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“Teaching and Training for the Glory of God”

**Questions to Ask for Library Book Reviews**

**Dear Library Book Reviewer,**

**The School Board of SMS is concerned about maintaining quality reading material for our young people. Every book that is placed in the library must be reviewed first. Thank you for volunteering your time to review books. These areas are not all encompassing, so please use your own discernment about other areas which may disqualify a book from the SMS library. Reading is important, so let’s build up the library!**

1. Does the book heroize a person who…
   1. Is deceitful or dishonest?
   2. Is a person of poor character?
   3. Is a hero because of his service to the military?
   4. Is presented as a good Christian even though he serves his countries’ military?
   5. Uses bad language?
2. Does the book present a normal structure of family?
   1. How is the father presented?
      1. As a person of authority who can be respected?
      2. As a goof who can easily be manipulated?
   2. How is the mother presented?
      1. As a good mother and wife?
      2. As the person with all the answers since the father is not the authority?
   3. How do the children respond to the parents?
3. Does the book emphasize violence over nonresistance?
   1. If it is depicting violence as simply a fact of history, it may be acceptable.
4. Does the book give animals human characteristics?
   1. Does the book promote animal rights or environmentalist agenda?
5. What is the moral lesson of this book?
   1. Identify it clearly. Read the back and front covers and the introduction to give you clues. Read portions of the book to be sure you know what is being taught.
      1. Is this a valuable lesson to teach a child?