

McFarland High School  
Summer Reading List  
English 10 Honors  
2012-2013

Agee, James

**A Death in the Family**

Story of loss and heartbreak felt when a young father dies.

Anderson, Sherwood

**Winesburg, Ohio**

A collection of short stories lays bare the life of a small town in the Midwest.

Baldwin, James

**Go Tell It On the Mountain**

Semi-autobiographical novel about a 14-year-old black youth's religious conversion.

Bellamy, Edward

**Looking Backward: 2000-1887**

Written in 1887 about a young man who travels in time to a utopian year 2000, where economic security and a healthy environment have reduced crime.

Bellow, Saul

**Seize the Day**

A son grapples with his love and hate for an unworthy father.

Bradbury, Ray

**Fahrenheit 451**

Reading is a crime and firemen burn books in this futuristic society.

Cather, Willa

**My Antonia**

Immigrant pioneers strive to adapt to the Nebraska prairies.

Chopin, Kate

**The Awakening**

The story of a New Orleans woman who abandons her husband and children to search for love and self-understanding.

Clark, Walter Van Tilburg

**The Ox-Bow Incident**

When a group of citizens discovers one of their members has been murdered by cattle rustlers, they form an illegal posse, pursue the murderers, and lynch them.

Cormier, Robert

**The Chocolate War**

Jerry Renault challenges the power structure of his school when he refuses to sell chocolates for the annual fundraiser.

Crane, Stephen

**The Red Badge of Courage**

During the Civil War, Henry Fleming joins the army full of romantic visions of battle which are shattered by combat.

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Dorris, Michael

**A Yellow Raft in Blue Water**

Three generations of Native American women recount their searches for identity and love.

Ellison, Ralph

**Invisible Man**

A black man's search for himself as an individual and as a member of his race and his society.

Faulkner, William

**As I Lay Dying**

The Bundren family takes the ripening corpse of Addie, wife and mother, on a gruesomely comic journey.

Gaines, Ernest

**The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman**

In her 100 years, Miss Jane Pittman experiences it all, from slavery to the civil rights movement.

Hawthorne, Nathaniel

**The Scarlet Letter**

An adulterous Puritan woman keeps secret the identity of the father of her illegitimate child.

Heller, Joseph

**Catch-22**

A broad comedy about a WWII bombardier based in Italy and his efforts to avoid bombing missions.

Hemingway, Ernest

**A Farewell to Arms**

During World War I, an American lieutenant runs away with the woman who nurses him back to health.

Kesey, Ken

**One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**

A novel about a power struggle between the head nurse and one of the male patients in a mental institution.

Lewis, Sinclair

**Main Street**

A young doctor's wife tries to change the ugliness, dullness and ignorance which prevail in Gopher Prairie, Minn.

London, Jack

**Call of the Wild**

Buck is a loyal pet dog until cruel men make him a pawn in their search for Klondike gold.

McCullers, Carson

**The Member of the Wedding**

A young southern girl is determined to be the third party on a honeymoon, despite all the advice against it from friends and family.

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Melville, Herman

**Moby-Dick**

A complex novel about a mad sea captain's pursuit of the White Whale.

Morrison, Toni

**Sula**

The lifelong friendship of two women becomes strained when one causes the other's husband to abandon her.

O'Connor, Flannery

**A Good Man is Hard to Find**

Social awareness, the grotesque, and the need for faith characterize these stories of the contemporary South.

Parks, Gordon

**The Learning Tree**

A fictional study of a black family in a small Kansas town in the 1920s.

Plath, Sylvia

**The Bell Jar**

The heartbreaking story of a talented young woman's descent into madness.

Poe, Edgar Allan

**Great Tales and Poems**

Poe is considered the father of detective stories and a master of supernatural tales.

Protok, Chaim

**The Chosen**

Friendship between two Jewish boys, one Hasidic and the other Orthodox, begins at a baseball game and flourishes despite their different backgrounds and beliefs.

Salinger, J.D.

**The Catcher in the Rye**

A prep school dropout rejects the "phoniness" he sees all about him.

Sinclair, Upton

**The Jungle**

The deplorable conditions of the Chicago stockyards are exposed in this turn-of-the-century novel.

Steinbeck, John

**The Grapes of Wrath**

The desperate flight of tenant farmers from Oklahoma during the Depression.

Stowe, Harriet Beecher

**Uncle Tom's Cabin**

The classic tale that awakened a nation about the slave system.

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- Fan, Amy  
**The Joy Luck Club**  
After her mother's death, a young Chinese-American woman learns of her mother's tragic early life in China.
- Twain, Mark  
**The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**  
Huck and Jim, a runaway slave, travel down the Mississippi in search of freedom.
- Vonnegut, Kurt  
**Slaughterhouse-Five**  
Billy Pilgrim, an optometrist from Ilium, New York, shuttles between World War II Dresden and a luxurious zoo on the planet Tralfamadore.
- Walker, Alice  
**The Color Purple**  
A young woman sees herself as property until another woman teaches her to value herself.
- Welty, Eudora  
**Thirteen Stories**  
A collection of short stories about people and life in the deep South.
- Wolfe, Thomas  
**Look Homeward, Angel**  
A novel depicting the coming of age of Eugene Gant and his passion to experience life.
- Wright, Richard  
**Native Son**  
Bigger Thomas, a young man from the Chicago slums, lashes out against a hostile society by committing two murders.
- Achebe, Chinua  
**Things Fall Apart**  
Okonkwo, a proud village leader, is driven to murder and suicide by European changes to his traditional Ibo society.
- Austen, Jane  
**Pride and Prejudice**  
Love and marriage among the English country gentry of Austen's day.
- Balzac, Honore de  
**Pere Goriot**  
A father is reduced to poverty after giving money to his daughters.
- Bronte, Charlotte  
**Jane Eyre**

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An intelligent and passionate governess falls in love with a strange, moody man tormented by dark secrets.

