

Mira Costa High School Library

2013 Banned Books Week

Contest



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September 22-28, 2013 is *Banned Books Week*.

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read has been observed during the last week of September each year since 1982. This annual event, sponsored by the American Library Association and a number of other professional associations, reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted.

Banned Books Week emphasizes the freedom to choose or the freedom to express one's opinion even if that opinion might be considered unorthodox or unpopular and the importance of ensuring the availability of those unorthodox or unpopular viewpoints to all who wish to read them. For more information, please visit the library blog's Banned Books Week 2013 posting at miracostahighlibrary.edublogs.org.

In honor of Banned Books Week, please visit the Mira Costa High School Library display of recently banned and challenged books and participate in this contest. Answer each of the following questions and return your answer sheet to the library by Friday, October 4. Check the library blog for links to sites that will help you with the answers. Everyone with a complete set of correct answers will be entered in a drawing to win a {pages} Bookstore Gift Certificate.

1. This dystopian novel by acclaimed Canadian Author Margaret Atwood was challenged in 2012 because the book is "sexually explicit, violently graphic and morally corrupt." This book is read in one of Mira Costa's Senior seminars. What is the title? _____
2. Banned by Sumner County, Tenn. schools in 2012 because of "inappropriate language," this book won the 2006 Printz Award for excellence in young adult literature. What is the title? _____
3. This autobiographical book by a Native American writer has been frequently challenged. In 2013, it was challenged at the West Valley School District in Yakima, Washington because some parents found the sexual references and profanity in the novel inappropriate for high school students. You can watch a video recorded by the author on the library blog. What is the book's title?

4. This book, the top-selling book of all time, has been challenged as "obscene and pornographic" as well as including "tales of incest and murder." Many Sunday School teachers and pastors use it for reference and study. We know it as _____

5. This famous book by J. D. Salinger has been challenged many times for language and sexual content. It has been commonly used in English classes and is part of Mira Costa's 9th grade curriculum. Which book is it? _____
6. In September 2010, an opinion piece in the *News-Leader* of Springfield, MO, characterized this book, which contains two rape scenes, as "soft pornography." When Author Laurie Halse Anderson (whose video you can view on the library blog), blogged about her outrage at the opinion piece, huge Twitter feed in support of the book immediately followed. What is the book title? _____
7. Two commonly read books by Mark Twain have been subjects of challenges and outright banning in many high schools due to complaints of "racially charged language." What are they? _____
8. This section of the Bill of Rights guarantees the freedom of religion, speech, press, assembly and petition. It is called _____.
9. This author was one of the most frequently challenged authors in 2010. Her dystopian trilogy is now being made into popular films. What is her name?

10. This frequently-challenged book set in Afghanistan was challenged in a tenth-grade honors class in Troy, Pa. area schools (2012) because the novel depicts a rape in graphic detail and uses vulgar language. What is the title? _____

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