

2019 Sequoyah Book Awards

Lessons & Activities



Celebrating 60 Years of the Sequoyah Book Awards!

Remembering the Past, Looking To the Future

The first Sequoyah Children's Book Award was given in April 1959 at Northwestern Oklahoma State College in Alva, making this the third oldest youth-choice literary award in the nation. To celebrate the 60th birthday of the award, this year's lesson plans will reflect the theme of "Remembering the Past, Looking to the Future" with activities that tie to history and/or STEAM.

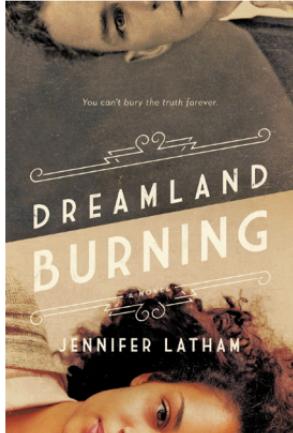
Day Three: A High School Activity

Reading Then and Now—Once upon a time, there was the book. Then there was the ebook. A poll in 2014 indicated younger readers prefer ebooks to printed books. According to a study in 2018, younger readers don't have this preference. What about your high school students? Have your students research articles, studies, and opinion pieces on the printed book versus the ebook. The next stage of the activity could be a writing assignment or a group discussion:

- Ask students to write an essay about what their research has found, how they feel about print books versus ebooks, and why they hold their particular opinion.
- Have a group of students discuss the benefits and disadvantages of each format and then have a group vote to determine the most popular format.

Hey, Teachers! School Librarians!

Get 30 FREE Sequoyah Book Award posters with all of the 2019 titles! If you haven't registered for Newspapers in Education, do it now at <https://nieonline.com/theoklahoman/order.cfm>. Register by September 21 and if your school is outside The Oklahoman's delivery area then email BHuntsman@oklahoman.com to request your 30 free posters.



Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SequoyahWeek2018> and search "Sequoyah" to download a lesson plan based on *Dreamland Burning* by Jennifer Latham. When 17-year old Rowan Chase finds a skeleton on her family's property, she begins an investigation that leads to painful discoveries about the past.

Visit the Oklahoma Library Association's website (oklibs.org) to find out more about the Sequoyah Book Awards and to download the masterlist of titles and promotional materials.

Tomorrow, check back for activities related to picture books for young children!

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