Bronte, Emily

**Jurthuring Heights**

One of the masterpieces of English romanticism, this is a novel of Heathcliff and Catherine, love and revenge.

Camus, Albert

**The Stranger**

A man who is virtually unknown to both himself and others commits a pointless murder for which he has no explanation.

Carroll, Lewis

**Alice's Adventures in Wonderland**

A fantasy in which Alice follows the White Rabbit to a dream world.

Cervantes, Miguel de

**Don Quixote**

An eccentric old gentleman sets out as a knight "tilting at windmills" to right the wrongs of the world.

Defoe, Daniel

**Robinson Crusoe**

The adventures of a man who spends 24 years on an isolated island.

Dickens, Charles

**Great Expectations**

The moving story of the rise, fall, and rise again of a humbly-born young orphan.

Dostoevski, Feodor

**Crime and Punishment**

A psychological novel about a poor student who murders an old woman pawnbroker and her sister.

Eliot, George

**The Mill on the Floss**

Maggie is miserable because her brother disapproves of her choices of romances.

Esquivel, Laura

**Like Water for Chocolate**

As the youngest of three daughters in a turn-of-the-century Mexican family, Tita may not marry but must remain at home to care for her mother.

Flaubert, Gustave

**Madame Bovary**

In her extramarital affairs, a bored young wife seeks unsuccessfully to find the emotional experiences she craves.

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Forster, E.M.

**A Passage to India**

A young English woman in British-ruled India accuses an Indian doctor of sexual assault.

Fuentes, Carlos

**The Death of Artemio Cruz**

A powerful Mexican newspaper publisher recalls his life as he lies dying at age 71.

Garcia Marquez, Gabriel

**One Hundred Years of Solitude**

A technique called magical realism is used in this portrait of seven generations in the lives of the Buendia family.

Gogol, Nikolai

**The Overcoat**

Russian tales of good and evil.

Golding, William

**Lord of the Flies**

English schoolboys marooned on an uninhabited island test the values of civilization when they attempt to set up a society of their own.

Grass, Gunter

**The Tin Drum**

Oskar describes the amoral conditions through which he has lived in Germany, both during and after the Hitler regime.

Hardy, Thomas

**Tess of the D'Urbervilles**

The happiness of Tess and her husband is destroyed when she confesses that she bore a child as the result of a forced sexual relationship with her employer's son.

Hesse, Hermann

**Siddhartha**

Emerging from a kaleidoscope of experiences and pleasures, a young Brahmin ascends to a state of peace and mystical holiness.

Huxley, Aldous

**Brave New World**

A bitter satire of the future, in which the world is controlled by advances in science and social changes.

Joyce, James

**A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man**

A novel about a young man growing up in Ireland and rebelling against family, country, and religion.

Kafka, Franz

**The Trial**

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A man is tried for a crime he knows nothing about, yet for which he feels guilt.

Lawrence, D.H.

**Sons and Lovers**

An autobiographical novel about a youth torn between a dominant working-class father and a possessive genteel mother.

Mann, Thomas

**Death in Venice**

In this novella, an author becomes aware of a darker side of himself when he visits Venice.

Orwell, George

**Animal Farm**

Animals turn the tables on their masters.

Pasternak, Boris

**Doctor Zhivago**

An epic novel of Russia before and after the Bolshevik revolution.

Paton, Alan

**Cry, the Beloved Country**

A country Zulu pastor searches for his sick sister in Johannesburg, and discovers that she has become a prostitute and his son a murderer.

Remarque, Erich Maria

**All Quiet on the Western Front**

A young German soldier in World War I experiences pounding shellfire, hunger, sickness, and death.

Scott, Sir Walter

**Ivanhoe**

Tale of Ivanhoe, the disinherited knight, Lady Rowena, Richard the Lion-Hearted, and Robin Hood at the time of the Crusades.

Shelley, Mary W.

**Frankenstein**

A gothic tale of terror in which Frankenstein creates a monster from corpses.

Solzhenitsyn, Aleksander

**One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich**

Ivan Denisovich Shukhov endures one more day in a Siberian prison camp and finds joy in survival.

Swift, Jonathan

**Gulliver's Travels**

Gulliver encounters dwarfs and giants and has other strange adventures when his ship is wrecked in distant lands.

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Tolstoy, Leo

**Anna Karenina**

Anna forsakes her husband for the dashing Count Vronsky and brief happiness.

Weisel, Elie

**Night**

A searing account of the Holocaust as experienced by a 15-year-old boy.

Wells, H.G.

**The Time Machine**

A scientist invents a machine that transports him into the future.

Brecht, Bertolt

**Mother Courage and Her Children**

A product of the Nazi era, Mother Courage is a feminine "Everyman" in a play on the futility of war.

Tchekhov, Anton

**The Cherry Orchard**

The orchard evokes different meanings for the impoverished aristocrat and the merchant who buys it.