

Gerstell Academy

Required Reading for Incoming 5th Grade Students 2011

Please select **four** of the books listed to read. Identify a **Gerstell Academy Leadership Principle and Attribute** that is demonstrated in the book. Write a paragraph for **each** of the **four books** describing how the main character demonstrates this leadership principle and attribute.

Riding Freedom (Fiction)

Ryan, Pam Munoz

A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

Hard Gold the Colorade Gond Rush of 1859, A Tale of the Old West (Fiction)

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Determined to find his nineteen-year-old uncle and best friend, Jesse, who left for Colorado to find enough gold to pay the mortgage and save the family's Iowa farm, twelve-year-old Early Whittcomb joins up with a barber, his wife, and his daughter on a wagon train heading for the gold fields near Pike's Peak in 1858.



Bull Run (Fiction)

Fleischman, Paul

Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys, and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

Fearless (Historical Fiction)

Woodruff, Elvira

In late seventeenth-century England, eleven-year-old Digory, forced to leave his hometown after his father is lost at sea, becomes an apprentice to the architect Henry Winstanley, who built a lighthouse on the treacherous Eddystone Reef -- the very rocks that sank Digory's grandfather's ship years before.

Caddie Woodlawn (Historical Fiction)

Brink, Carol Ryrie

The adventures of an eleven-year-old tomboy growing up on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-nineteenth century.

Afghan Dreams : young voices of Afghanistan (J 958.1 O)

Tony O'Brien

Presents stories of young people in Afghanistan, including street workers, students, and pickpockets, who long for peace in their neighborhoods.



The Great Fire (J 977.3 M978)

Murphy, Jim

Bibliographical references and index. Photographs and text, along with personal accounts of actual survivors tell the story of the great fire of 1871 in Chicago.

Counting Coup: Becoming a Crow Chief on the Reservation and Beyond

(970.0049 M) *Medicine Crow, Joseph*

Meet Joseph Medicine Crow, a man raised in two worlds: according to the Crow Indian traditions and according to White man's rules.

The Man who went to the far side of the Moon : the story of Apollo 11 Astronaut

Michael Collins (J 629.45 S)

Schyffert, Bea Uusma

A biography of the astronaut, Michael Collins, who circled the moon in the Apollo 11 space capsule while his colleagues Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed the lunar module and walked on the moon.

The Remarkable, rough-riding life of Theodore Roosevelt and the rise of Empire

America (973.911 H)

Harness, Cheryl

Profiles the life and adventures of President Theodore Roosevelt that chronicles his childhood and family heritage and accomplishments including the Panama Canal.

Hand in Hand: An American history through poetry (811.008 H)

Hopkins, Lee Bennett

A collection of poems and lyrics from several songs provides a look at our country from colonial times to the present.

Twelve Rounds to Glory: The Story of Muhammad Ali (Biography)

Smith Jr., Charles R

The boxer known as "The Greatest" waged many a fight. Some were in the ring, against opponents like Sonny Liston and Joe Frazier; others were against societal prejudice and against a war he refused to support because of his Islamic faith. capturing the "Louisville loudmouth with the great gift of rhyme" who shed the name Cassius Clay to take on the world as Muhammad Ali.

Martin Luther King: The Peaceful Warrior (Biography)

Clayton, Ed

A biography of the minister, orator, and crusader for equal civil rights who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.



Eleanor, quiet no more : the life of Eleanor Roosevelt (Biography)

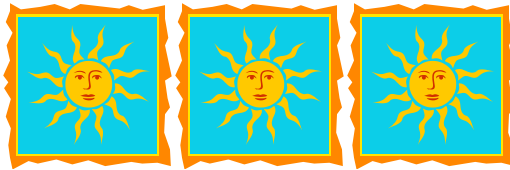
Rappaport, Doreen.

A biography of Eleanor Roosevelt, the most socially and politically active -- and controversial -- First Lady America had ever seen. Ambassador, activist, and champion of civil rights, Eleanor Roosevelt changed the soul of America forever. Includes selected quotes from Eleanor's own writings.

Lincoln: A Photobiography (Biography)

Freedman, Russell

Photographs and text trace the life of the Civil War President.





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Example Below (you may copy form)



Leadership

1) Title: _____

Author: _____

Leadership Attribute: _____

Leadership Principle: _____

Paragraph: _____



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