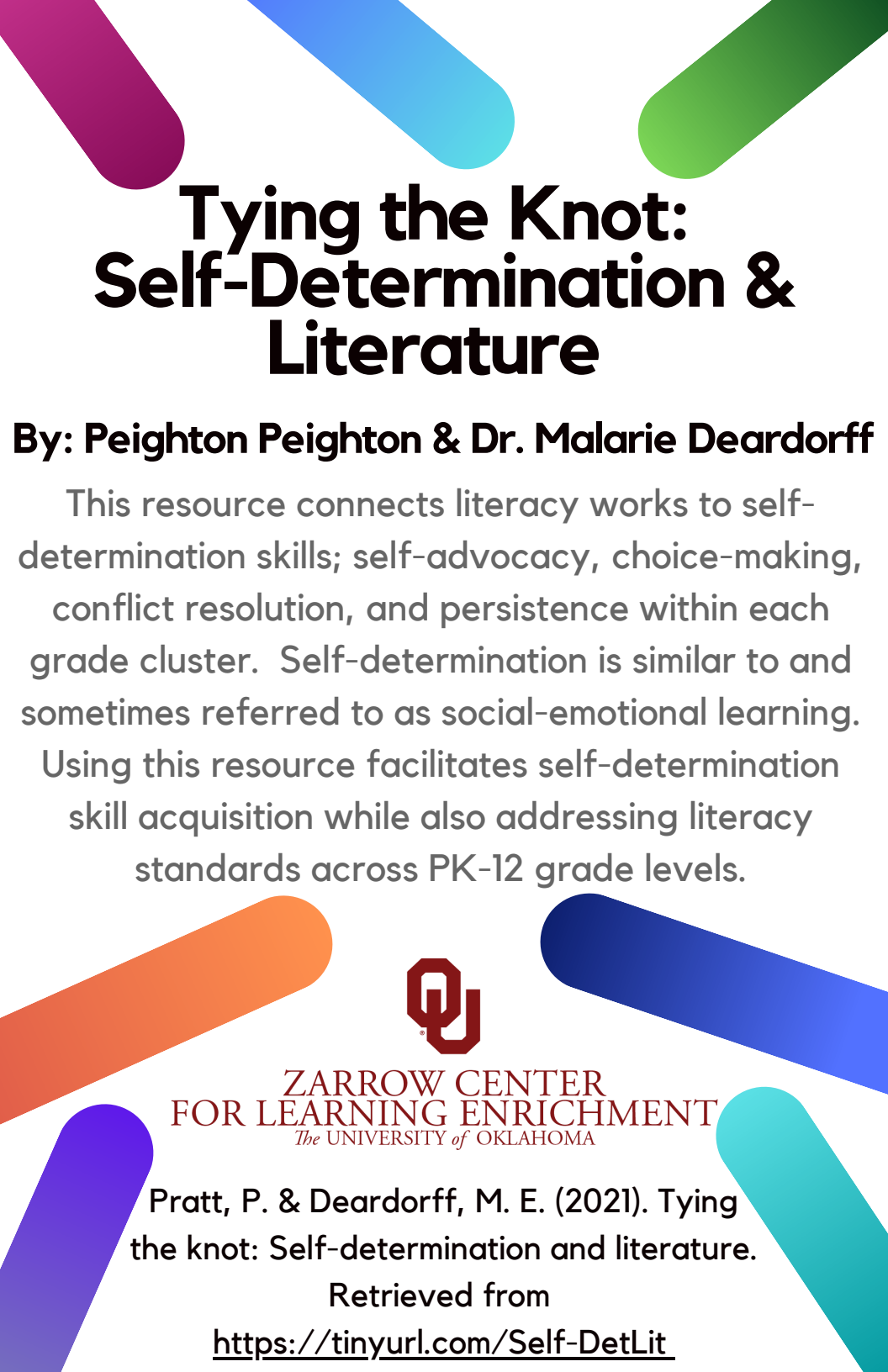




Tying the Knot: Self-Determination & Literature

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This resource connects literacy works to self-determination skills; self-advocacy, choice-making, conflict resolution, and persistence within each grade cluster. Self-determination is similar to and sometimes referred to as social-emotional learning. Using this resource facilitates self-determination skill acquisition while also addressing literacy standards across PK-12 grade levels.



