Middle School Girls’
Selected Annotated Reading List
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The Center for Women’s Studies at UT Austin is proud to make available a new educational resource – a culturally diverse, selected, annotated reading list and resource guide for middle school teachers, librarians, and students in Texas. The annotated list features recent books about girls’ and women’s lives in the areas of literature, social studies (Texas history, world history, and U.S. history), the arts, sciences and math. It provides titles and descriptions of fiction and nonfiction books, web pages, ’zines, magazines, and resources specifically aimed at middle school girls.

The project centers around the importance of providing educators with materials that present girls and women as active contributors to literature, history, science, and culture and assist girls in developing confident visions for their many life roles. The list focuses on more recent texts, as these are more likely to reflect broader images and opportunities for girls. In addition, the project directors made a special effort to include materials that are culturally diverse.

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For ease of use, materials are organized by both curriculum categories and themes. Annotations of books, web pages, and resources appear in their own sections, after the sections on curriculum categories and themes. Every book, web page, and resource on the list has been assigned to at least one curriculum category or theme. Curriculum categories are based upon those designated by the Texas Education Association.

All books were selected on the basis of relevance to the middle school curriculum and positive mention in a respected educational publication. Once identified as a possibility for the list, every book, resource, and web page was read and reviewed by project readers with our particular criteria in mind. Thus books, resources, and web pages selected for the list have been critically reviewed and evaluated.

The criteria in selecting materials for the project centered around identifying those materials that countered stereotypic views of women and girls. Thus the materials included:

- present girls and women as central to literature, history and culture;
- describe girls and women as intellectually capable and contributing to knowledge in all fields;
- present girls and women as visible and active, and as players in public and personal arenas;
- assist girls in developing confident visions for their many life roles.

Positive aspects of family relationships and friendships are represented, as are constructive ways of responding to difficult situations and negative life events. Also included are books addressing serious subject matters such as environmental concerns, violence, prejudice, and personal tragedy.

We designate with a (**) those books more appropriate for advanced middle school readers because of their length and/or difficulty of the subject matter. Those books addressing emotionally sensitive material and/or using strong language have included in their annotations the phrase, "For mature readers." Finally, we sought to include books and materials not already widely used in the middle school curriculum.

Finally, this entire resource is also available on the web page of the Center for Women's Studies, The University of Texas: www.utexas.edu/depts/wstudies.

GENERAL TIPS

This comprehensive list of books, resources, web pages, 'zines, and magazines has been organized by themes, curriculum categories, genre (nonfiction, fiction) and type of material ('zines, web pages, and resources). Particular thematic emphasis is on issues salient for middle school girls, such as Coming of Age and Belonging and Respect. See pp. 5-22 for a list of titles and authors by curriculum categories (cc) and pp. 23-32 for a list of titles and authors by themes. After these two sections, categorized by genre (pp. 33-70) and type of material (pp. 71-79), you will find an annotation of each selection, including publishing information. At the end of each annotation, there
are theme and/or curriculum category assignments. Within each theme, a code for the genre and references to other relevant themes has been included. Within each curriculum category, you will find the selection, its genre, and all relevant themes. Please note that the annotations for nonfiction, fiction and resource books are alphabetized by AUTHOR’s last name while annotations for web pages, 'zines, and magazines are alphabetized by TITLE.

SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS

The recommended approach to this reading list depends on your subject area and your students' needs.

English/Core Literature/Language Arts:
1. As you look at your core literature for the year, you may prefer to begin with a thematically organized list. For example, if you wish to focus on "Families," go to p. 28 for the list of selections related to this theme. Then, you might want to read an annotation of each selection, beginning on p. 33. Depending on the theme, you could find everything from a good book report book to a teen-authored magazine to a web site that accepts literary submissions.

2. As your students consider books for book reports, you might look to the curriculum categories (pp. 5-22) to find selections focusing on particular subject areas, such as Arts (p. 5) or Science and Math (p. 20), or genres, such as Autobiography and Biography (p. 6) and Historical Fiction (p. 13).

3. For selections focused on particular cultures, see African American (p. 23), Asian American (p. 24), Native American (p. 30), and Latina Protagonists (p. 30).

4. If you are looking for selections that address interracial, interethnic, or intercultural relations, see Acclimation and Assimilation to the United States (p. 23) and Cross Cultural Understanding (p. 27).

5. The Current Social Issues (pp. 9-11) and Life Skills (pp. 17-20) sections offer numerous ideas for Silent Sustained Reading (SSR).

