YA Lit Intro Project

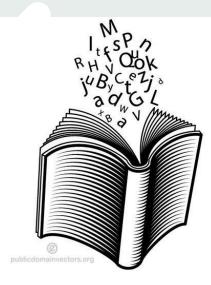
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What is Young Adult Literature?

The term "young adult literature" is inherently amorphous, for its constituent terms "young adult" and "literature" are dynamic, changing as culture and society — which provide their context — change. When the term first found common usage in the late 1960's, it referred to realistic fiction that was set in the real (as opposed to imagined), contemporary world and addressed problems, issues, and life circumstances of interest to young readers aged approximately 12-18. Such titles were issued by the children's book divisions of American publishers and were marketed to institutions — libraries and schools — that served such populations.

History of YA Lit

Though young adult literature has arguably existed since the 1930s, teachers and librarians were slow to accept books for teenagers as a genre. ... Just seven years later, the phrase "young adult" was becoming increasingly common in libraries.



Authorship Awards

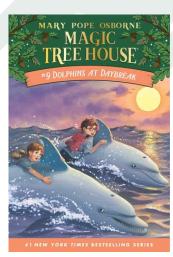
There are many different authorship awards, include...

- The National Book Award
- Pulitzer Prize
- Booker Prize
- Nobel Prize



My Reading as a Child

When I was a kid I didn't read too much, but I still read here and there. Magic Tree house used to be my favorite.



Reading Challenges

Something that challenges me with reading is finding time to read, and committing to that. I always just seem to put it off even.

Reading Interests

Some of my reading interests would be books about how to better yourself. I enjoy books deeper than the book, like *Finding Spirit Bear*.

Reading Goal for the Class

My reading goal for the class is to finish at least 6 books.

Reading Philosophy

I think that reading has help make the world. History repeats itself and we can learn from history because people have written books about times of struggle.