

# Global Teaching Dialogue

**Using Media and Text to Nurture Global Citizenship** 

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### Introduction



### Global citizenship education...

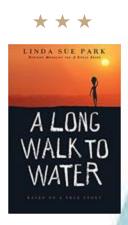
- works in a variety of contexts (varying levels of experience, expertise, and flexibility)
- employs a wide range of resources (fiction and nonfiction texts, film, activities, etc.)
- increases student engagement (through student choice, practical application, etc.)

#### This session will...

- demonstrate how students in an ELA classroom learn and explore the world through various types of media and texts
- provide one example of a global citizenship foundation course, which can be adapted to different school contexts









## Nurturing World Travelers: Exploring the World and Beyond Through Texts











### The Challenge to Teach and Engage

#### What the research says...

- From 2007-2017, students tended to read less (Vinterek et al., 2020)
- Reading motivation varies with age and gender (Wigfield, 2016)
- Students' reading and writing didn't match their needs and interests (Pitcher et al., 2007)

#### Implications...

- Students need access to variety of texts they can choose from (Tegmark et al., 2022)
- Reading and discussion must be socially situated and thought-provoking (Lacy, 2019)
- Teachers must find a way to build an academic program around students' interests (Delpit & Dowdy, 2008)





### Context

- 2nd largest school district in the United States
- Urban school
- Nearly 800 students, 100% eligible for free lunch
  - About 51% Latinx
  - o About 49% African American
- 10th grade students began the school year as reluctant readers
  - o "Ms., I don't read."
  - "Ms., I don't like to read."







### **Challenge Accepted**

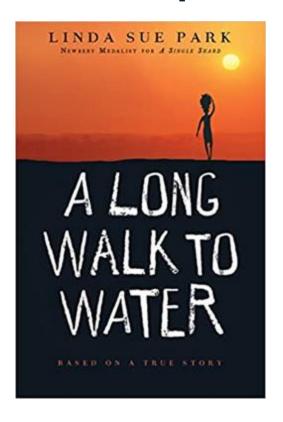








### First Stop: South Sudan



- Shorter story to read
- Multiple cliffhangers
- Opportunities for discussion
- Character growth and development









#### CHAPTER FOUR

#### Southern Sudan, 2008

Nya's mother took the plastic container from her and emptied the water into three large jars. She handed Nya a bowl of boiled sorghum meal and poured a little milk over it.

Nya sat outside in the shade of the house and ate.

When she was done, she took the bowl back inside. Her mother was nursing the baby, Nya's little brother. "Take Akeer with you," her mother said, nodding toward Nya's sister.

Glancing at her younger sister, Nya did not say what she was thinking: that Akeer, who was only five years old, was too small and walked too slowly.

"She needs to learn," her mother said.

Nya nodded. She picked up the plastic container and took Akeer by the hand.

Home for just long enough to eat, Nya would now make her second trip to the pond. To the pond and back—to the pond and back—nearly a full day of walking altogether. This was Nya's daily routine seven months of the year.

Daily. Every single day.

- What do you notice as you read about Nya?
- What questions do you have?





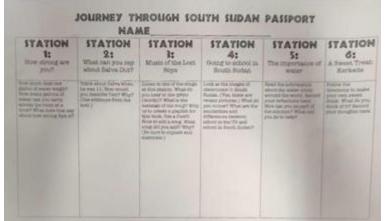








"Conversations about the books we read can connect us, intrigue us, and teach us..." (Rehbein, 2019)









### **Traveling the World Through Literature**





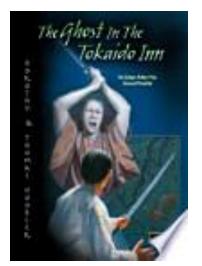








# Feudal Japan







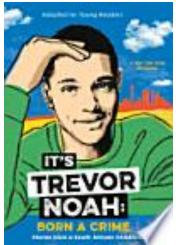


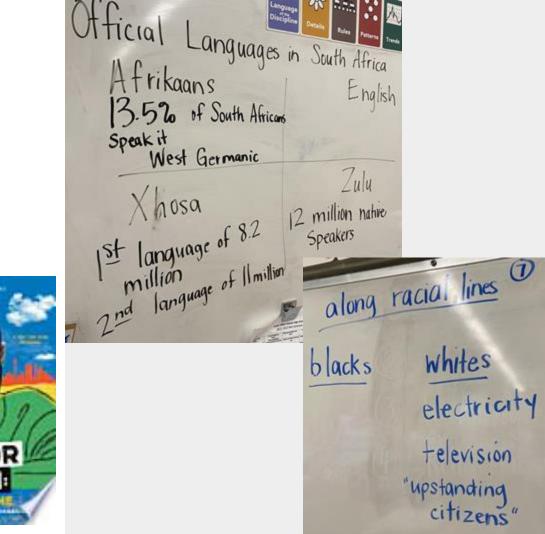


# **South Africa**



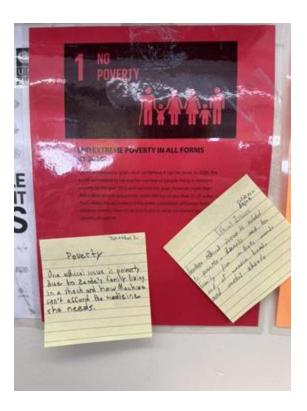
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**Connecting Ethical Issues to SDGs** 