6. For role models, refer to Women Leaders and Trailblazers (p. 31), Careers (p. 25), and the ethnically-focused themes: African American (p. 23), Asian American (p. 24), Native American (p. 30), and Latina Protagonists (p. 30).

Health/Nutrition/Adolescence
1. For specific topics, such as issues related to "growing up," there are a number of relevant themes, including Belonging and Respect (p. 24), Coming of Age (p. 26), Disabilities (p. 28), Gangs and Violence (p. 29), and Friendship (p. 29). See also two curriculum categories, Current Social Issues (p. 9) and Life Skills (p. 17).
2. For **career exploration**, refer to the themes Careers (p. 25) and Women Trailblazers (19th and 20th Centuries) (p. 31).

3. For **health** issues, refer to Coming of Age (p. 26) and Sports (p. 31).

**History/Social Studies:**
1. Since most schools divide History by **grade level**, you may want to begin with the curriculum categories (pp. 5-22) because the selections are divided into Geography (p. 11), Texas History (p. 14), United States History (p. 15), and World History (p. 16).

2. If you are looking to incorporate **women's history** into your curriculum, start with the Women Leaders and Trailblazers themes (p. 31). These selections include women from the 19th and 20th Centuries.

3. If you are looking to incorporate **diverse cultures** into your curriculum, the thematically organized list is the place to go. There you will find biographies and autobiographies of African American (p. 23), Asian American (p. 24), Latina (p. 30), and Native American Protagonists (p. 30).

4. If you are looking for selections that address **interracial, interethnic, or intercultural relations**, see Acclimation and Assimilation to the United States (p. 23) and Cross Cultural Understanding (p. 27).

5. If you are looking for selections for a certain **time period**, the themes include World War II (p. 32) and Women Trailblazers (19th and 20th Centuries) (p. 31). There is an extensive list of selections related to Current Social Issues (p. 9), offering opportunities for class discussion, debate, and reflection.

**Math/Science/Computers:**
1. If you are looking for **role models of women in math and science**, start with the Science and Math curriculum category (p. 20). There are many autobiographical or biographical accounts appropriate for middle school students.

2. If you are looking for **appropriate web sites**, the Science and Math curriculum category (p. 20) has a number of these as well. See the web pages, 'zines, and magazines section of the annotations (pp. 71-75) for more detailed descriptions.
Middle School Girls' Selected Reading List and Resource Guide
Organized By Curriculum Categories

KEY: (F) Fiction; (NF) Nonfiction; (R) Resources; (W) Web Pages, 'Zines, Magazines

ARTS

Adele, L. Spirited Journeys: Self-Taught Artists of the 20th Century (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Cain, M. Louise Nevelson (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Dream/Girl (W) Theme: Careers, Coming of Age

Fitzhugh, L. Nobody's Family Is Going To Change (F) Themes: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Families

Gerhardt, L., Editor. School Library Journal (R)

Girls on Film (www.girlsonfilm.com) (W) Theme: Careers

Grrls in Comics (www.gnofn.org/~jbourg/grrrls/comix/comix.htm) (W) Theme: Careers

Johnston, N. Louisa May (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (19th Century)

Kliment, B. Billie Holiday (NF) Theme: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Kramer, B. Toni Morrison: Nobel Prize-Winning Author (NF) Theme: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Kuklin, S. Reaching for Dreams: A Ballet from Rehearsal to Opening Night (NF) Theme: Careers

Lisle, L. Portrait of an Artist: A Biography of Georgia O'Keeffe (NF) Theme: Environment

Meyer, S. E. Mary Cassatt (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (19th Century)

National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian (www.si.edu/nmai/) (W) Theme: Native American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

New Moon: The Magazine for Girls and Their Dreams (http://www.newmoon.org) (W) Themes: Belonging and Respect, Coming of Age

Panzer, N., Editor. Celebrate America in Poetry and Art (NF) Themes: Cross Cultural Understanding, Environment

Paolucci, B. Beverly Sills (NF) Themes: Disabilities, Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Planet Girl.Com (http://www.girlgamesinc.com) (W) Theme: Belonging and Respect

Plummer, L. My Name is Sus5san Smith: the 5 is Silent (F) Theme: Families

Pratt, P. B. The Importance of Martha Graham (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Raphael, A. Grrrls (NF) Theme: Careers

Tamar, E. Alphabet City Ballet. (F) Themes: Big City, Latina Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies
Teen Voices Home Page (http://www.teenvoices.com)  (W) Themes: Belonging and Respect, Coming of Age

Wolf, S.  FOCUS:  Five Women Photographers  (NF) Theme: Careers

AUTOBIOGRAPHY AND BIOGRAPHY (Please note that other curriculum categories contain autobiographies and biographies not listed here.)

