

AP English Reading List

Listed by Title

According to the College Board Advanced Placement program: "The AP English course in Literature and Composition should engage students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature. ...Reading in an AP course should be both wide and deep."

The following list of authors and works has been compiled using a variety of sources with a strong emphasis on the authors suggested by the College Board. In order to provide students with reading that is "both wide and deep," the selections range in age from early Greek drama to contemporary works. They also range in genre, ethnicity, and original language. Please refer to the [College Board's AP Central](#) for additional information.
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Drama

A, C, D

Antigone by Sophocles
Arcadia by Tom Stoppard
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof by Tennessee Williams
The Cherry Orchard by Anton Chekhov
The Children's Hour by Lillian Hellman
Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen
Dutchman by Amiri Baraka

F, G, H

Fences by August Wilson
The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams
Hamlet by William Shakespeare
The Harvest Festival by Sean O'Casey
Hedda Gabler by Henrik Ibsen
Homecoming by Harold Pinter

I, K, L

The Iceman Cometh by Eugene O'Neill
The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde
King Lear by William Shakespeare
The Little Foxes by Lillian Hellman
Long Day's Journey into Night by Eugene O'Neill

M, O, P

M. Butterfly by David Henry Hwang

The Misanthrope by Moliere
Oedipus Rex by Sophocles
Othello by William Shakespeare
Prometheus Bound by Aeschylus

R, S, T

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead by Tom Stoppard
She Stoops to Conquer by Oliver Goldsmith
Six Characters in Search of an Author by Luigi Pirandello
A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams
Tartuffe by Moliere

W, Z

Waiting for Godot by Samuel Beckett
The Way of the World by William Congreve
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? by Edward Albee
The Wild Duck by Henrik Ibsen
Zoot Suit by Luis Valdez

Fiction (Novel & Short Story)

A

The Adventures of Augie March by Saul Bellow
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer by Mark Twain
Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood
All Quiet on the Western Front by Erich Maria Remarque
The American by Henry James
An Instance of the Fingerpost by Iain Pears
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
Antelope Wife by Louise Erdrich
As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
The Aspern Papers by Henry James
The Awakening by Kate Chopin

B

Babylon Revisited by F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Baron in the Trees by Italo Calvino
Bee Season by Myla Goldberg
Beloved by Toni Morrison
Billy Budd by Herman Melville
Blood Meridian by Cormac McCarthy
The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton
Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh

Brothers and Keepers by John Edgar Wideman

C

Cane by Jean Toomer

Cathedral by Raymond Carver

Clara by Luisa Valenzuela

Clear Light of Day by Anita Desai

Corelli's Mandolin by Louis DeBernieres

Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoevsky

Cry the Beloved Country by Alan Paton

D, F

Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather

Desirable Daughters by Bharati Mukherjee

Dubliners by James Joyce

Fathers and Sons by Ivan Sergeevich Turgenev

The Fixer by Bernard Malamud

The French Lieutenant's Woman by John Fowles

G

The Garden Party and Other Stories by Katherine Mansfield

Gertrude and Claudius by John Updike

Going After Cacciato by Tim O'Brien

The Good Soldier by Ford Madox Ford

Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin

Great Expectations by Charles Dickens

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

H

The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

The Heart is a Lonely Hunter by Carson McCullers

Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad

The Heart of the Matter by Graham Greene

Heir to the Glimmering World by Cynthia Ozick

The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros

The House of the Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne

I, J

The Idiot by Fyodor Dostoevsky

In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

In Country by Bobbie Ann Mason

In the Lake of the Woods by Tim O'Brien

In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

Invisible Cities by Italo Calvino

The Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison
Islands in the Stream by Ernest Hemingway
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Jazz by Toni Morrison

L, M

Libra by Don DeLillo
Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov
The Loved One by Evelyn Waugh
Lucky Jim by Kingsley Amis
The Magus by John Fowles
A Map of the World by Jane Hamilton
The Member of the Wedding by Carson McCullers
The Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka
Middlemarch by George Eliot
Moby Dick by Herman Melville