#### Creative Solutions for World Problems Note-Taking Guide

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# Teaching a Global Citizenship Course









## St. Xavier High School



- Private school established in 1831
- Catholic (80%, 20% other faiths)
- 1 of 88 Jesuit schools in the US and 874 worldwide
- 1400 students, all boys
- 42% of students receive tuition assistance





### **Global Scholars Program**

A flexible program of 2 to 3 years through which students develop as global citizens who think critically, recognize and respect diverse perspectives, and take action toward a more just, equitable, and sustainable world.



#### Curriculum

- 4 courses with a global dimension
- Global Perspectives semester course required
- Language Study
- Global Events
- Intercultural Experiences
- Co-curricular Involvements
- Ongoing and Culminating Reflection
- Service
- Projects





### Global Perspectives: a Global Scholars Program foundation course



Global Perspectives seeks to create global citizens who take action toward creating a more just and sustainable future. Organized around SDG-themed units, the course uses contemporary world literature to examine issues of global significance such as education, poverty, peace and justice, migration, and climate change. In addition to reading novels, students will watch films, conduct research, participate in virtual exchanges, and implement individual and group projects on global topics of choice.





## **Toni Morisson:**

"...Art invites us to take the journey beyond price, beyond costs into bearing witness to the world as it is and as it should be."



# Unit 1: Introduction to Global Citizenship & the 4 Domains of Global Competence



### Unit 1: Introduction to the SDGs









































# Unit 1: Introduction to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights





Human Rights Marketplace Activity





#### UPSTANDERS

An upstander is a person who takes action in defense of victims of injustice. Before and during this World Cup, some countries and their national teams have taken measures to shed light on various human rights abuses.



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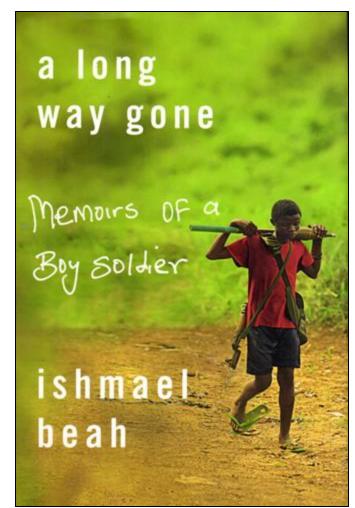
### Unit 2: SDGs 4 & 16

# **Quality Education Peace & Justice**

A twelve-year-old boy is forced to become a child soldier when civil war erupts in Sierra Leone.

### **Guiding Question:**

What are the conditions which prevent and disrupt the education of children around the world?



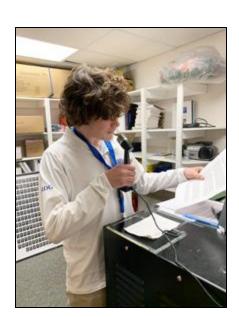




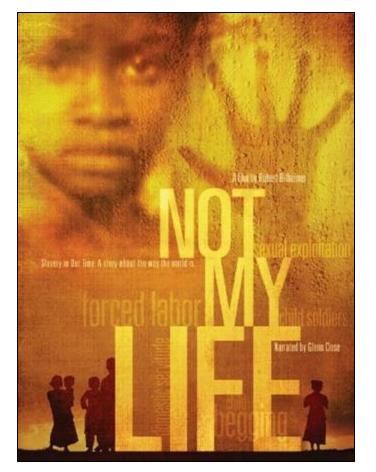


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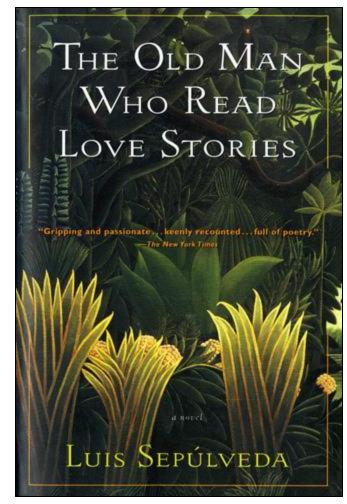
### Unit 3: SDGs 13 & 15

# Climate Action Life on Land

Deep in the Ecuadoran jungle, a man sits at the crossroads of culture and conflict. Tourist and opportunists threaten the health and survival of the Amazon rainforest and its indigenous people, and the man's principles are challenged.

#### **Guiding Question:**

Why are the earth's rainforests so critical to the health and future of the planet?