Adele, L.  Spirited Journeys: Self-Taught Artists of the 20th Century  (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Angelou, M.  I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings  (NF) Theme: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Babb, J. and Taylor, P. E.  Border Healing Woman  (NF) Theme: Careers

Bhutto, B.  Daughter of Destiny  (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Bilton-Jackson, L.  I Have Lived a Thousand Years: Growing Up in the Holocaust  (NF) Theme: World War II

Blackwell, E.  Pioneer Work in Opening the Medical Profession to Women  (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Brimmer, L. D.  Being Different: Lambda Youths Speak Out  (NF) Theme: Belonging and Respect

Cain, M.  Louise Nevelson  (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Carroll, R.  Sugar in the Raw: Voices of Young Black Girls in America  (NF) Themes: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Belonging and Respect

Cary, L.  Black Ice  (NF) Theme: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Chambers, V.  Mama's Girl  (NF) Themes: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Coming of Age

Cole, S.  The Dragon in the Cliff  (NF) Themes: Environment, Women Leaders and Trailblazers (19th Century)

Collins, D.  Super Champ: Babe Didrikson Zaharias  (NF) Theme: Sports

Conway, J. K.  Written by Herself: Autobiographies of American Women: An Anthology  (NF) Theme: Careers

Cook, B. W.  Eleanor Roosevelt: Volume One, 1884–1933  (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Deschamps, H.  Spyglass: An Autobiography  (NF) Theme: World War II


Fossey, D.  Gorillas in the Mist  (NF) Themes: Death and Dying, Environment
Fox, M. V. *The Story of the Women who Shaped the West* (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (19th Century)

Freedman, R. *Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery* (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Green, C. R. *Jackie Joyner-Kersee* (NF) Theme: Sports

Gutman, B. *Julie Krone* (NF) Theme: Sports

Heiligman, D. *Barbara McClintock: Alone in her Field* (NF) Themes: Environment, Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Heiligman, D. *Mary Leakey: In Search of Human Beginnings* (NF) Themes: Environment, Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Hirschfelder, A. B., Editor. *Rising Voices: Writings of Young Native Americans* (NF) Theme: Native American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Hunt, A. M. and Winegarten, R. *I Am Annie Mae: An Extraordinary Black Texas Woman In Her Own Words* (NF) Theme: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies


Johnston, N. *Louisa May* (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (19th Century)

Jones, C. *Karen Horney* (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers of the 20th Century

Kasper, S. *Annie Oakley* (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (19th Century)

Keller, E. F. *A Feeling for the Organism: The Life and Work of Barbara McClintock* (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Kliment, B. *Billie Holiday* (NF) Theme: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Kline, N. *Elizabeth Blackwell: A Doctor’s Triumph* (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Kramer, B. *Toni Morrison: Nobel Prize-Winning Author* (NF) Theme: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies


Kuklin, S., Editor. *Speaking Out: Teenagers Take on Race, Sex and Identity* (NF) Theme: Cross Cultural Understanding

Lindop, L. *Athletes.* (NF) Theme: Sports

Lindop, L. *Scientists and Doctors* (NF) Themes: Careers, World War II

Lisle, L. *Portrait of an Artist: A Biography of Georgia O'Keeffe* (NF) Theme: Environment
Littlefield, B. Champions: Stories of Ten Remarkable Athletes (NF) Theme: Sports

Mankiller, W. Mankiller: A Chief and Her People (NF) Themes: Native American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)


Meyer, S. E. Mary Cassatt (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (19th Century)

Morey, J. N. and Dunn, W. Famous Asian Americans (NF) Themes: Asian American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Careers


Opfell, O. S. The Lady Laureates: Women Who Have Won the Nobel Prize (NF) Theme: Careers

Paolucci, B. Beverly Sills (NF) Themes: Disabilities, Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Pasachoff, N. Marie Curie: And the Science of Radioactivity (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (19th Century)

Pollard, M. Maria Montessori: The Italian Doctor Who Revolutionized Education for Young Children (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Pratt, P. B. The Importance of Martha Graham (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Raphael, A. Grrrls (NF) Theme: Careers


