



## OLENTANGY SCHOOLS LITERATURE SELECTION REVIEW FORM

### LOCATION

Building(s): OBMS

Classes/Grade Level(s): Grade 7

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Selection Title/Author: Woods Runner by Gary Paulsen

Genre: historical fiction

Lexile Reading Level: 870

Total number of pages: 176

**Book Summary (abbreviated, bulleted list or link to a book summary)**

Samuel, 13, spends his days in the forest, hunting for food for his family. He has grown up on the frontier of a British colony, America. Far from any town, or news of the war against the King that American patriots have begun near Boston.

But the war comes to them. British soldiers and Iroquois attack. Samuel's parents are taken away, prisoners. Samuel follows, hiding, moving silently, determined to find a way to rescue them. Each day he confronts the enemy, and the tragedy and horror of this war. But he also discovers allies, men and women working secretly for the patriot cause. And he learns that he must go deep into enemy territory to find his parents: all the way to the British headquarters, New York City.

**Potentially Objectionable Content (list all categories and at least one example, referenced with a page or chapter number)**

Drinking/smoking: N/A

Sex: N/A

Language: N/A

Violence: N/A

Other trauma inducing content: N/A

**Book Reviews (1-2 link(s))** Note: teacher is not responsible for broken links  
Kirkus Review for [Woods Runner](#)

### ABOUT THE CLASS

**Rationale for the Literature Selection (in addition to standards):** (To be completed by the teacher or team)

This book is used for its high student engagement and the ability to make connections between the past and present in ways that facts and dates sometimes obscure. The author has completed years of credible and reliable research to narrate the historical event in a respectful and honest manner. It presents historical facts mixed with a fictional story with protagonists in which middle schoolers can engage.



The Ohio Department of Education ELA Standards (list priority standards *only and* abbreviations of the main ideas of the priority standards) [Link to Ohio's ELA Standards](#)

**RL7.9:** Compare and contrast a fictional portrayal of a time, place, or character and historical account of the same period as a means of understanding how authors of fiction use or alter history.

**RL7.6:** Analyze how an author develops and contrasts the points of view of different characters or narrators in a text.

**W7.4:** Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

## ALTERNATIVE TEXTS

What alternative texts would allow students to meet the same objectives? (1-2 texts, title/author; **Note:** these texts must also have lit. reviews forms associated with their selection)

1. One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia
2. Mississippi Trials, 1955 by Chris Crowe

**SIGNATURES** (embedded jpegs of authentic signatures are fine OR download/print form and obtain traditional signatures)

Teacher:  Date: 1/5/23  
Department Chair:  Date: 1/5/22  
Building Principal:  Date: 1/5/22  
District Curriculum Administrator:  Date: 1/11/23