

Title- Tangerine

Author- Edward Bloor

Genre- Fiction

Main Characters: Paul, Eric, his family

Setting: Tangerine, Florida

Pages- 294

AR Points- 13 pts

Reading Level- 4.3 +

Awards-

American Library Association Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults, 1998

Edgar Award nomination for Best Young Adult Novel, 1998

American Booksellers Association Pick of the List, 1997

New York Public Library 100 Titles for Reading and Sharing, 1997

Summary- Paul is a legally blind 7th grader that has been uprooted to Florida from Texas. He is constantly living in the shadow of his older brother, who happens to be an amazing football player. Everything that can go wrong for Paul does. Until he finds his calling in soccer and is able to move to a new school where he is able to keep his disability as secret.

Paul finds the secrets of his family and learns how to overcome the hardships presented in front of him with courage.

Themes- There are many universal ideas that could be covered in this book such as:

-Family

-Hardships

-Determination

-Disabilities

-tolerance and acceptance

Rationale- It is undecided if this novel will be taught with 7th grade or 8th grade. Regardless, we feel as though this is an important novel to add into the breadth of knowledge students can obtain from the experience of reading. This text is relevant, meaningful and impactful to student learning and to their perceptions as well.

This novel will be a part of a thematic unit, involving other forms of literature, poetry, articles and short stories. The exposure students' gain from this high interest, yet complex novel will intrigue students and motivate learning.