

2001 Grades 7–8 Literature Textbook Rating

Texas has approved the Grades 7–8 Literature programs of four major publishers for 2001 local adoption. Based on the **STORY CONTENT** of their reading selections (we have standard review criteria to judge this), they rank thus:

better

ELEMENTS OF LITERATURE

(Holt Rinehart Winston, 2001)

fair

LITERATURE:

Timeless Voices, Timeless Themes

(Prentice Hall, 2001)

poor

LITERATURE: The Reader's Choice

(Glencoe, 2001)

LANGUAGE OF LITERATURE

(McDougal Littell, 2001)

These two series have the greatest total numbers of the following problems:

- amoral storylines normalizing ethical cynicism and anti-social behavior
- emphasis on death or sorrow
- political correctness (e.g., anti-white, anti-male, anti-Christian bias)
- editorial insensitivity (swearing, near-profanity, sexual suggestiveness)

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