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**English Language Arts 9-12**

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| A Lesson Before Dying | Ernest J. Gaines | 750L | 4.4 |  |  |
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| Black Rain | Masuji Ibuse | 1070L | n/a |  |  |
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| Driving by Starlight | Anat Deracine | 860L | 5.8 |  |  |
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| Poisonwood Bible | Barbara Kingsolver | 960L | 6.6 |  |  |
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| Shabanu, Daughter of the Wind | Suzanne Fisher Staples | 970L | 5.9 |  |  |
| The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian | Sherman Alexie | 600L | 4 |  |  |
| The Bean Trees | Barbara Kingsolver | 900L | 5.6 |  |  |
| The Blind Assassin | Margaret Atwood | n/a | n/a |  |  |
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| The Catcher in the Rye | J.D. Salinger | 790L | 4.7 |  |  |
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| The Grapes of Wrath | John Steinbeck | 680L | 4.9 |  |  |
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| The House on Mango Street | Sandra Cisneros | 870L | 4.5 |  |  |
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| The Kite Runner | Khaled Hosseini | 840L | 5.2 |  |  |
| The Known World | Edward P. Jones | 960L | 5.8 |  |  |
| The Light Between Oceans | M.L. Stedman | 870L | n/a |  |  |
| The Namesake | Jhumpa Lahiri | 1140L | 7.2 |  |  |
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| The Other Americans | Laila Lalami | 980L | n/a |  |  |
| The Painted Drum | Louise Erdrich | n/a | 6.3 |  |  |
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| Maus | Art Spiegelman | n/a | 3.2 |  |  |
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| Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail | Cheryl Strayed | 1060L | 6.5 |  |  |
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| The Johnstown Flood | David McCullough | n/a | n/a |  |  |
| The Movie Book | DK | n/a | n/a |  |  |
| Nobody Nowhere | Donna Williams | n/a | n/a |  |  |
| Night | Elie Wiesel | 590L | 4.8 |  |  |
| Formidable: American Women and the Fight for Equality | Elisabeth Griffith | n/a | n/a |  |  |
| Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal | Eric Schlosser | 1240L | 10.4 |  |  |
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| All Boys Aren't Blue | George M. Johnson | 890L | 6.4 |  |  |
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| The Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl | Harriet Jacobs | 740L | 7.1 |  | [Free to listen](https://archive.org/details/incidents_life_slave_girl_0806_librivox) |
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| For Every One | Jason Reynolds | 980L | 5.4 |  |  |
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| Blink | Malcolm Gladwell | 1100L | 8.3 |  |  |
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