

Core Reading List for KS5

- *Othello*- Shakespeare
- *Atonement*- Ian McEwan
- **Pre-19th Century poetry collection**
(these will be distributed at the start of the course)
- *Feminine Gospels*- Carol Ann Duffy
- *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*- Tennessee Williams
- *Spies*- Michael Frayn

Recommended Reading List for KS5

As part of the A-level course, students need to show an understanding of literature across time and, therefore, should read a wide range of texts. To succeed in the A-level exams students should be confident exploring how love has changed through the ages. A second strand, requires an understanding of modern struggles for identity post 1945. For coursework, candidates are challenged to compare two texts on a theme. The choice of texts and the choice of theme are selected by the students. One text must be pre-1900 and the two texts must have different writers.

The list below, therefore, documents a wide range of literature texts; it is by no means suggestive that you should read them all. Use this list as a guide and enjoy reading.

War:

Journey's End
Birdsong
Regeneration Trilogy
Cold Mountain
The Testament of Youth
The Accrington Pals
The Book Thief

Remains of the Day
The English Patient
All my Sons
Sassoon poetry
Wilfred Owen poetry

Detective/ Mystery:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time
The Maltese Falcon
The Rosie Project
Lady in the Lake (or any Raymond Chandler)
The Woman in White
Any of the Sherlock Holmes series
*Rebecca
Murder on the Orient Express
In Cold Blood
Secret Agent
Death Comes to Pemberley (or any P.D.James)
Waterland
American Psycho
A Room with a View
Brighton Rock

Race/ Other Cultures:

The Color Purple
Beloved
*Brick Lane
The Help
A Thousand Splendid Suns
*The Kite Runner
*Memoirs of a Geisha
Things Fall Apart
To Sir with Love
*Wide Sargasso Sea
Heart of Darkness
Maya Angelou poetry
*Small Island
The God of Small Things
Native Son
Jamaica Inn
Benjamin Zephaniah poetry
Our Country's Good
Disgrace

Fantasy/ Gothic:

The Invisible Man
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Alice in Wonderland
The Picture of Dorian Gray
His Dark Materials
Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hyde
The Turn of the Screw
Frankenstein
The Hobbit
Dracula
The Yellow Wallpaper
Northanger Abbey

Dystopian:

The Handmaid's Tale
Fahrenheit 451
Do Android's Dream of Electric Sheep?
*Animal Farm
*1984
War of the Worlds
The Time Machine
Brave New World
The Road
*Never Let Me Go

Values in Society/ Coming of Age:

*The L-Shaped room
Be my Baby
A Doll's House
Taste of Honey
Look Back in Anger
The Great Gatsby
North and South
Measure for Measure
Betrayal (and other Pinter plays)
Middlemarch
Any novel by Dickens
Death of a Salesman
Catch-22
The Catcher in the Rye
Importance of Being Earnest
On the Road
*The Bell Jar

*Brooklyn

*Gone Girl

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Sexuality/ Gender:

The French Lieutenant's Woman
Notes on a Scandal
Shamela/ Joseph Andrews
Angles in America
Lady Chatterley's Lover
Life before Man
The School of Scandal
The Rover
The Country Wife
Lolita
Brokeback Mountain
Enduring Love
Jeannette Winterson novels
A Streetcar Named Desire
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof
The Blue Flower
Top Girls
Most Duffy poetry
The Penelopiad
Beloved

Morality:

Faustus
The Wasp Factory
A Clockwork Orange
A View from a Bridge
The Crucible
Measure for Measure
Paradise Lost
Any Metaphysical poets such as Marvell for their
mocking of morality
Any Blake poetry
Ghosts

Romance:

All novels by Jane Austen
Jane Eyre
Little Women
Captain Corelli's Mandolin
Tess of the D'Urbervilles
Anna Karenina
Far from the Madding Crowd
The Scarlett Letter
A Winter's Tale (or most Shakespeare plays)
A Bed Amongst the Lentils
On Chesil Beach
Sonnets by any poet (Barrett-Browning etc.)
Wuthering Heights
Les Liaisons Dangereuses
Madame Bovary
Gone With the Wind
The End of the Affair

Mental Health:

*Wide Sargasso Sea
The Yellow Wallpaper
The Bell Jar
The Woman in White
The Wasp Factory
The Shining
Requiem for a Dream
Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
Perfume