Alternative English 7-12

Multicultural stories are involved in literature throughout junior high and high school. These stories cover Shakespearean literature to modern day tales. These stories may describe how people live in different parts of the world, or they may portray how children from different cultural backgrounds live together in the same country. They include fiction, nonfiction, folk tales, fairy tales, legends, or poetry, and portray characters in positive, non-stereotypical ways.

We cover American writers from various ethnic backgrounds who add immeasurably to mutual understanding and appreciation through tales of their native lands and their experiences as Americans. In choosing multicultural literature, I look for five major characteristics: accuracy, expertise, respect, purpose, and quality.