

## Instructional Resource Proposal Form

Use this form to propose the purchase of new textbooks, software, or other major instructional resources for a new course, grade, or multiple grades.

**Date:** May 31, 2019

**Person(s) submitting:** Miranda Wilson

**Content Area:** Language Arts      **Grade(s)** Eighth      **Course:** General Education

**Recommended Purchase:**

Title or Name of Resource: *Woods Runner* by Gary Paulsen

Type of Resource: Mentor Text      ISBN# 978-0-385-73884-2  
(#41798)

Copyright: 2010      Vendor: Perma-Bound

Address: <https://www.perma-bound.com/Search/JBgmWurcPv77xk5A5Bnp8g>

**Background:** (Why this purchase is being proposed?)

Based on a review of the 2017-2018 school year, it has been determined that Johnny Tremain no longer holds student interest or cohesively fits into the current curriculum model. As the unit progressed, it was evident students lacked connection with the plot of the novels which made it a struggle to process the book. Furthermore, the novel took over two months to complete due to length and complexity.

**Process used to select this curriculum resource:**

Gary Paulsen is a celebrated author with more than two hundred published adolescent and adult novels. Many of his works are already a part of our elementary curriculum, such as Hatchet. In addition, the novel *Woods Runner* won the 2011 ALA Best Fiction for Young Adults and the IRA Teachers' Choices 2011 for Advanced Readers. This novel directly connects to the social studies curriculum. The unit will provide instruction and monitoring of the core skills necessary to enhance student performance. Furthermore, the novel will strengthen the alignment of the social studies curriculum to the literature/concepts presented in language arts.

**Is this the only curriculum resource for this course? yes If not, what other resource(s) will be used?**

**How was this resource evaluated in terms of providing adequate instructional support for the curriculum?**

The novel has been chosen because it provides rigor and aligns with the eighth grade standards, while maintaining a level of content appropriate for middle level students.

**Enduring Understandings** –By the end of the unit, students will understand that...

- readers have an emotional attachment to words.
- figurative language enhances the reader's experience.
- word choice contributes to the tone of the piece.
- allusion lends credit to historical figures; but also taints our perspective of history.
- the structure and style of the piece contributes to the overall meaning.
- characters change over time.
- irony and suspense are connected.
- the author controls the reader's experience through point of view.

**Attach a standard budget sheet to detail the purchase costs.**

- Cost per hardcover book- \$13.12- asking for 60 books= \$787.20
- Cost per softcover book- \$5.59- asking for 60 books= \$341.40