**Actuele lesbrief Engels – *Concrete Rose***

**Voor de docent**

Met haar debuutroman *The Hate U Give* heeft Angie Thomas veel prijzen in de wacht gesleept. Ook in Nederland bleef haar boek niet onopgemerkt, de Nederlandse vertaling van haar boek heeft in 2018 de prijs voor ‘Beste Boek voor Jongeren’ gewonnen.

**ERK-niveau**

*Lezen B2 – Oriënterend lezen: Kan snel de inhoud en relevantie herkennen van nieuwsberichten, artikelen en verslagen over uiteenlopende professionele onderwerpen en dan beslissen of nadere bestudering de moeite waard is. (LEB2-2b)*

Leesstrategieën – *Kan gebruikmaken van uiteenlopende strategieën om tot tekstbegrip te komen, waaronder het letten op hoofdpunten.* – *Kan van minder frequente woorden en uitdrukkingen de betekenis controleren door gebruik te maken van websites, (online) fora en eentalige woordenboeken.*

**Intro**

American YA author Angie Thomas has made an announcement.

Assignment 1

For this assignment you may use a dictionary or English-language Internet sources to help you.

a A novel is a long work of fiction. Name three or more other forms of written publications.

b Young adult fiction (YA) belongs to the literary genre of fiction. Name three or more other literary genres.

***Concrete Rose***

Angie Thomas is an American YA author. She is best known for writing the YA novel *The Hate U Give*, which was published in 2017. She is a popular author in the Netherlands as well. In 2018, the Dutch translation of *The Hate U Give* (translated by Jasper Mutsaers) was awarded the Best Book for Young People Prize.

Angie Thomas recently shared some exciting news with the world. You can read it [here](https://www.teenvogue.com/story/the-hate-u-give-author-angie-thomas-prequel-maverick).

Assignment 2

For each definition, find the word or expression it describes in the text and write it down.

1. a book that tells the part of a story that happened before the story in another book
2. to forbid people from using something
3. highly praised and approved of
4. to be shown to the public for the first time
5. a very hard building material made by mixing togeter cement, sand, small stones, and water
6. a short text under a picture that describes the picture
7. very exciting or surprising
8. to show or reveal something to others for the first time
9. appearing or happening soon
10. one of the main characters in a story or play
11. to think that something is true or probably true without knowing that it is true
12. subjects or problems
13. to accept or admit something
14. the feeling of being somewhat uncomfortable or worried or unhappy

Assignment 3

a What is Angie Thomas’ exciting news? Write down an answer in your own words (~15 words).

b True or false?

1 *The Hate U Give* has been made into a film.

2 Angie Thomas’ third novel is called *Concrete Rose*.

3 Maverick is the protagonist in all the YA novels by Angie Thomas.

4 The protagonist in Angie Thomas’ new book is a 17-year-old boy.

5 Angie Thomas wrote her new book because she was really sad.

c Which different roles does the characer of Maverick play in Angie Thomas’ novels?

1 He is the black kid in *The Hate U Give* and the black dad in *Concrete Rose*.

2 He is the protagonist in *The Hate U Give* and an important song writer in *Concrete Rose*.

3 He is the protagonist’s father in *The Hate U Give* and the main character in *Concrete Rose*.

4 He stars in the film version of *The Hate U Give* and was an inspiration for *Concrete Rose*.

d Why does Angie Thomas believe that her new novel could get banned?

1 Her publisher has told her that they expect a ban, but that she should keep writing.

2 It contains soms tough issues, but she still thinks they need to be discussed.

3 It is just something that happens to all YA novels, but it is not her problem.

4 Many people do not get why her books matter and they will ask for a ban.