The Gift of the Magi is a short story by O. Henry first published in 1905. The story tells of a young husband and wife who deal with the challenge of buying secret Christmas gifts for each other with very little money. The main idea of "The Gift of the Magi" is that the value of a gift is in the giver, rather than the gift itself. Jim and Della, out of their love for each other, purchased a gift that required them to sacrifice something that was precious to them. The Gift of the Magi (Illustrated) Economic concepts and techniques presented through a series of "big questions," models that show how to pose questions rigorously and work toward an answer. This book helps readers master economic concepts and techniques by tackling fundamental economic and political questions through a series of models. It is organized around a sequence of "big questions," among them: When do markets help translate individuals' uncoordinated, selfish actions into outcomes that are best for all? Do markets change people, and, if so, for worse or better? Translated into the language of modern economics, do Marx's ideas have merit? Why is there so much income inequality? Or is there too little? The arguments are in the theorem-proof format, distinguishing results derived in the context of fully specified models from educated speculation. Readers will learn how to pose a question rigorously and how to work toward an answer, and to appreciate that even (especially!) the broadest and most ambitious questions call for a model. The goal of the book is not to indoctrinate but to show readers how to reason toward their own conclusions. The first chapter, on the Walrasian model of general equilibrium, serves as the prerequisite for the rest of the book. The remaining chapters cover...
less conventional topics, including the morality of markets; matching theory; Marxism, socialism, and the resilience of markets; a formalization of Kant’s categorical imperative; unintended consequences of policy design; and theories of justice. The book can be used as a textbook for advanced undergraduate or graduate students or as a resource for researchers in disciplines that draw on normative economics.

Handbook on Global Social Justice Start Publishing LLC
In Complex Text Decoded, educational consultant and former master teacher Kathy T. Glass presents strategies, activities, and assessments that target students’ ability to comprehend complex text—whether presented as traditional written text or in multimedia formats—in grades 5–10. You’ll learn: * The essential elements of unit design and models for lesson planning. * Specific, step-by-step instruction for teaching vocabulary. * Effective questioning techniques. * Strategies and activities explicitly designed for teaching complex text. * How to measure text complexity and select appropriate texts that are aligned with curricular goals. It’s important to provide opportunities for students to read a wide variety of texts for different purposes and along a spectrum of difficulty and length.

To meet the goal of comprehensively grasping complex text, students must have concrete tools to help them become highly skilled readers. Complex Text Decoded ensures teachers to provide precisely that.

How Not to be a Hypocrite Dramatic Publishing
Arguing that although it is not the role of a liberal state to shape its citizens’ beliefs, this work suggests that a moral code for the prevention of discrimination is needed. The text responds to objections to discrimination law from liberal theory, and outlines the moral principles it posits.

The Ethnic Moment: The Search for Equality in the American Experience MP Publishing
Can parents send their children to private schools and still live up to their ideals? Can you be a good citizen and a good parent? These difficult questions, and many more, are raised and answered in this insightful and thought-provoking book.

Lectures on Microeconomics Rowman & Littlefield
In The Case for Color-Blind Equality in an Age of Identity Politics, Alan Dershowitz—a New York Times bestselling author and one of America’s most respected legal scholars—analyzes the current battles over issues of diversity and our rapidly changing ideas about what true diversity is. Alan Dershowitz has been called “one of the most prominent and consistent defenders of civil liberties in America” by Politico and “the nation’s most peripatetic civil liberties lawyer and one of its most distinguished defenders of individual rights” by Newsweek. He is also a fair-minded and even-handed expert on civil liberties and constitutional rights, and in this book offers his knowledge and insight to help readers understand the war being waged against meritocracy and equal protection of the law by so-called progressive advocates. The Case for Color-Blind Equality in an Age of Identity Politics is an analysis of every aspect of the current fight against true diversity—diversity of philosophy, background, and opinion, rather than the more surface-level diversity of race, religion, and location. It examines the United States’s history of systemic racism, debates about affirmative action, and ongoing reckoning with issues of bigotry against groups such as Asians, Blacks, and Jews, with an eye toward fairly balancing the concerns of a diverse populace. In the end, The Case for Color-Blind Equality in an Age of Identity Politics represents an icon in American law and politics exploring the current rapidly changing attitudes toward meritocracy, personal identity, and the preservation of civil liberties for all citizens, regardless of background, race, class, or creed. It is essential reading for anyone interested in or concerned about identity politics, racial issues, and true diversity and fairness in America.

Equality by Default Penguin
This text was developed by three experienced English teachers, who also happen to be lawyers. The law provides a new dimension to popular literary themes, like justice, fairness and equality. These legal documents will enhance the discussion in the English/Language Arts classroom. With the Common Core State Standards’ emphasis on incorporating primary documents of historical and literary significance, literature teachers have more opportunity than ever to use case law and other legal documents as texts.

