

Book Censorship

For nearly as long as the written word has existed, it has been a target for censorship. Literary works are challenged, censored and banned for many different reasons. Books are often challenged for the language they contain, even though profanity is often used in literature to convey social or historical context, local dialect or simply to better depict reactions to real-life situations. Parents and school boards who deem certain sexual passages inappropriate for young people have also challenged many other books. Additionally, religious grounds have long been cited as reasons for censoring books.

Here is a list of 10 popular books. Your job is to research all 10 books and write a short 3-4 sentence summary for each.

1. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie
2. *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas
3. *I am Jazz* by Jessica Herthel and Jazz Jennings
4. *Thirteen Reason Why* by Jay Asher
5. *Sex is a Funny Word* by Cory Silverberg
6. *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier
7. *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

8. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

9. *And Tango Makes Three* by Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson

10. *George* by Alex Gino

Choose 3 out of those 10 books that you think people would want to censor the most and explain why.

Book #1: _____

Reason:

Book #2: _____

Reason:

Book #3: _____

Reason: