

Banned Books Week

Escape Room / Breakout Game

Use the descriptions from the opposite page to fill in the titles of the banned books on this page. When you're done, move the letters in the gray boxes into the blank boxes on the opposite page (in order). The blank letters will form a question. Fill in the blanks and discover the question and bring your answer to the teacher to receive your key!

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Bring the answer to this question to the teacher to receive your key!

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Use the clues on this page to name the banned books on the opposite page. When you're done, move the letters in the gray boxes into the blanks below the puzzle (in order). The blank letters will form a question. Tell the answer to the teacher to receive credit for this task!

1. This book by Martin Handford features a character that is fond of hiding while wearing a red and white striped shirt. It was banned because some of the beachgoers in this book were "inappropriately dressed."
2. There are many editions of this banned book, but the most famous is by Miriam-Webster. It is published in multiple languages and is now used digitally as well. It was banned for containing words that were "inappropriate for young eyes."
3. This book by John Green features a character who is named after a state and disappears during the story. Her friends spend all of their time trying to look for the girl and figure out where she went. This book was banned for "offensive language and sexuality."
4. This book by Neil Gaiman is about a little girl who moves into a new home, only to stumble into another world that is just like her own, only better...or so she thinks! It is challenged because of its "scary themes and being inappropriate for the age group."
5. This series of Books by JK Rowling features a trio of friends who, over the course of seven books, fight and defeat a dark wizard. The entire series is banned for "glorifying witchcraft."
6. This book by Anonymous features a girl named Alice who falls down a rabbit hole into a different world. It was banned in China because it contained "talking animals" and "put animals on the same level as humans."
7. This book by Suzanne Collins is about a girl named Katniss Everdeen who volunteers to compete in a brutal battle to the death to save her sister. It is banned for "anti-ethnic ideals, anti-family principles, offensive language, violence, and insensitivity." (2011-2014)
8. This book is the diary of a Jewish girl who lived in Europe during the Holocaust. It is banned for "offensive language" and being "too depressing for school." (2010-2014)
9. This book by A. A. Milne follows a bear and his friends--Tigger, Piglet, Christopher Robin, and Eeyore. It is banned in China because the main character has been used in memes to criticize the country's president. (2017)
10. This book by Walter Dean Myers is about an African-American high school graduate who goes to Vietnam to fight in the US Army. The book is about his experiences during the Vietnam war. It was banned for being "anti-war" and "offensive language." (2001-Present)
11. This book by Louise Fitzhugh is about a little girl who wants to be a spy. It was banned for "encouraging children to spy, lie, and swear."
12. This book by EB White is about a pig named Wilbur, a spider, and the farm that they live on. It was banned for "blasphemous and unnatural talking animals" and death scenes that were "inappropriate for a children's book. (2006)
13. This is one of the most popular books in the world and has several translations that are used by churches around the world. It was banned for promoting its "religious viewpoint" and is one of the top 10 banned books of all time.
14. This book by Ellen Hopkins is about a teenage girl named Kristina who becomes addicted to crystal meth and quickly loses control of her life. It is banned for "drug use, sexuality, alcohol use, and violence."
15. This book by Lois Lowry is about a boy named Jonas who lives in a utopian society. It is banned for being "unsuited to the age group, violence, sexuality, religious viewpoints, and suicide." (1990-Present)

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16. This book by Rainbow Rowell is about two misfits and their experiences with first love in 1986. It is banned for “offensive language and sexuality.”