Quarter 4 of FY2013 was notable for continued challenges to three works (Absolutely True Diary, Perks, and Persepolis), a challenge to a new edition of an old work (Diary of a Young Girl), and a challenge to a not often taught work of an oft-challenged author (John Steinbeck). NCTE’s work with the Kids Right to Read Project of the National Coalition Against Censorship and with other First Amendment groups focused on the Persepolis banning in the Chicago Public Schools, a challenge to the just-released new, complete edition of Anne Frank’s diary, and on a challenge to Stephen Chbosky’s Perks of Being a Wallflower. NCTE responded to challenges to Sherman Alexie’s The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian and John Steinbeck’s East of Eden.

Below is a chart comparing the Quarter 4 FY2013 and the Quarter 4 FY2012 challenges and numbers of challenged texts. Below that a list of the works challenged this quarter.

CENSORSHIP CHALLENGES COMPARISION Q2 FY13 AND Q2 FY12
A few things to know as you compare the numbers are the following:

☑️ Number of challenges = number of individuals who reported challenges.
☑️ Number of works challenged is usually higher because often challenges involve more than one work.
☑️ The Censorship Challenge Reports by quarter are posted on the NCTE website. See http://www.ncte.org/action/anti-censorship/reports

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The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian, Sherman Alexie (10th Grade, 6/3/2013). Language and masturbation references and anti-Native American bias.

The Diary of a Young Girl, Anne Frank (7th Grade, 5/2/2013). An anatomical description in the book. Signed on letter with NCAC and others. Retained

East of Eden, John Steinbeck (10th Grade, 5/29/2013). Objector finds work without literary value.

Perks of Being a Wallflower, Stephen Chbosky (8th grade, 6/4/2013). Not age appropriate. Signed on letter with NCAC and others. Also used Twitter and Facebook to broadcast Chbosky video. Retained

Persepolis, Maryjane Satrapi, (4/10/13 response) to Chicago Public Schools Response to March letter from First Amendment Groups including NCTE). Book continues to be removed from 7th grade and teachers of other grades must follow a CPS manual for teaching the book. 