

Grade 9 English

Grade 9 Required Readings

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee and/or *A Long Way Gone*, Ishmael Beah
Great Expectations, Charles Dickens
The Odyssey, Homer
Julius Caesar, William Shakespeare

Poetry:

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”, James Weldon Johnson
“Ozymandias”, Percy Bysshe Shelly
“The Raven”, Edgar Allan Poe
“Yet Do I Marvel”, Countee Cullen
“Ballad of Birmingham”, Dudley Randall

Informational Texts:

“Address to the Students at Moscow State University”, Ronald Reagan
“I Have a Dream: Address Delivered at the March on Washington, DC, for Civil Rights on August 28, 1963”, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Grade 9 Optional Readings:

Stories and Novels:

A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens
A Farewell to Manzanar, Jean Wakatsuki Houston
Baseball in April, Gary Soto
Catherine, Called Birdie, Karen Cushman
Ender’s Game, Orson Scott Card
Fathers and Sons, Ivan Turgenev
Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
I am the Cheese, Robert Cormier
“I Stand Here Ironing”, Tillie Olsen
In the Time of the Butterflies, Julia Alvarez
Insurgent, Veronica Roth
Journalism: The Landry News, Clements
Les Miserables, Victor Hugo
Monster, Walter Dean Myers
Mythology, Edith Hamilton
Night, Elie Wiesel
O, Pioneers!, Willa Cather
Oedipus Rex, Sophocles
Silas Marner, George Eliot
Speak, Laurie Halse Anderson
Spellbound, Jeanette Baker
Summer of My German Solider, Bette Greene

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Sherman Alexie
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, John Boyne
The Fault in Our Stars, John Green
“The Gift of the Magi”, O. Henry
The Help, Kathryn Stockett
The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien
The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins
The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan
The Killer Angels, Michael Shaara
The Midwife’s Apprentice, Karen Cushman
The Old Man and the Sea, Ernest Hemingway
The Perks of Being a Wallflower, Stephen Chboskey
The Red Pony, John Steinbeck
The Wave, Todd Strasser
The Whitetiger: A Novel, Aravind Adiga
That Was Then, This is Now, S.E. Hinton
Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neale Hurston
To Be Young, Gifted, and Black, Lorraine Hansberry
Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson
Walk Two Moons, Sharon Creech
We All Fall Down, Robert Cromier
West Side Story, Irving Shulman
Wolf Rider, Avi

Drama:

A Midsummer Night’s Dream, William Shakespeare
Much Ado About Nothing, William Shakespeare
Oedipus Rex, Sophocles
Romeo and Juliet, William Shakespeare

Poetry:

“We Real Cool”, Gwendolyn Brooks
“The Road Not Taken”, Robert Frost
“Fog”, Carl Sandburg
“Kidnap Poem”, Nikki Giovanni
“Beware Do Not Read This Poem”, Ishmael Reed

Informational Texts:

“Poor Richard’s Almanac”, Benjamin Franklin
“Silent Spring”, Rachel Carson
“Remarks to the Senate in Support of a Declaration of Conscience”, Margaret Chase Smith
“Choice: A Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.”, Alice Walker