

Essential Texts

Achebe, Chinua: *Things Fall Apart*

Aesop's Fables

Apuleius, Lucius: *The Golden Ass (The Metamorphosis)*

Aristotle: *Collected Works*

Austen, Jane: *Pride and Prejudice*

Baldwin, James: "Sonny's Blues"

Baldwin, James: *Notes of a Native Son*

Ballard, J.G.: *Vermillion Sands*

Barthes, Roland: "Death of the Author"

Barthes, Roland: *Mythologies*

Beauvoir, Simone de: *The Second Sex*

Beowulf

Bhagavad Gita

Bible

Black Elk and John Neihardt: *Black Elk Speaks*

Blade Runner (movie dir. Ridley Scott)

Blake, William: *Songs of Innocence and Experience*

Borges, Jorge Luis: *Fictions*

Brazil (movie, dir. Terry Gilliam)

Breton, André: *Manifestos of Surrealism*

Bronte, Emily: *Wuthering Heights*

Brooks, Gwendolyn: "Sadie and Maud"

Brooks, Gwendolyn: "We Real Cool"

Browning, Robert: "My Last Duchess"

Camus: *The Plague*

Camus: *The Stranger*

Carson, Rachel: *Silent Spring*

Carver, Raymond: "Cathedral"

Chekhov, Anton: "Lady with the Dog"

Chomsky, Noam: "Notes on Anarchism"

Chopin, Kate: "The Story of an Hour"

Chrétien de Troyes: *Perceval*

Confucius: *Analects*

Craft, Jerry: *New Kid*

cummings e.e.: Collected Poetry

Darwin, Charles: *Origin of Species*

Declaration of Independence

Defoe, Daniel: *Moll Flanders*

Descartes, René: *Meditations on First Philosophies*

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

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

Dickinson, Emily: Collected Poetry

Donne, John.: *Devotions Upon Emergent Occasions*

Dostoevsky, Fyodor: *Notes from Underground*

Douglass, Frederick: *The Autobiography of Frederic Douglass*

Enuma Elish

Epic of Gilgamesh

Erdrich, Louis: *Tracks*

Erdrich, Louise: *Love Medicine*

Espada, Martin: "Why I Went to College"

Euclid: *Elements*

Fitzgerald, F. Scott: *The Great Gatsby*

Frankl, Victor: *Man's Search for Meaning*

Freeman, Mary E. Wilkins: "Old Woman Magoun"

Freud: *Civilization and Its Discontents*

Freud: *Interpretation of Dreams*

Gilman, Charlotte Perkins: "The Yellow Wallpaper"

Ginsberg, Allen: *Howl and Other Poems*

Glaspell, Susan: *Trifles*

Harari, Yuval Noah: *Homo Deus*

Harjo, Joy: *American Sunrise*

Hawking, Stephen: *A Brief History of Time*

Hesiod, *Theogony*

Hippocratic Corpus

Homer: *The Iliad*

Homer: *The Odyssey*

hooks, bell: collected works

Hughes, Langston: "I, Too"

Hume, David: *An Inquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

Jackson, Shirley: "The Lottery"

Jamieson, Victoria and Omar Mohamed: *When Stars Are Scattered*

Joyce, James: *Dubliners*

Jung, Carl: *Archetypes of the Collective Unconscious*

Kafka, Franz: "Before the Law"

Kafka, Franz: "The Metamorphosis"

Kant, Immanuel: *A Critique of Pure Reason*

Kierkegaard, Søren: *Fear and Trembling*

Kincaid, Jamaica: "Girl"

Kincaid, Jamaica: *Annie John*

Kurosawa, Akira: *Rashomon* (film)

Lahiri, Jhumpa: *Interpreter of Maladies*

Lao Tzu: *Tao Te Ching*

Lawrence, D.H.: “The Blind Man”

Le Guin: Ursula: “The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas”

Lem, Stanislaw: *Solaris*

Leopold, Aldo: *A Sand County Almanac*

Lewis, John: *March*

Luther King Jr., Martin: “I Have a Dream”

Luther King Jr., Martin: “Letter from Birmingham Jail”

Machiavelli, Niccolò di Bernardo dei: *The Prince*

Magee, John: “High Flight”

Malcolm X: “Learning to Read”

Marcus Aurelius Antoninus: *Meditations*

Marquez, Gabriel Garcia: “A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings”

Maupassant, Guy de: “The Necklace”

Mazzucchelli, David: *Asterios Polyp*

Meshes of the Afternoon (movie dir. Maya Deren)

Miller, Arthur: *Death of a Salesman*

Mishima, Yukio: *Runaway Horses*

Mizuki, Shigeru: *Nonnonba*

Momaday, N. Scott: *The Way to Rainy Mountain*

Morrison, Toni: “Recitatif.”

Neruda, Pablo: *Spain in Our Hearts*

Neruda, Pablo: *The Captain’s Verses*

Nietzsche, Friedrich Wilhelm: *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*

Nuremberg Code

Orwell, George: “Shooting an Elephant”

Orwell, George: *1984*

Orwell, George: *Homage to Catalonia* (and the related film *Land and Freedom*)

Ovid (Publius Ovidius Naso): *The Metamorphosis*

Paine, Thomas: "Common Sense"

Park, Ed: "Slide to Unlock"

Patient's Bill of Rights

Percy, Walker: "The Loss of the Creature"

Plato: *Collected Works*

Poe, Edgar Allan: *Collected Works*

Poetic Edda, The

Popul Vuh (Tedlock translation)

Quintana, Leroy: "Legacy II"

Rand, Ayn: *Atlas Shrugged*

Rawls: *A Theory of Justice*

Rios, Alberto Alvaro: "The Secret Lion"

Rumi: *Spiritual Couplets*

Sanders, Scott Russell: "Homeplace"

Sartre, Jean Paul: *No Exit*

Sartre: *Nausea*

Searle, John: *Minds, Brains and Science*

Shakespeare: *Complete Works*

Shelley, Percy, Bysshe: *Collected Works*

Skloot, Rebecca: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lachs*

Sophocles, *Oedipus Rex*

Spiegelman, Art: *Maus*

Stevens, Doris: *Jailed for Freedom*

Sturluson, Snorri: *The Prose Edda*

Sun Tzu: *The Art of War*

Takei, George: *They Called Us Enemy*

Tanizaki, Jun'ichirō: "In Praise of Shadows"

Tarkovsky, Andrei Arsenyevich: *Solaris*

Thompson, Hunter S.: collected works
Thoreau, Henry David: “Resistance to Civil Government”
Thoreau, Henry David: *Walden*
Tocqueville, Alexis de: *Democracy in America*
Updike, John: “A&P”
Voltaire: *Candide*
Vonnegut, Kurt: “Harrison Bergeron”
Walker, Alice: “Everyday Use”
Wallace, David Foster: “This is Water”
Whitman, Walt: *Leaves of Grass*
Wiesel, Eli: “The Perils of Indifference”
Wilde, Oscar: “The Ballad of Reading Gaol”
Wilde, Oscar: “The Importance of Being Earnest”
Wilder, Billy: *Sunset Boulevard* (film)
Williams, William Carlos: *Paterson*
Woolf, Virginia: *Mrs. Dalloway*
Wordsworth, William: “I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud”
Wright, Richard: *The Ethics of Living Jim Crow*
Wu Cheng'en: *Journey to the West*
Zinn, Howard: *A People's History of the United States*