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| **Applicable in:** | English |
| **Age groups:** | Secondary 1, Secondary 2, Secondary 3, Secondary 4, Secondary 5 |

**The Obsidian Trilogy**

Description

 “The Obsidian Trilogy” (consisting of the novels: “An Outstretched Shadow”, “To Light a Candle”, and “When Darkness Falls”) can be used with all grade levels in the Secondary school program. Using developed, but less complex writing style, Mercedes Lackey succeeds in writing a novel that is useful both in style, and in thematic content.

Style:

1. Uses detailed descriptions to paint pictures for the reader of the territories and characters described.
2. Contains much dialogue, allowing for stronger connections between characters.
3. A variety of tones are used for each character (for example: the character of Shalkan the unicorn is dry and sarcastic, while the character of Kellen is awkward but warm).

Themes:

1. The balance between good and evil.
2. Respect for nature.
3. Importance of family/friendship.
4. Responsibility to nature and to others.