

GRADES 9-12 SUGGESTED READING LIST

This list has been compiled from several sources including the American Library Association, the International Reading Association, and state reading lists, when available. The books on this list are not required reading nor is this intended to be an all-inclusive list. As always, parents and teachers are encouraged to review the selections to ensure the appropriateness for individual students.

Fiction

- Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen
- Emma – Jane Austen
- For Whom the Bell Tolls – Ernest Hemingway
- Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck
- Great Expectations – Charles Dickens
- The Sound and the Fury – William Faulkner
- The Joy Luck Club – Amy Tan
- A Separate Peace – John Knowles
- Life of Pi – Yann Martel
- Crime and Punishment – Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- Farm Team – Will Weaver
- Moby Dick – Herman Melville
- Make Lemonade – Virginia Wolff
- Look Homeward, Angel – Thomas Wolfe
- Bearstone – Will Hobbs
- Gulliver’s Travels – Jonathan Swift
- The Fifth Child – Doris Lessing
- The Chosen – Chaim Potok
- Childhood’s End – Arthur C. Clarke
- Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte
- Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain
- The Adventures of Tom Sawyer – Mark Twain
- Death Be Not Proud – John Gunther
- The Age of Innocence – Edith Wharton
- My Antonia – Willa Cather
- The Color Purple – Alice Walker
- A Lesson Before Dying – Ernest Gaines
- The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants – Ann Brashares
- Dandelion Wine – Ray Bradbury
- The Jungle – Upton Sinclair
- Flowers for Algernon – Daniel Keyes
- A Prayer for Owen Meany – John Irving
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn – Betty Smith
- Tangerine – Edward Bloor

- Define Normal – Julie Anne Peters
- The Chocolate War – Robert Cormier
- Freak the Mighty – Rodman Philbrick
- Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens

Fantasy and Folklore

- Frankenstein – Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley
- Harry Potter Series – J.K. Rowling
- Little House on the Prairie – Laura Ingalls Wilder
- The Pearl – John Steinbeck
- The Raven and other poems – Edgar Allan Poe
- The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
- Ceremony – Leslie Silko
- The Dream Keeper and Other Poems – Langston Hughes
- The Princess Bride – William Goldman
- Dandelion Wine – Ray Bradbury
- The Chronicles of Narnia – C.S. Lewis
- Dragonsong – Anne McCaffrey
- The Once and Future King – T.H. White
- Bridge of Birds: A Novel of an Ancient China That Never Was – Barry Hughart
- Go and Come Back – Joan Abelove
- The United States of Poetry – Joshua Blum, Bob Holman and Mark Pellington
- Aria of the Sea – Dia Calhoun
- Walking on Solid Ground – Shu Pui Cheung, Shuyuan Li, Aaron Chau, and Deborah Wei
- Jump Up and Say! A Collection of Black Storytelling – Linda Goss and Clay Goss, editors
- Snow in August – Pete Hamill

Historical Fiction

- The Boxer – Kathleen Karr
- Kiss The Dust – Elizabeth Laird
- Cry, the Beloved Country – Alan Paton
- Tortilla Flat – John Steinbeck
- Two Suns In The Sky – Miriam Bat-Ami
- Crispin: The Cross of Lead – Avi
- The Book of the Lion – Michael Cadnum
- The Playmaker – J.B. Cheaney
- The Red Badge of Courage – Stephen Crane
- A Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens
- Great Expectations – Charles Dickens
- All Quiet on the Western Front – Erich Maria Remarque
- Les Miserables – Victor Hugo
- Gone with the Wind – Margaret Mitchell
- Killer Angels – Michael Shaara

Science Fiction

- The Hitchhiker’s Guide To The Galaxy – Douglas Adams
- Tomorrow’s Sphinx – Clare Bell
- Finder: A Novel of Borderlands – Emma Bull
- The Night Room – E.M. Goldman
- The Adventures of the Stainless Steel Rat – Harry Harrison
- Martian Chronicles – Ray Bradbury
- The Game of Sunken Places – M.T. Anderson
- 1984 – George Orwell
- 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea – Jules Verne
- The Bicentennial Man and Other Stories – Isaac Asimov
- 2001 A Space Odyssey – Arthur C. Clarke
- Brave New World – Aldous Huxley
- The Lord of the Rings – J.R.R. Tolkien
- The Hobbit – J.R.R. Tolkien
- The War of the Worlds – H.G. Wells
- Watership Down – Richard Adams

Poetry

- Nine Horses – Billy Collins
- New and Selected Poems – Gary Soto
- The School Among the Ruins: Poems 2000–2004 – Adrienne Rich
- The Rose That Grew From Concrete – Tupac Shakur
- People on the Bridge – Wislawa Szymborska
- In Search of Color Everywhere: A Collection of African-American Poetry – E. Ethelbert Miller
- The Collected Poems of Nikki Giovanni: 1968–1998 – Nikki Giovanni

- The Canterbury Tales – Geoffrey Chaucer
- Collected Poems – T.S. Elliot
- The Collected Poems – Sylvia Plath
- The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson – Emily Dickinson
- Spoon River Anthology – Edgar Lee Masters

Nonfiction

- A Brief History of Time – Stephen Hawking
- Pilgrim at Tinker Creek – Annie Dillard
- The Power of Myth – Joseph Campbell
- The Tao of Pooh – Benjamin Hoff
- The Concrete Wave: The History of Skateboarding – Michael Brooke
- At The Buzzer – Byran Burwell
- Boy – Roald Dahl
- Into Thin Air – John Krakauer
- Into the Wild – John Krakauer
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings – Maya Angelou
- The Closing of the American Mind – Allan Bloom
- Kaffir Boy: The True Story of a Black Youth's Coming of Age in Apartheid South Africa – Mark Mathabane
- Autobiography of a Face – Lucy Grealy
- Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog – John Grogan
- Days of Grace – Arthur Ashe and Arnold Rampersad
- Between a Rock and a Hard Place – Aron Ralston
- I Never Promised You a Rose Garden – Joanne Greenberg
- The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts – Maxine Hong Kingston
- The Way to Rainy Mountain – N. Scott Momaday
- Profiles in Courage – John F. Kennedy
- Black Boy – Richard Wright
- Farewell to Manzanar – Jeanne Houston and James Houston
- Barrio Boy – Ernesto Galarza
- It's Not About the Bike – Lance Armstrong
- Fast Food Nation – Eric Schlosser
- Madame Curie – Eve Curie
- Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America – Barbara Ehrenreich

Drama

- Cherry Orchard – Anton Chekov
- Macbeth – William Shakespeare
- A Midsummer's Night Dream – William Shakespeare
- Death of a Salesman – Arthur Miller
- Pygmalion – George Bernard Shaw
- Waiting for Godot – Samuel Beckett

- Glass Menagerie – Tennessee Williams
- The Importance of Being Earnest – Oscar Wilde
- Cyrano de Bergerac – Edmond Rostand
- Twelve Angry Men – Reginald Rose
- A Doll's House – Henrik Ibsen