



English Department Reading Selections

This document contains a list of titles that the English department uses as supplemental work to the standard grade level texts. The works are listed according to the grade level for which they are appropriate. We provide this list for students who may want to read over the summer months and we encourage all students to spend some time during the leisure summer days to pick up a good book and read. It is not vital or important to read a book that will be taught in English class. There is no distinction between the College Preparatory and an Honors class list for the same grade level because the titles on each list are appropriate for anyone who will be in that grade in the upcoming school year.

The list represents titles that any college-bound student should have in his or her background and it represents books that the English teachers have read and enjoyed. Some of these titles change from year to year but they all represent great literature.

English 9 and 9 Honors

Author	Title
Bronte, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>
Burns, Olive Ann	<i>Cold Sassy Tree</i>
Cather, Willa	<i>My Antonia</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
Gibbons, Kaye	<i>Ellen Foster</i>
Golding, William	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>
Kidd, Sue Monk	<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>
Knowles, John	<i>A Separate Peace</i>
Lee, Harper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>
Schlosser, Eric	<i>Fast Food Nation</i>
Shakespeare, William	<i>The Tragedy of Julius Caesar</i>
Shakespeare, William	<i>The Tragedy of Romeo & Juliet</i>
Smith, Betty	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>
Wiesel, Elie	<i>Night</i>



English 10 and 10 Honors

Author	Title
Buck, Pearl S.	<i>The Good Earth</i>
Cather, Willa	<i>My Antonia</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i>
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>
Hemingway, Ernest	<i>The Sun Also Rises</i>
Malamud, Bernard	<i>The Natural</i>
McCarthy, Cormac	<i>The Road</i>
Miller, Arthur	<i>Death of a Salesman</i>
Salinger, J.D.	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i>
Sinclair, Upton	<i>The Jungle</i>
Steinbeck, John	<i>Of Mice and Men</i>
Tan, Amy	<i>The Joy Luck Club</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>The Tragedy of Puddinghead Wilson</i>
Wharton, Edith	<i>House of Mirth</i>
Wright, Richard	<i>Native Son</i>

English 11 and 11 Honors

Author	Title
Adams, Douglas	<i>The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i>
Austen, Jane	<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>
Bradbury, Ray	<i>Something Wicked This Way Comes</i>
Conrad, Joseph	<i>Heart of Darkness</i>
Enger, Leif	<i>Peace Like a River</i>
Gardner, John	<i>Grendel</i>
Heaney, Seamus (translator)	<i>Beowulf</i>
Lewis, C.S.	<i>Prince Caspian</i>
Orwell, George	<i>1984</i>
Shakespeare, William	<i>Macbeth</i>
Shelley, Mary	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Sillitoe, Alan	<i>The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner</i>
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i>
Tan, Amy	<i>The Joy Luck Club</i>
Woolf, Virginia	<i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>



English 12 and 12 Honors

Author	Title
Achebe, Chinua	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>
Allende, Isabel	<i>House of the Spirits</i>
Alvarez, Julia	<i>In the Time of the Butterflies</i>
Beckett, Samuel	<i>Waiting for Godot</i>
Camus, Albert	<i>The Stranger</i>
Dante	<i>The Inferno</i> (Robert Pinsky translation)
Dostoyevsky, Fyodor	<i>Crime and Punishment</i>
Ehrenreich, Barbara	<i>Nickel and Dimed</i>
Gore, Al	<i>An Inconvenient Truth</i>
Greene, Graham	<i>The Agony and the Ecstasy</i>
Hesse, Hermann	<i>Siddhartha</i>
Hosseini, Khaled	<i>The Kite Runner</i>
Ibsen, Henrik	<i>An Enemy of the People</i>
Ibsen, Henrik	<i>A Doll's House</i>
Ibsen, Henrik	<i>Hedda Gabler</i>
Irving, John	<i>A Prayer for Owen Meany</i>
Mathabane, Mark	<i>Kaffir Boy</i>
Morrison, Toni	<i>Song of Solomon</i>
Paton, Alan	<i>Cry, the Beloved Country</i>
Pollan, Michael	<i>The Botany of Desire</i>
Sartre, Jean-Paul	<i>No Exit</i>
Shakespeare, William	<i>King Lear</i>
Shakespeare, William	<i>Hamlet</i>
Shakespeare, William	<i>Othello</i>
Sijie, Dai	<i>Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress</i>
Sophocles	<i>Oedipus Rex</i>
Tolstoy, Leo	<i>Anna Karenina</i>
Vonnegut, Kurt	<i>Slaughter-House Five</i>
Woolf, Virginia	<i>Mrs. Dalloway</i>