

Post 16 Reading List

This reading list is set out by date rather than genre and students are urged to read broadly from the various periods. Usually only one book per author is cited but, again, students are encouraged to read any other books by each writer. Students are also advised to look at the Reading Lists for years 11 and 10.

Pre-20th Century

Wuthering Heights – E Bronte
Pride & Prejudice – J Austen
Sense & Sensibility – J Austen
Pickwick Papers – C Dickens
Don Quixote – M Cervantes
David Copperfield – C Dickens
Moll Flanders – D Defoe
Jude the Obscure – T Hardy
Vanity Fair – W Thackeray
Middlemarch – G Elliot
Frankenstein – M Shelley
Washington Square – H James
Tristram Shandy – L Sterne
Gulliver's Travels – J Swift
Dracula – B Stoker
The Picture of Dorian Gray – O Wilde
The Hound of the Baskervilles – A C Doyle
Crime and Punishment – F Dostoyevski
Madame Bovary – G Flaubert
Tom Jones – H Fielding
The Moonstone – W Collins
The Way we live now – A Trollope
Cranford – E Gaskell
The Island of Dr Moreau – H G Wells
The Count of Monte Cristo – A Dumas
Anna Karenina – L Tolstoy
Huckleberry Finn – M Twain
Pamela – S Richardson

20th Century 1900 - 1944

Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man – J Joyce
The Power and the Glory – G Greene
The Sound and the Fury – W Faulkner
Orlando - V Woolf
The Call of the Wild – J London
Sons & Lovers – D H Lawrence
Goodbye to All That – R Graves
Scoop – E Waugh
Down and Out in Paris and London – G Orwell
Keep the Aspidra Flying – G Orwell
Farewell to Arms – E Hemingway
For Whom the Bell Tolls – E Hemingway
The Great Gatsby – F Scott Fitzgerald
The Trial – F Kafka
Metamorphosis and other stories – F Kafka
Gentlemen Prefer Blondes – A Loos
Cold Comfort Farm – S Gibbons
The Third Policeman F O'Brien
East of Eden – J Steinbeck
Of Human Bondage – W Somerset Maugham

20th Century 1945 – 1960

The Heart of the Matter – G Greene
The Old Man and the Sea – E Hemingway
The Bell Jar – S Plath
Breakfast at Tiffany's – T Capote
Things Fall Apart – C Achebe
Catch 22 – J Heller
Lucky Jim – K Amis
The Grass is Singing – D Lessing
Titus Groan – M Peake
On the Road – J Kerouac
Brideshead Revisited – E Waugh

Lolita – V Nabokov
The Roads to Freedom Trilogy – J-P Sartre
The Plague – A Camus
Dr Zhivago – B Pasternak
The Leopard – G di Lampedusa
A Clockwork Orange – A Burgess

20th Century 1961 - 1999

Midnight's Children – S Rushdie
The Book and the Brotherhood – I Murdoch
The Wide Sargasso Sea – J Rhys
If This Is a Man and The Truce - Primo Levi
Rabbit Run – J Updike
A House for Mr Biswas – V S Naipaul
The Magic Toyshop – A Carter
Slaughterhouse 5 – K Vonnegut
The Glass Bead Game – H Hesse
A Prayer for Owen Meaney – J Irving
The Sea, The Sea – I Murdoch
The Master & Margarita – M Bulgakov
The Comfort of Strangers – I McEwan
The Child in Time – I McEwan
The Life and Times of Michael K – J M Coetzee
Junk – M Burgess
The Tin Drum – G Grass
The Unbearable Lightness of Being – M Kundera
Love in the Time of Cholera – G G Marquez
All the Pretty Horses - Cormac McCarthy
The God of Small Things - Arundhati Roy
The French Lieutenant's Woman - John Fowles
The New York Trilogy – P Auster
Regeneration - Pat Barker
The Handmaid's Tale – M Atwood
The Remains of the Day – K Ishiguro
The Promise of Happiness – J Cartwright
Cosmicomics – I Calvino
White Teeth – Z Smith
Oranges are not the only fruit – J Winterson
The God of Small Things – A Roy
Riddley Walker – R Hoban
Bonfire of the Vanities – T Wolfe
Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas – H S Thompson
The Shipping News – E A Proulx
The Name of the Rose – U Eco
Underworld – D DeLillo
The Crow Road – I Banks
The English Patient – M Ondaatje

21st Century

The Book of Dave – W Self
Vernon God Little – D C B Pierre
Arthur & George – J Barnes
Small Island - Andrea Levy
Any Human Heart – W Boyd
The Kite Runner – K Hosseini
Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell – S Clarke
We Need to Talk About Kevin – L Shriver
The White Tiger – A Adiga
Wolf Hall – H Mantel
The Road – Cormac McCarthy
Half of a Yellow Sun – C N Adichie
The Night Watch – Sarah Waters
Brick Lane – M Ali
A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian – M Lewycka