



"The essence of our effort to see that every child has a chance must be to assure each an equal opportunity, not to become equal, but to become different - to realize whatever unique potential of body, mind and spirit he or she possesses." ~John Fischer

General Guidelines		
<input type="checkbox"/> Is the resource of good quality? <input type="checkbox"/> Does the item meet the needs of the school community? <input type="checkbox"/> Will the item appeal to and encourage students to pick it up? <input type="checkbox"/> Does it support the curriculum/ standards? <input type="checkbox"/> What are the reputations of the author, illustrator, and publisher?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Is it highly recommended? <input type="checkbox"/> Does it provide a global perspective and reflect diversity without stereotype? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the content appropriate for the intended audience? <input type="checkbox"/> Does it address controversial issues with different perspectives? <input type="checkbox"/> Is the value worth the cost?		
Picture Book Does it...	Fiction Does it...	Non-Fiction Does it...
<input type="checkbox"/> inspire students to think imaginatively? <input type="checkbox"/> communicate well, both silently and aloud? <input type="checkbox"/> provide high quality illustration?	<input type="checkbox"/> reflect a variety of character types and situations? <input type="checkbox"/> discuss the subject in an appropriate way for its grade level? <input type="checkbox"/> provide content that is both current and relevant long term?	<input type="checkbox"/> contain accurate, up to date information? <input type="checkbox"/> organize content in an age appropriate way? <input type="checkbox"/> use text features to enhance its readability?

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