N, O, P

Native Son by Richard Wright
The Natural by Bernard Malamud
1984 by George Orwell
No Exit by JeanPaul Sartre
Notes from Underground by Fyodor Dostoevsky
Obasan by Joy Kogawa
One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
O Pioneers! by Willa Cather
The Optimist's Daughter by Eudora Welty
A Passage to India by E.M. Forster
The Plague by Albert Camus
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen

R, S

Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow
The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
Serafina's Stories by Rudolfo Anaya
Ship of Fools by Katherine Anne Porter
Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse
Sister Carrie by Theodore Dreiser
Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut
Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
Sons and Lovers by D.H. Lawrence
The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner
The Stone Angel by Margaret Laurence
The Stranger by Albert Camus
The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

Surfacing by Margaret Atwood

T, U, V

Temple of My Familiar by Alice Walker
Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
Time's Arrow by Martin Amis
Tom Jones by Henry Fielding
A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
Tree Bride by Bharati Mukherjee
The Unbearable Lightness of Being by Milan Kundera
Voyage in the Dark by Jean Rhys

W

Waiting by Ha Jin
The Wapshot Scandal by John Cheever
We Were the Mulvaney's by Joyce Carol Oates
Wise Blood by Flannery O'Connor
The Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston
Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Poetry

B

The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath
Ben Johnson by Ben Johnson
The Best Poems of the English Language compiled by Harold Bloom
A Book of Luminous Things: An international Anthology of Poetry compiled by Czeslaw Milosz

C

The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer
Collected Poems by Philip Larkin
Collected Poems by William Butler Yeats
Collected Poems, 1943-2004 by Richard Wilbur
Collected Poems, 1948-1984 by Derek Walcott
The Collected Poems of Emily Dickinson by Emily Dickinson
The Collected Poems of Langston Hughes by Langston Hughes
The Complete English Poems by George Herbert
The Complete Poems of John Keats by John Keats
The Complete Poems, 1927-1979 by Elizabeth Bishop

E, H, I, J

Edgar Allan Poe: Selected Poems and Tales by Edgar Allan Poe
Helen in Egypt by H.D. (Hilda Doolittle)

How We Became Human by Joy Harjo
Idylls of the King by Alfred, Lord Tennyson
In Memoriam by Alfred, Lord Tennyson
John Donne's Poetry by John Donne

L, M, N

Leaves of Grass by Walt Whitman
Life Studies/For the Union Dead by Robert Lowell
Lord Byron: Poems by George Gordon, Lord Byron
The Marriage of Heaven and Hell by William Blake
Mortal Beauty, God's Grace by Gerard Manley Hopkins
The Norton Anthology of Poetry (5th edition) compiled by Margaret Ferguson

O, P

On the Bus with Rosa Parks by Rita Dove
Opened Ground: Selected Poems by Seamus Heaney
Paradise Lost by John Milton
Paterson by William Carlos Williams
Picture Bride by Cathy Song
The Poems of Marianne Moore by Marianne Moore
Poems of W.H. Auden by W.H. Auden
Poetry: A Pocket Anthology (4th edition) compiled by R.S. Gwynn
Poetry for the Spirit compiled by Alan Jacobs

R, S, T

The Rape of the Lock and Other Poems by Alexander Pope
The Rime of the Ancient Mariner by Samuel Taylor Coleridge
Robert Browning's Poetry by Robert Browning
Roots by Edward Kamau Brathwaite
The School Among the Ruins: Poems 2000-2004 by Adrienne Rich
Selected Poems by Gwendolyn Brooks
Shelley's Poetry and Prose by Percy Bysshe Shelley
Songs of Innocence and Experience by William Blake
The Sonnets by William Shakespeare
Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost
Storyteller by Leslie Marmon Silko
"To His Coy Mistress" & Other Poems by Andrew Marvell

W, Y

The Waste Land and Other Poems by T.S. Eliot
William Wordsworth — the Major Works: Including the Prelude by William Wordsworth
Works of Anne Bradstreet by Anne Bradstreet
Yellow Light: Poems by Garrett Hongo