

Novels

Students are expected to engage in reading throughout the week. Homework consisting of reading selected chapters are part of the intensive language program and college readiness goals of SIELP. Reading group sessions and discussions are integrated into the curriculum responding to the four domains of language development and can be implemented during both in-person and remote instruction.

Intermediate Emergent Bilingual (IEB): One or Two complete novels.

Emergent Bilingual (EB): Two complete novels.

Guiding questions to ask while reading a novel:

- Who is telling the story?
- What is the narrator's situation and point of view?
- What is the narrator's opinion of the other characters?
- What is the narrator's culture or background?
- Where does the story begin -- real or imaginary place, past, present or future?
- How does the story begin -- what's the mood, the action at the beginning?
- How will the story end?
- What do you know about the setting?
- What don't you know or understand about the setting?
- Does the main character belong, or fit into, this setting?
- What's the difference between the author and the narrator?
- What or whom does the author describe in detail?
- What do the main characters look like?
- How do the main characters talk?
- How does the main character talk about or think about the others?
- How do the other characters talk about or think about the main character?
- What problems or conflicts does the main character have?
- What are the themes of the novel?
- Why do you think the author wrote the novel?
- What does the novel mean to you?

Novel: War Comes to Willy Freeman

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Book Description:

Willy Freeman's life changes forever when she witnesses her father's death at the hands of the Redcoats and returns home to find that the British have taken her mother as a prisoner to New York City.

Willy, disguised as a boy, begins her long search for her mother and luckily finds a haven at the famous Fraunces Tavern. But even with the help of Sam Fraunces and her fellow worker, Horace, Willy knows that to be black, female, and free leaves her open to danger at every turn. What will tomorrow bring?

Novel: Sophia's War: A Tale of Revolution

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Book Description:

In 1776, the War of Independence comes to New York City, and to twelve-year-old Sophia Calderwood's family. William, her older soldier brother, has been missing since the defeat of George Washington's Army at the Battle of Brooklyn.

When the British occupy the city, Lieutenant John André of the English Army, is boarded at the Calderwood home. He and Sophia develop a flirtatious friendship, which is tested when the girl discovers that William is being held in The Sugarhouse, a notorious British prison. She hopes André can help. When he chooses not to, Sophia struggles to save her brother herself.

Three years later, Sophia becomes a spy in the headquarters of the British Army. There she finds André, now a Major, working to enable a highly placed American General become a traitor, a treason that will endanger the whole American war effort. Deciding to stop the treason—and motivated by personal revenge—Sophia becomes desperate. However, as Sophia learns, desperation's other name is deception. Indeed, the desperate characters in this thrilling tale of spies and counter-spies, act out many acts of deception, not least by Sophia herself.

Based on true tales of the Revolution, carefully researched, this story will shock and enthrall even those who think they know what happened during the American Revolution. Sophia's War is Avi at his best, a haunting historical thriller.