

# RESOLUTION

## On Abridgment or Adaptation of Works of Literature

### Background

Teachers, as literary professionals, can make informed choices in-text selection only when full information is provided about abridgments or adaptations in these texts. Be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the International Reading Association join the National Council of Teachers of English in recommending that publishers present the complete text or sections of work which they choose to print, whether in a single text or an anthology; and that the International Reading Association urge that if publishers do abridge, adapt or edit a text in any manner, they clearly state in the textbook that these alterations have occurred, and explain the nature and extent of the abridgment or adaptation in promotional information, teachers' guides, and other support materials.

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