Integrity Requires Wholeness
Integrity requires that the way I live my life is whole, entire, undivided, sound, coherent, and principled. Integrity moves me to do difficult and new things, not just easy and accustomed things.

Middle School

**Cycle II 2015-2016**

**Bronx Masquerade**
Nikki Grimes
Grimes features the voice of 18 urban youths who share their innermost feelings in their open mic poetry presentations. Set in a Bronx high school, the book features characters developed through short monologues paired with self-revealing poetry.

**Surviving the Applewhites**
Stephanie S. Tolan
A troubled teen is sent to live with an eccentric family in this funny, contemporary story. Humorous style and characterization make this an excellent read-aloud novel.

**Seedfolks**
Paul Fleischman
When a young Vietnamese girl plants some bean seeds in a vacant lot because she misses her family, the beginnings of a community project emerge. Other people from the neighboring buildings add their contributions. Short vignettes about lonely lives that become meaningful are woven together in this unique story. California author.

High School

**Cycle IV 2015-2016**

**A Child Called “It”: One Child’s Courage to Survive**
David Pelzer
Pelzer writes about his abusive mother who singles him out among his siblings for repeated emotional and physical punishment. This book was published for an adult readership and thus contains mature content. Before handing the text to a child, educators and parents should read the book and know the child. Biography/Autobiography 9-12

**Child of the Owl**
Lawrence Yep
The story is set in 1960 in San Francisco's Chinatown. Casey, a Chinese American teen, slowly discovers the value of her Chinese heritage while living with her grandmother. The story examines the effects of Casey's father's gambling addiction on the lives of the other family members. California author and setting. Fiction, Realistic Fiction

**How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents**
Julia Alvarez
Interrelated stories describe the experiences of the four Garcia sisters before and after their family's exile from the Dominican Republic. The novel is set in New York in the 1960s. Fiction, Short Story History/Social Science 9-12