

Dear Teachers,

Warning—the book sitting in front of you is the start of a thrilling adventure for you and your students. Once you begin this journey, your students will stay up late reading, become more inquisitive, and strive to know more about science, history, and math. Are you up for the challenge?

The Copernicus Legacy is filled with riddles, word and number games, and secret codes. It truly is an interdisciplinary and innovative book series in both structure and content. The series is comprised of 6 full-length books, as well as 6 interstitial novellas published in between them. The books themselves are filled with history, science, math, puzzles, riddles, and clues—making The Copernicus Legacy the perfect addition to any classroom.

The thrilling adventure begins in *The Forbidden Stone*, after four friends—Wade, Lily, Darrell, and Becca— receive a strange, coded email from Wade’s uncle Henry, shortly before the old man’s sudden and suspicious death. They set off for Germany to attend the funeral with Wade’s father, Roald, and discover that Uncle Henry left them yet another baffling message that they suspect is the key to figuring out how and why he died.

The cryptic messages lead to one clue after another and soon the group finds themselves traveling down a treacherous path toward an ancient, guarded secret that could threaten the fate of humanity. Before they know it, they’re in a breathless race across the globe, running for their lives as members of an evil organization known as the Order chases them around every corner. To fulfill the quest, the four friends must crack the ancient codes, find all 12 relics, and unlock the Copernicus Legacy before the Order beat them to it. If they fail, their lives and the world will be destroyed.

By introducing The Copernicus Legacy to your class, you are sending your students on an unparalleled and captivating cross-curricular and worldwide learning adventure. We hope you accept the challenge*.

Sincerely,
HarperCollins Children’s Books Marketing Department

*To help you along, we’ve created some CCSS-aligned activities and discussion questions. Find them on the back of The Copernicus Legacy poster and online at www.thecopernicuslegacy.com.