



American Literature Independent Study:

suggested reading list

We suggest these novels based on literary merit. The asterisked texts indicate those approved by Littleton Public Schools for 10th grade. Prior to selecting a text, please evaluate its material to ensure you choose a text with which you are comfortable both in terms of reading level and content. Indicate your consent as well as your parent or guardian's consent with its content by getting the last page signed.

Ethnic Groups

Native American

Alexie, Sherman *Reservation Blues*

Coel, Margaret *The Ghost Walker*

Dorris, Michael *Yellow Raft on Blue Water*

Fergus, Jim *One Hundred White Women*

Frazier, Charles *Thirteen Moons*

Silko, Leslie *Ceremony*

African American

**Angelou, Maya *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

Baldwin, James *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Baldwin, James *Notes of a Native Son*

**Butler, Octavia *Kindred*

**Ellison, Ralph *The Invisible Man*

**Hansberry, Lorraine *A Raisin in the Sun*

**Hurst, Zora Neale *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

Hurst, Zora Neale *Dust Tracks on the Road*

Hurst, Zora Neale *Mules and Me*

Jacobs, Harriet *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*

**Kidd, Sue Monk *The Secret Life of Bees*

McBride, James *The Color of Water*

Morrison, Toni *Jazz*

Morrison, Toni *Song of Solomon*

Morrison, Toni *Sula*

**Stowe, Harriet Beecher *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

**Twain, Mark *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

**Wilson, August *Fences*

Wilson, August *The Piano Lesson*

Wright, Richard *Native Son*

Wright, Richard *Black Boy*

Latino

Alvarez, Julia *How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents*

Alvarez, Julia *In the Time of the Butterflies*

**Anaya, Rudolfo *Bless Me, Ultima*

**Boyle, T.C. *The Tortilla Curtain*

**Cisneros, Sandra *House on Mango Street*

Literary Genres/Movements

Fantasy/Science Fiction

**Asimov, Isaac *I, Robot*

**Bradbury, Ray *The Illustrated Man*

**Bradbury, Ray *Martian Chronicles*

**Butler, Octavia *Kindred*

Butler, Octavia *Patternmaster*

Card, Scott *Ender's Game*

Dick, Philip K. *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?*

****Dick, Philip K. *Man in the High Castle***

Dick, Philip K. *Four Novels of the 1960's*

Doctorow, Cory *Overclocked: Stories of the Future Present*

Gibson, William *Neuromancer*

Haldeman, Joe *The Accidental Time Machine*

Haldeman, Joe *The Forever War*

****LeGuin, Ursula K. *Lefthand of Darkness***

****Rand, Ayn *Anthem***

Rand, Ayn *Atlas, Shrugged*

Robinson, Kim *Stanley Antarctica*

Robinson, Kim *Stanley Red Mars*

Robinson, Kim *Stanley The Martians*

Simmons, Dan *Hyperion*

Simmons, Dan *Ilium*

Tiptree, Jr., James *Up Walls of the World*

Vonnegut, Kurt *Cat's Cradle*

Willis, Connie *Doomsday Book*

Willis, Connie *Bellwether*

Willis, Connie *To Say Nothing of the Dog*

Gothic

Capote, Truman *In Cold Blood*

****Hawthorne, Nathaniel *House of the Seven Gables***

****Jackson, Shirley *The Haunting of Hill House***

Jackson, Shirley *We Have Always Lived in a Castle*

King, Stephen *The Shining*

War

****Crane, Stephen *he Red Badge of Courage***

Frazier, Charles *Cold Mountain*

Heller, Joseph *Catch 22*

****Hemingway, Ernest *A Farewell to Arms***

****Hemingway, Ernest *For Whom the Bell Tolls***

Hersey, John *Hiroshima*

****Houston, Jeanne Wakatsuki *Farewell to Manzanar***

****Hosseini, Khaled *Kite Runner***

Hosseini, Khaled *A Thousand Splendid Suns*

McBride, James *Miracle at St. Anna*

O'Brien, Tim *The Things They Carried*

O'Brien, Tim *If I Die Combat Zone Box*

O'Brien, Tim *Me Up and Ship Me Home*

O'Brien, Tim *Going after Cacciato*

****Remarque, Erich Maria *All Quiet on the Western Front***

Shaara, Michael *The Killer Angels*

****Wouk, Herman *Caine Mutiny***

Wouk, Herman *The Winds of War*

Feminism

Capote, Truman *Breakfast at Tiffany's*

****Cather, Willa *My Ántonia***

Chopin, Kate *The Awakening*

****Cisneros, Sandra *House on Mango Street***

****Hurstons, Zora Neal *Their Eyes Were Watching God***

Hurstons, Zora Neal *Mules and Me*

Foer, Jonathan Safran. *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*

Kingsolver, Barbara *Poisonwood Bible*

Kingston, Maxine Hong *Woman Warrior*

Morrison, Toni *Sula*

Morrison, Toni *The Bluest Eye*

Morrison, Toni *a mercy*

Oates, Joyce Carol *We Were the Mulvaney's*

Oates, Joyce Carol *The Gravedigger's Daughter*

Oates, Joyce Carol *Because It Is Bitter, and Because It is My Heart*

**Plath, Sylvia *The Bell Jar*

Smiley, Jane *A Thousand Acres*

Tan, Amy *The Joy Luck Club*

Tan, Amy *The Kitchen God's Wife*

Walker, Alice *The Color Purple*

Wharton, Edith *The Age of Innocence*

Wharton, Edith *House of Mirth*

Wharton, Edith. *The Buccaneers*

Williams, Tennessee *A Streetcar Named Desire*

Williams, Tennessee *Cat on a Hot-Tin Roof*

The Moderns

**Eliot, T.S. *The Cocktail Party*

**Eliot, T.S. *Murder in the Cathedral*

**Faulker, William *As I Lay Dying*

**Faulker, William *The Sound and the Fury*

**Faulkner, William *Light in August*

**Fitzgerald, F. Scott *This Side of Paradise*

Fitzgerald, F. Scott *The Beautiful and the Damned*

**Miller, Arthur *All My Sons*

**Hemingway, Ernest *The Sun Also Rises*

**Hemingway, Ernest *The Old Man and the Sea*

**Potok, Chaim *The Chosen*

**Potok, Chaim *My Name is Asher Lev*

**Steinbeck, John *East of Eden*

**Steinbeck, John *The Grapes of Wrath*

**Steinbeck, John *Of Mice and Men*

Wharton, Edith *The Age of Innocence*

**Wharton, Edith *Ethan Frome*

Williams, Tennessee *A Streetcar Named Desire*

Williams, Tennessee *Cat on a Hot-Tin Roof*

**Williams, Tennessee *Glass Menagerie*

Post-Modernism

**Boyle, T.C. *The Tortilla Curtain*

Capote, Truman *Other Voices, Other Rooms*

Dorris, Michael *Yellow Raft on Blue Water*

**Ellison, Ralph *The Invisible Man*

**Enger, Leif *Peace like a River*

Heller, Joseph *Catch 22*

Kerouac, Jack *On the Road*

Kesey, Ken *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

**Kingsolver, Barbara *The Bean Trees*

**Kraukauer, Jonathan. *Into the Wild*.

McCarthy, Cormac *All the Pretty Horses*

McCarthy, Cormac *The Road*

O'Brien, Tim *In the Lake of the Woods*

Proulx, Annie *The Shipping News*

**Salinger, J.D. *Catcher in the Rye*

Vonnegut, Kurt *Breakfast of Champions*

**Vonnegut, Kurt *Welcome to the Monkey House*

Wroblewski, David *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*

Lit. of Social Protest (Choose a grouping)

Baldwin, James *Notes of a Native Son*

Baldwin, James *Going to Meet the Man*

**Bradbury, Ray *The Illustrated Man*

Bradbury, Ray *Something Wicked This Way Comes*

Capote, Truman *Other Voices, Other Rooms*

Hellman, Lillian *The Children's Hour*

Hellman, Lillian *Toys in the Attic*

Hellman, Lillian *Watch on the Rhine*

Heller, Joseph *Catch 22*

Kerouac, Jack *On the Road*

Kesey, Ken *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*

**Miller, Arthur *Death of a Salesman*

**Rand, Ayn *Anthem*

Rand, Ayn *The Fountainhead*

**Salinger, J.D. *Catcher in the Rye*

**Vonnegut, Kurt *Cat's Cradle*

Vonnegut, Kurt *Breakfast of Champions*

**Sinclair, Upton *The Jungle*

**Steinbeck, John *The Grapes of Wrath*

**Steinbeck, John *East of Eden*

**Steinbeck, John *Cannery Row*

Walker, Percy *The Moviegoer*

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