Sparking the Thinking of Students, Ages 10-14 Amz Jay
"A stupendous compilation of the best things said by and to Americans . . . [I] open it every night at random and always find something valuable." —Peggy Noonan, Wall Street Journal "Indispensable . . . Should become The Book of Virtues for patriots." —Mona Charen, nationally syndicated columnist Concerned about rising cynicism and apathy, more and more Americans lament the decline in patriotic feeling and civic engagement. Fortunately, this wonderfully rich anthology is here to help all Americans realize more deeply—and appreciate more fully—who they are as citizens of the United States. At once inspiring and thought provoking, What So Proudly We Hail explores American identity, character, and civic life using the soul-shaping power of story, speech, and song. Editors Amy Kass, Leon Kass, and Diana Schaub—acclaimed scholars who among them have more than a century of teaching experience—have assembled dozens of selections by our country’s greatest writers and leaders, from Mark Twain to John Updike, from George Washington to Theodore Roosevelt, from Willa Cather to Flannery O’Connor, from Benjamin Franklin to Martin Luther King Jr., and from Francis Scott Key to Irving Berlin. Featuring the editors’ insightful and instructive commentary, What So Proudly We Hail illuminates our national identity, the American creed, the American character, and the virtues and aspirations of active citizenship. This marvelous book will spark much-needed discussion and reflection in living rooms, classrooms, and reading groups everywhere.

The Minister’s Black Veil Illustrated Psychology Press
Big Brother gets up close and personal. Do you know about RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification)? Well, you should, because, in just a few short years, this explosive new technology could tell marketers, criminals, and government snoops everything about you. Welcome to the world of spychips, where tiny computer chips smaller than a grain of sand will trace everyday objects?and even people?keeping tabs on everything you own and everywhere you go. In this startling, eye-opening book, you’ll learn how powerful corporations are planning a future where: Strangers will be able to scan the contents of your purse or briefcase from across a room. Stores will change prices as you approach—squeezing extra profits out of bargain shoppers and the poor. The contents of your refrigerator and medicine cabinet will be remotely monitored. Floors, doorways, ceiling tiles, and even picture frames will spy on you?leaving virtually no place to hide. microchip implants will track your every move?and even broadcast your conversations remotely or electroshock you if you step out of line. This is no conspiracy theory. Hundreds of millions of dollars have already been invested in what global corporations and the government are calling “the hottest new technology
since the bar code." Unless we stop it now, RFID could strip away our last shreds of privacy and usher in a nightmare world of total surveillance?to keep us all on Big Brother's very short leash. What critics are saying about Spychips, the book: Spychips "make[s] a stunningly powerful argument against plans for RFID being mapped out by government agencies, retail and manufacturing companies." ?Evan Schuman, CIO Insight "The privacy movement needs a book. I nominate Spychips." ?Marc Rotenberg, EPIC "Brilliantly written; so scary and depressing I want to put it down, so full of fascinating vignettes and facts that I can't put it down." ?Author Claire Wolfe Spychips "makes a very persuasive case that some of America's biggest companies want to embed tracking technology into virtually everything we own, and then study our usage patterns 24 hours a day. It's a truly creepy book and well worth reading." ?Hiawatha Bray, Boston Globe "You REALLY want to read this book." ?Laissez Faire Socratic Seminars in Middle School UNM Press A study of inferring from a wide variety of theoretical and disciplinary perspectives, as well as different levels of processing, Inferences during Reading BMI Educational Services The Big Trip Up Yonder by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr. Illustrated by Kossin. The Ford family, headed by 172-year-old Harold ("Gramps"), lives in a three-room apartment on the 76th floor of "Building 257 of Alden Village, New York City, Connecticut." Gramps' grandson Louis, his wife Emerald, and 20 other descendants are crowded into the space, perpetually jockeying for Gramps' favor. Gramps gets the best food and the only private bedroom, and controls everyone's life by constantly revising his will to disinherit anyone who earns his displeasure. An offhand remark by Lou prompts Gramps to disinherit him and exile Lou and Em to the worst sleeping space in the apartment, near the bathroom. Lou then catches his great-grandnephew, newly wed Mortimer, diluting Gramps' anti-gerasone in the bathroom. Fearing Gramps' reaction to such a scheme, he tries to empty the bottle and refill it with the full-strength medicine, but accidentally breaks the bottle and is caught by Gramps, who only tells him to clean up the mess. The next morning, the family finds Gramps' bed empty and a note informing them that he is gone and that he bequeaths his estate to all his descendants to hold in common, share and share alike.

Equality and Partiality Routledge How the cognitive development of young adolescents can be integrated into a teaching plan, and thus the learning process, is the theme of this book. Each chapter presents theory on the learning needs of children aged between 10 and 14 which is then tied to specific practice application. With vignettes illustrating the theory in practice, the author presents specific teaching strategies for setting expectations and standards, teaching for thinking, assessing student performance and extending the classroom to the real world.

