This is a class for everyone who loves to read – and discuss – all types of books. Through video clips, outside readings, and class discussions we will explore the definition, the history, and the genres of Young Adult Literature. We will read two award-winning young adult novels, examining them in detail. During the final session, each class member will have the opportunity to present an old favorite or newly discovered YA book to the class. By the end of four weeks, we will have developed a great reading list – for the young adults in our lives and for ourselves.

Session 1, Tuesday, October 15, 9:30 am
- Introductions
- Overview of the Class
- Definitions/History/Genres
- Why read YA lit? What is the controversy?
- Discussion: *The Hate U Give*

Session 2, Tuesday, October 22, 9:30 am
- Book Lists
- Fantasy / Science Fiction / Dystopian
- In-depth discussion of *The Giver* by Lois Lowry (required reading)

Session 3, Tuesday, October 29, 9:30 am
- Non-fiction and Historical Fiction
- In-depth discussion of *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys (required reading)

Session 4, Tuesday, November 5, 9:30 am
- Book Talks by class members
- Finalize class book list

**Required Readings:**
- *The Giver* by Lois Lowry
- *Between Shades of Gray* by Ruta Sepetys
- An additional book of your choice, fiction or nonfiction

**Suggested Reading:**
- *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas