

A.P. English  
Book List 2011-2012

Please use the following list for selecting summer reading as well as independent reading throughout the school year. The books on the list have been selected to represent the types of books you should be reading to prepare for the A.P. exam and college reading. If you are interested in reading a book that is not on the list, then it must be approved by your teacher first. Your reading selections must meet specific criteria. Also, do not assume that another book by a listed author is acceptable, as it may be reserved by your teachers for their curriculum.

Abbey, Edward Desert Solitaire\*

Adair, Douglas Fame and the Founding Fathers\*

Adams, Douglas Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Alvarez, Julia In the Time of the Butterflies

Anaya, Rudolfo Bless Me, Ultima

Asimov, Issac Foundation

Austen, Jane (any) recommended: Emma

Baldwin, James Go Tell it on the Mountain

Beckett, Samuel Waiting for Godot

Bronte, Emily Wuthering Heights

Burton, Robert The Anatomy of Melancholy

Camus, Albert The Stranger; The Plague

Capote, Truman In Cold Blood\*

Cather, Willa Death Comes for the Archbishop; My Antonia

Cervantes, Miguel de Don Quixote

Christie, Agatha Murder on the Orient Express

Conrad, Joseph Lord Jim

Dickens, Charles Great Expectations; A Tale of Two Cities

Dreiser, Theodore An American Tragedy

Dumas, Alexander The Count of Monte Cristo; The Three Musketeers

Eliot, George The Mill on the Floss

Ellison, Ralph Invisible Man

Endo, Shusaku Deep River

Ehrenreich, Barbara Nickel and Dimed\*

Faulkner, William As I Lay Dying; The Sound and the Fury

Fielding, Henry Tom Jones

Flaubert, Gustav Madame Bovary

Forster, E.M. A Passage to India; A Room with a View

Guterson, David Snow Falling on Cedars

Hardy, Thomas Tess of the D'urbervilles; Return of the Native

Heat-Moon, William Least Prairie Earth\*, Blue Highways\*

Heller, Joseph Catch-22

Hemingway, Ernest For Whom the Bell Tolls; Farewell to Arms, The Sun Also Rises

Hickman, Homer Rocket Boys

Hosseini, Khaled A Thousand Splendid Suns

Hugo, Victor Les Miserables

Huxley, Aldous Brave New World

Irving, John The Cider House Rules; A Prayer for Owen Meany

James, Henry The Portrait of a Lady

Joyce, James The Dubliners; Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

Kafka, Franz The Trial; The Metamorphosis

Kerouac, Jack On the Road

Kincaid, Jamaica Annie John; The Autobiography of My Mother

Kingston, Maxine Hong The Woman Warrior

Krakauer, Jon Into Thin Air\*

Lamb, Wally She's Come Undone

Larson, Erik Isaac's Storm\*

Lewis, Sinclair Babbitt Main Street

McCullough, David (any) recommended: John Adams\*, 1776\*

Mann, Thomas The Magic Mountain

May, Rollo The Courage to Create

Marquez, Gabriel Garcia One Hundred Years of Solitude

Maugham, Somerset Of Human Bondage; Razor's Edge

McCarthy, Cormac Blood Meridian; All the Pretty Horses

McCullers, Carson The Heart is a Lonely Hunter

Melville, Herman Moby Dick

Miller, Arthur The Crucible

Mitchell, Margaret Gone with the Wind

Michener, James (any) recommended: Chesapeake

Morrison, Toni (any) recommended: Song of Solomon

O'Brien, Tim The Things They Carried

Onuf, Peter Thomas Jefferson, An Anthology\*

Orwell, George 1984

Patan, Alan Cry the Beloved Country

Persig, Robert Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance

Philbrick, Nathaniel In the Heart of the Sea\*

Proust, Marcel Remembrance of Things Past; In Search of Lost Time

Rand, Ayn The Fountainhead

Rawlings, Marjorie The Yearling

Richter, Conrad The Awakening Land (three book series: The Trees, The Fields, The Town)

Sagan, Nick Idlewild

Salinger, J.D. Franey and Zooey

See, Lisa Snow Flower and the Secret Fan

Shaara, Michael Killer Angels

Shelley, Mary Frankenstein

Sides, Hampton Ghost Soldiers\*

Solzhenitsyn, Aleksander One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich

Stendhal, Margaret The Charter House of Parma

Stoker, Bram Dracula

Tademy, Lalita Roots

Tan, Amy The Joy Luck Club; The Kitchen God's Wife

Thackeray, William M. Vanity Fair

Tolstoy, Leo War and Peace; Anna Karenina

Turgenev, Ivan Fathers and Sons

Twain, Mark any **except** Huckleberry Finn

Vonnegut, Kurt any **except** Slaughterhouse Five

Walker, Alice The Color Purple

Warren, Robert Penn All the King's Men

West, Nathaniel Miss Lonelyhearts

Wharton, Edith Ethan Fromme

Wiesenthal, Simon The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness\*

Wolfe, Thomas Look Homeward, Angel

Wolfe, Tom The Right Stuff\*

Woolf, Virginia Orlando; To the Lighthouse; A Room of One's Own

Wright, Richard Native Son; Black Boy

\* denotes non-fiction