



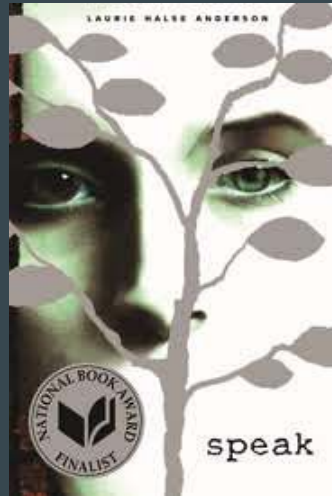
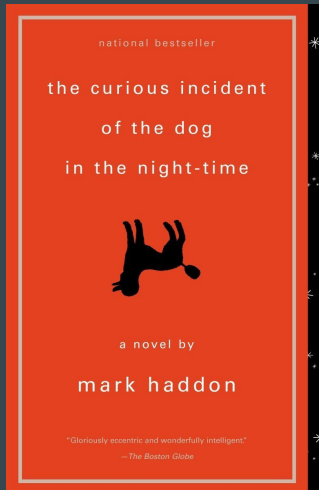
YA Literature Introduction

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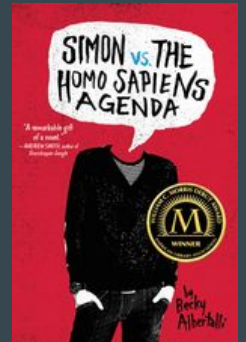
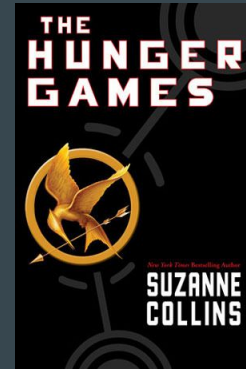
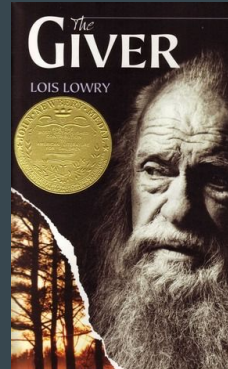
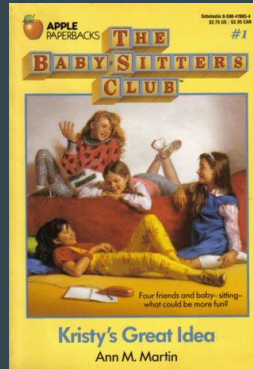
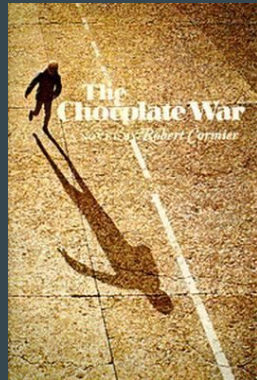
What is Young Adult Literature?

YA Literature is a category of fiction written for people around the ages of 12 to 18. The term began around the 1960s and referred to realistic fiction that involves problems faced by teens. This area of literature has changed a lot throughout time by becoming more diverse and inclusive.

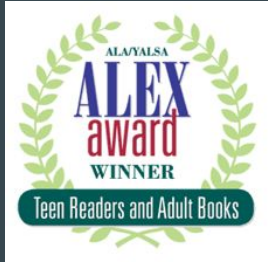


The History of YA Lit

Many people were scared to create a book genre intended for teens, due to fear of what parents of readers might think about the subjects. But the genre started to take off and create more young readers. Many book critics say YA lit unofficially started with the Little House series in the 1930s, but became a more official genre in the late 1960s to early 1970s. In 2014 books for young adults went up 22% in sales. Today this genre is huge, and constantly changing along with it's new readers.



Awards in YA Lit



The Alex awards are for books written for adults, but still appeal to teens.



The Printz award is for books that are the best books overall in the YA Lit category.



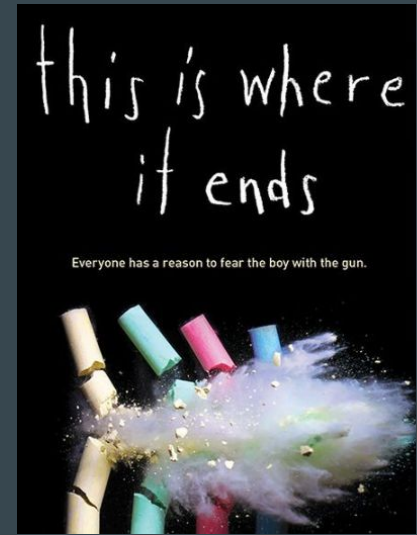
The Edwards award is for books that created a lasting impression on YA lit.

Trends In YA Lit

The year of 2020 as a strong year for YA lit. Many authors and YA readers noticed more books focusing on young, black, and queer women. This year there were many stories about immigrants in America. So obviously 2020 had much more diversity than before. Some of the most popular YA books of 2020 have been *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* (Suzanne Collins), *One of us is Next* (Karen McManus), *The Gravity of Us* (Philip Stamper), and many more. My guess is that the next year of books will focus on the struggles of living through a global pandemic.

My Reading Habits

- I like to read realistic fiction, and I don't like book series.
- Whenever I'm taking an English class I read more.
- I like to read but I often feel like I don't have the time.
- I've always been a pretty strong reader.
- I don't have any favorite authors.
- I try to read a little bit every night. (currently reading *The Catcher In The Rye*)
- Favorite books: *This is where it ends*, *Speak*, *One of Us is Lying*, *RIP Eliza Hart*, *Imposters*, and more
- Books I want to read: *The Giver*, *Perks of Being a Wallflower*, *The Giver*, *Uglies*, *Wildthorn*, *None of The Above*, *Symptoms of being Human*



My YA Lit Goals

Goals: I want to read more books during this trimester, and continue to read consistently after this class. I also want to read more of the classic YA lit books, along with new books especially some with diversity.

Quote for reading: “Books were only one type of receptacle where we stored a lot of things we were afraid we might forget. There is nothing magical in them at all. The magic is only in what books say, how they stitched the patches of the Universe together into one garment for us.” - Ray Bradbury, Fahrenheit 451

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