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### Unit 3: SDGs 13 & 15

### Climate Action Life on Land

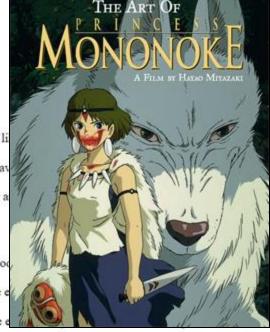




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Nature's Path, according to your website and bakingbusiness.com, is a family owned busines with no intention of selling the company. Family owned business is unfortunately something is much less commonplace now, especially for companies as successful as yourself. This make it all the more gratifying to know that Nature's Path is completely organic, zero waste, and so philanthropic to environmental causes, as you proudly mention on naturespath.com.





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### Unit 4: SDGs 1 & 10

### No Poverty Reduced Inequalities

A young Ghanaian boy is leaves home in search of economic opportunity, traversing northern Africa and struggling to create a home for himself in Barcelona.

#### **Guiding Question:**

What factors contribute to migration and what is the experience of refugees and immigrants?

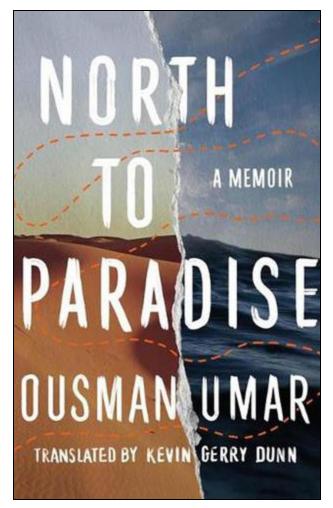


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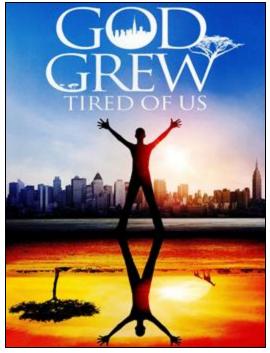


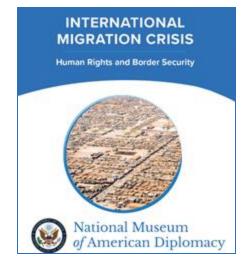


### Unit 4: SDGs 1 & 10

### No Poverty Reduced Inequalities











DOLLAR STREET





### Unit 5: SDG 5

### **Gender Equality**

A young woman in South Korea struggles against society's expectations of her as she navigates schooling, the workplace, and motherhood.

#### **Guiding Question:**

What kinds of discrimination do women around the world face?

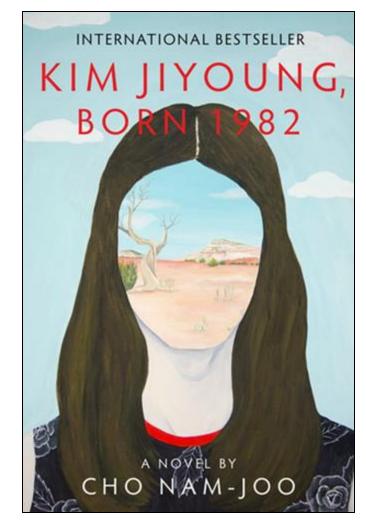


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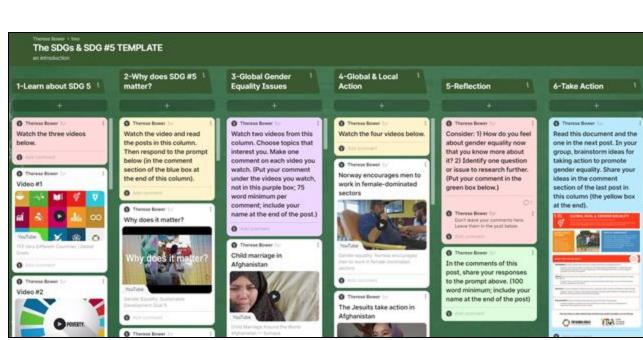


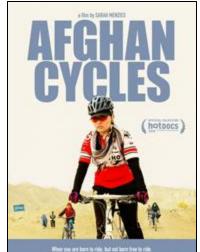


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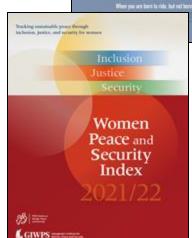




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### **Unit 6: Impact Project**



During designated "genius time" class periods, students investigate a global issue of particular interest to them. Students then develop this research into a proposal to positively impact the problem at a local or global level. Proposals are presented to an authentic audience at the conclusion of the course.







### **Unit 6: Impact Project Past Topics**



- Genocide
- Access to public transportation
- The portrayal of refugees
   & immigrants in the media
- Education in US vs. other countries
- Responsible investing
- Gender disparity in education
- Fast fashion (+ climate, human rights)

















### **Takeaways and Questions**







### **Thank You!**



