

Teaching with Text Sets

Sumter County School District:

- *Gina Merritt, Reading Specialist*

- *Reading Coaches and Teachers*

Florida Literacy and Reading Excellence:

- *Charla Bauer, Area Coordinator*



How Sumter Made Text Sets a District Project



As a Content Teacher, Used Text Sets

- Best practice
- Student Engagement
- Content Expertise
- Experience and Knowledge



2004 Just Read, Florida Coaching Academy

- Learned more about Text Sets from Dr. Evan Lefsky
- Research supports the use of Text Sets for student motivation and engagement



Budgeted for Text Sets at Secondary Schools



Found Support Implementing Project

FLaRE Coordinator trained teachers, facilitated selections, and modeled implementation

Borders, Inc. partnered with us to facilitate book searches, provide lexile information on selections, allow corporate discounts, and provide purchasing guidance



How Sumter Implements Text Set Project



Teachers from High Schools and Middle Schools Are *Selected* to Participate

- Participants must attend two-part Training
 - Part I
 - Background on Text Sets
 - Use of Lexiles to Level Books
 - Part II
 - Ideas for Using Text Sets



- ❖ Text Sets Selected Based on Curriculum Standards
- ❖ Reading Coaches Train to Support Text Set Use



- Text Sets Fulfill Needs of Students in Reading Program
AND
- Assist Content Area Teachers in Instruction



Content Area Teachers:

How To Use Text Sets for Instruction

- Text Set Examples
- Activities that Work
- Reflections/Suggestions



Reading Coaches:

How Text Set Implementation is Supported

- Modeling Practice
- Introducing Strategies
- Vocabulary Development
- Grading
- Administrative Support



FLaRE Coordinator:

How Text Sets Support Strategic Reading and Learning



Differentiation Using Informal Classroom Assessment



Scaffolding Content for All Learners



Handouts Available Online:



- ✓ Overview of Two Text Set Workshops
- ✓ Sample Text Sets with Suggested Teaching Practices and Learning Measures
- ✓ Contact Information