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SELF-DETERMINATION PREK-KINDER

Self-Advocacy

- BE WHO YOU ARE BY TODD PARR
- THE COOL BEAN BY JORY JOHN
- THE DOT BY PETER H. REYNOLDS

Conflict Resolution

- WE DON'T EAT OUR CLASSMATES BY RYAN T. HIGGINS
- THE GOOD EGG BY JORY JOHN
- SHARING DOES NOT COMPUTE BY MICHAEL SLACK

Choice Making

- HOW DO DINOSAURS STAY SAFE? BY JANE YOLEN
- I WANT MY HAT BACK BY JON KLASSEN
- NO, DAVID! BY DAVID SHANNON

Persistence

- GIRAFFES CAN'T DANCE BY GILES ANDREA
- THE BAD SEED BY JORY JOHN
- A SQUIGGLY STORY BY ANDREW LARSON



SELF-DETERMINATION 1ST-3RD GRADE

Persistence

- **WAITING IS NOT EASY BY MO WILLEMS**
- **THE MAGICAL YET BY ANGELA DITERLIZZI**
- **A LITTLE SPOT OF PERSEVERANCE BY DIANE ALBER**

Choice Making

- **A LITTLE SPOT OF RESPONSIBILITY BY DIANE ALBER**
- **HAVE YOU FILLED A BUCKET TODAY? BY CAROL MCCLOUD**
- **A BAD CASE OF STRIPES BY DAVID SHANNON**

Conflict Resolution

- **MY NEW FRIEND IS SO FUN BY MO WILLEMS**
- **CAN I PLAY TOO? BY MO WILLEMS**
- **SAY SOMETHING BY PETER H. REYNOLDS**

Self-Advocacy

- **CHRYSANTHEMUM BY KEVIN HENKES**
- **ISH BY PETER H. REYNOLDS**
- **WATCH ME THROW THE BALL BY MO WILLEMS**



SELF-DETERMINATION 4TH-5TH GRADE

Self-Advocacy

- UGLY BY ROBERT HOGE
- I AM ENOUGH BY GRACE BYERS
- THE JOURNEY TRILOGY BY AARON BECKER: JOURNEY, QUEST, RETURN

Choice Making

- WHAT WOULD YOU DO IN A BOOK ABOUT YOU BY JEAN REIDY
- FLAT STANLEY BY JEFF BROWN
- WHAT IF EVERYBODY DID THAT BY ELLEN JAVERNICK

Persistence

- ROSIE REVERE ENGINEER BY ANDREA BEATY
- THE MOST MAGNIFICENT THING BY ASHLEY SPIRES
- ANDRES AND HIS RUBIK'S CUBE MADNESS BY ANDREA ALVAREZ

Conflict Resolution

- A BIG GUY TOOK MY BALL BY MO WILLEMS
- THE HUEYS IN: IT WASN'T ME BY OLIVER JEFFERS
- STICK AND STONE BY BETH FERRY



SELF-DETERMINATION 6TH-8TH GRADE

Self-Advocacy

- WONDER BY R. J. PALACIO
- SMILE BY RAINA TELGEMEIER
- TAKING UP SPACE BY CHELSEA KWAKYE AND ORE OGUNBIYI

Conflict Resolution

- THE WORST CLASS TRIP EVER BY DAVE BARRY
- BAD BEST FRIEND BY RACHEL VAIL
- TIGHT BY TORREY MALDONADO

Choice Making

- THE UNTEACHABLES BY GORDON KORMAN
- RULES BY CYNTHIA LORD
- THE CROSSOVER BY KWAME ALEXANDER

Persistence

- FISH IN A TREE BY LYNDIA MULLALY HUNT
- THE 47 PEOPLE YOU'LL MEET IN MIDDLE SCHOOL BY KRISTIN MAHONEY
- HARBOR ME BY JACQUELINE WOODSON



SELF-DETERMINATION 9TH-10TH GRADE

Self-Advocacy

- THE SKIN I'M IN BY SHARON G. FLAKE
- DUMPLIN' BY JULIE MURPHY
- SKINNY BY DONNA COONER

Choice Making

- HOLDING UP THE UNIVERSE BY JENNIFER NIVEN
- GRACELING BY KRISTIN CASHORE
- EVERY DAY BY DAVID LEVITHAN

Conflict Resolution

- THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME BY MARK HADDON
- SWING BY KWAME ALEXANDER AND MARY RAND HESS
- THE HATE U GIVE BY ANGIE THOMAS

Persistence

- FRONT OF THE CLASS BY BRAD COHEN
- DEAR MARTIN BY NIC STONE
- EDUCATED BY TARA WESTOVER



SELF-DETERMINATION 11TH-12TH GRADE

Self-Advocacy

- **PIECING ME TOGETHER BY RENEE WATSON**
- **THE LIST BY SIOBHAN VIVIAN**
- **WORTHY BY DONNA COONER**

Choice Making

- **ALL AMERICAN BOYS BY BRENDAN KIELY AND JASON REYNOLDS**
- **THE RADIUS OF US BY MARIE F. MARQUARDT**
- **AN ABUNDANCE OF KATHERINES BY JOHN GREEN**

Persistence

- **A HEART IN A BODY IN THE WORLD BY DEB CALETTI**
- **MY SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN BY JEAN CRAIGHEAD GEORGE**
- **THE GLASS CASTLE BY JEANNETTE WALLS**

Conflict Resolution

- **THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED BY KODY KEPLINGER**
- **LOVE, HATE AND OTHER FILTERS BY SAMIRA AHMED**
- **SPEAK BY LAURIE HALSE ANDERSON**