Rio Writers One-Hundred Women of the Rio Grande Valley of Texas (NF) Themes: Cross Cultural Understanding, Latina Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Roberts, T., Editor. Am I the Last Virgin?: Ten African American Reflections on Sex and Love (NF) Theme: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Coming of Age

Rogers, M. B., Smith, S. A., and Scott, J. D. We Can Fly: Stories of Katherine Stinson and Other Gutsy Texas Women (NF) Theme: World War II

Rose, P. The Norton Book of Women's Lives (NF) Theme: Cross Cultural Understanding

Seligman, C. D. Texas Women: Legends in Their Own Time (NF) Themes: Belonging and Respect, Cross Cultural Understanding

Siegel, B. Cory: Corazon Aquino and the Philippines (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Stanley, D. and Vennema, P. Good Queen Bess: The Story of Elizabeth I of England (NF) Theme: Families
Steger, W. and Bowermaster, J. *Over the Top of the World: Explorer Will Steger's Trek Across the Arctic* (NF) Theme: Environment

Stille, D. *Extraordinary Women Scientists* (NF) Theme: Cross Cultural Understanding

Van Meter, V. *Taking Flight: My Story* (NF) Theme: Going Places


Whitelaw, N. *Grace Hopper: Programming Pioneer* (NF) Themes: Careers, Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Whitelaw, N. *They Wrote Their Own Headlines: American Women Journalists* (NF) Theme: Careers

Winegarten, R. *Governor Ann Richards and Other Texas Women: From Indians to Astronauts--A Pictorial History* (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)


Wolf, S. *FOCUS: Five Women Photographers* (NF) Theme: Careers


Yount, L. *Women Aviators* (NF) Themes: Going Places, Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Yung, J. *Chinese Women of America: A Pictorial History* (NF) Theme: Asian American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Zeinert, K. *Those Remarkable Women of the American Revolution* (NF) Theme: Women Leaders and Trailblazers (18th Century)

Zhenhua, Z. *Red Flower of China* (NF) Themes: Asian American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Coming of Age

**CONTEMPORARY SOCIAL ISSUES**

Action Girl (206.25.185.106/action/words.htm) (W) Theme: Careers

Atkin, S. B. *Voices from the Fields: Children of Migrant Farmworkers Tell Their Stories* (NF) Themes: Families, Acclimation and Assimilation to the United States, Latina Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Bauer, M. D., Editor *Am I Blue? Coming Out from the Silence* (F) Theme: Families

Bauermeister, E. and Smith, H. *Let's Hear It for the Girls: 375 Great Books for Readers 2-14* (R) Theme: Cross Cultural Understanding

Brimner, L. D. *Being Different: Lambda Youths Speak Out* (NF) Theme: Belonging and Respect

Chadwick, D. and Sartore, J. *The Company We Keep: America’s Endangered Species* (NF) Theme: Environment

Cofer, J. O. *An Island Like You: Stories from the Barrio* (F) Themes: Big City, Latina Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Donelson, K. L. and Nilsen, A. P. *Literature for Today’s Young Adults* (R)

Garden, N. *The Loners* (F) Theme: Coming of Age

Gifaldi, D. *Rearranging and Other Stories* (F) Theme: Coming of Age

*Girls on Film* (www.girlsonfilm.com) (W) Theme: Careers

Harik, R. M. and Marston, E. *Women in the Middle East: Tradition and Change* (NF) Theme: Cross Cultural Understanding

Kindl, P. *The Woman in the Wall* (F) Theme: Coming of Age

Kuklin, S., Editor. *Speaking Out: Teenagers Take on Race, Sex and Identity* (NF) Theme: Cross Cultural Understanding

Landsman, J., Editor. *From Darkness To Light: Teens Write About How They Triumphed Over Trouble* (NF) Themes: Acclimation and Assimilation to the United States, Coming of Age

Levenkron, S. *The Best Little Girl in the World* (F) Theme: Disabilities

McLaughlin, K. A. and Brilliant, K. J. *Healing the Hate* (R) Themes: Cross Cultural Understanding, Gangs and Violence

Mori, K. *Shizuko’s Daughter* (F) Themes: Death and Dying, Families

Namioka, L. *April and the Dragon Lady* (F) Theme: Asian American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Nolan, H. *Send Me Down a Miracle* (F) Theme: Families


Philip, N. *In a Sacred Manner I Live: Native American Wisdom* (NF) Themes: Cross Cultural Understanding, Native American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

