphone or other handheld technology. Each radio ad should be one to two minutes long.

Tomorrow, we'll talk Book Blogs, Reader's Theater, and look at the Intermediate Masterlist for grades 6 to 8.

Visit nie.newsok.com for even more information and resources to launch a Sequoyah reading program in your school, class or library!

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