The Circuit Facing History & Ourselves National Foundation, Incorporated An epistolary novel set on a fictional island off the South Carolina coastline, 'Elia Minnow Pea' brings readers to the hometown of Nevil Nollop, inventor of the pangram 'The Quick Brown Fox Jumps Over the Lazy Dog'. Deified for his achievement in life, Nevin has been honored in death with a monument featuring his famous phrase. One day, however, the letter 'Z' falls from the monument, and some of the islanders interpret the missing tile as a message from beyond the grave. The letter 'Z' is banned from use. On an island where the residents pride them-selves on their love of language, this is seen as a tragedy. They are still reeling from the shock when another tile falls. And then another.... In his charming debut, first published in 2001, Mark Dunn took readers on a journey through the eyes of Elia Minnow Pea, a young woman forced to create another clever turn of phrase in order to save the islanders' beloved language.

Law Meets Literature W. W. Norton & Company The only bilingual collection of fiction by Luisa Valenzuela. This selection of stories from "Clara", "Strange things happen here", and "Open door" delve into the personal and political realities under authoritarian rule.

Missing Temptation MIT Press Set in Canada and the battlefields of France and Belgium, Three-Day Road is a mesmerizing novel told through the eyes of Niska—a Canadian Oji-Cree woman living off the land who is the last of a line of healers and diviners—and her nephew Xavier. At the urging of his friend Elijah, a Cree boy raised in reserve schools, Xavier joins the war effort. Shipped off to Europe when they are nineteen, the boys are marginalized from the Canadian soldiers not only by their native appearance but also by the fine marksmanship that years of hunting in the bush has taught them. Both become snipers renowned for their uncanny accuracy. But while Xavier struggles to understand the purpose of the war and to come to terms with his conscience for the many lives he has ended, Elijah becomes obsessed with killing, taking great risks to become the most accomplished sniper in the army. Eventually the harrowing and bloody truth of war takes its toll on the two friends in different, profound ways. Intertwined with this account is the story of Niska, who herself has borne witness to a lifetime of death—the death of her people. In part inspired by the legend of Francis Pegahmagabow, the great Indian sniper of World War I, Three-Day Road is an impecably researched and beautifully written story that offers a searing reminder about the cost of war.

Censorship in Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 Routledge This book identifies six ethical competencies for public leadership in contexts of pluralism. While diversity in proximity generates conflict where people want and value different things, the right kind of leadership and the right kind of politics can minimise domination, humiliation, cruelty and violence. Written by a public policy advisor for fellow practitioners in politics and public life, this book applies political theory and social ethics to identify a set of competencies—being civil, diplomatic, respectful, impartial, fair and prudent—to keep ethics at the centre of a pluralist democratic politics. The six competencies are described in behavioural terms as personal resolutions. They offer valuable tools for mentoring and professional development. This book will appeal to politicians and those who advise them, and anyone who engages in or aspires to public leadership, whether in the public sector, the private sector, the community and voluntary sector or academia.

The Case for Color-Blind Equality in an Age of Identity Politics Ludwig von Mises Institute Derived from Thomas Nagel's Locke Lectures, Equality and Partiality proposes a nonutilian account of political legitimacy, based on the need to accommodate both personal and impersonal motives in any credible moral theory, and therefore in any political theory with a moral foundation. Within each individual, Nagel believes, there is a division between two standpoints, the personal and the impersonal. Without the impersonal standpoint, there would be no morality, only the clash, compromise, and occasional convergence of individual perspectives. It is because a human being does not occupy only his own point of view
that each of us is susceptible to the claims of others through private and public morality. Political systems, to be legitimate, must achieve an integration of these two standpoints within the individual. These ideas are applied to specific problems such as social and economic inequality, toleration, international justice, and the public support of culture. Nagel points to the problem of balancing equality and partiality as the most important issue with which political theorists are now faced. 

_The Minister's Black Veil_ is a short story written by Nathaniel Hawthorne. It was first published in the 1832 edition of The Token and Atlantic Souvenir. It was also included in the 1836 edition of The Token and Atlantic Souvenir, edited by Samuel Goodrich. It later appeared in Twice-Told Tales, a collection of short stories by Hawthorne published in 1837. Ethical Competencies for Public Leadership Cambridge University Press

The north and the west and the south are good hunting ground, but it is forbidden to go east. It is forbidden to go to any of the Dead Places except to search for metal and then he who touches the metal must be a priest or the son of a priest. Afterwards, both the man and the metal must be purified. These are the rules and the laws; they are well made. It is forbidden to cross the great river and look upon the place that was the Place of the Gods-this is most strictly forbidden. We do not even say its name though we know its name. It is there that spirits live, and demons—it is there that there are the ashes of the Great Burning. These things are forbidden— they have been forbidden since the beginning of time.