*Planet Girl.Com* (http://www.girlgamesinc.com) (W) Theme: Belonging and Respect

Roberts, T., Editor. *Am I the Last Virgin?: Ten African American Reflections on Sex and Love* (NF) Theme: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Coming of Age

Shange, N. *Betsy Brown* (F) Themes: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Big City, Families

Shigekuni, J. *A Bridge Between Us* (F) Themes: Families, Assimilation and Acclimation to the United States

Sikes, G. *8 Ball Chicks: A Year in the Violent World of Girl Gangs* (NF) Themes: Big City, Gangs and Violence

Staples, S. F. *Shabany, Daughter of the Wind* (F) Theme: Families
Tashlik, P. *Hispanic Female and Young* (NF) Themes: Coming of Age, Latina Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Tech Girl (www.girltech.com) (W) Theme: Belonging and Respect

Teen Voices Home Page (http://www.teenvoices.com) (W) Themes: Belonging and Respect, Coming of Age

Things I Must Do To-day (W) Themes: Careers, Environment

Things the Man Don't Want You To Know (http://www.gslis.utexas.edu/~hkande/webproj.html) (W) Themes: Coming of Age, Environment

Thomas, R. *Slave Day* (F) Theme: Cross Cultural Understanding

Thompson, S. *Going All the Way: Teenage Girls’ Tales of Sex, Romance, and Pregnancy* (NF) Theme: Coming of Age

Thorne, B. *Gender Play: Girls and Boys in School* (NF) Theme: Belonging and Respect

Voices of Youth (http://www.inicef.org/voy/) (W) Themes: Belonging and Respect, Cross Cultural Understanding

Voight, C. *When She Hollers* (F) Theme: Coming of Age

“Wig” magazine (W) Theme: Careers, Sports

Wolf, N. *The Beauty Myth: How Images of Beauty Are Used Against Women* (NF) Theme: Coming of Age

Wolff, V. E. *Make Lemonade* (F) Theme: Families

Women’s Studies at UT Austin (www.utexas.edu/depts/wstudies) (W)

Woods, P. and Hammersley, M., Editors. *Gender and Ethnicity in Schools: Ethnographic Accounts* (NF)

Woodson, J. *I Hadn’t Meant to Tell You This* (F) Themes: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies, Cross Cultural Understanding, Friendship

Woodson, J., Editor. *A Way Out of No Way* (F) Theme: African American Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Yamanaka, L. *Wild Meat and the Bully Burgers* (F) Themes: Acclimation and Assimilation to the United States, Belonging and Respect, Friendship

Young Women’s Health Team. *Kickin’ Back with the Girls: A Young Woman’s Survival Guide* (R)

Youth Resource (http://www.youthresource.com) (W) Themes: Belonging and Respect, Coming of Age

**GEOGRAPHY**

Atkin, S. B. *Voices from the Fields: Children of Migrant Farmworkers Tell Their Stories* (NF) Themes: Families, Acclimation and Assimilation to the United States, Latina Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Bode, J. *New Kids on the Block: Oral Histories of Immigrant Teens* (NF) Theme: Acclimation and Assimilation to the United States
Carles, E.  *A Life of Her Own: A Countrywoman in Twentieth-Century France*  (NF) Themes: Careers, Environment


Chadwick, D. and Sartore, J.  *The Company We Keep: America’s Endangered Species*  (NF)  Theme: Environment

Cisneros, S.  *The House on Mango Street*  (F) Themes: Big City, Latina Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Cisneros, S.  *Woman Hollering Creek: And Other Stories*  (F) Themes: Belonging and Respect, Latina Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Cofer, J. O.  *An Island Like You: Stories from the Barrio*  (F) Themes: Big City, Latina Protagonists, Biographies and Autobiographies

Conway, J. K.  *The Road from Coorain*  (F) Theme: Coming of Age

Dargan, A. and Zeitlin, S.  *City Play*  (NF) Themes: Cross Cultural Understanding, Environment

DePauw, L. G.  *Seafaring Women*  (NF) Theme: Careers

Dinesen, I.  *Out of Africa*  (NF) Themes: Careers, Women Leaders and Trailblazers (20th Century)

Farmer, N.  *A Girl Named Disaster*  (F) Theme: Going Places

Fernea, E. W., Editor  *Street in Marrakech and Women and the Family in the Middle East: New Voices of Change*  (NF) Themes: Belonging and Respect, Families

Fossey, D.  *Gorillas in the Mist*  (NF) Themes: Death and Dying, Environment

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