

**English Department Book List**  
**Proposed Additions as of April 29th, 2025**

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- *Much Ado About Nothing*, by William Shakespeare
- *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde*, by Robert Louis Stevenson
- *The Women of Lockerbie*, by Deborah Brevoort

**AP Literature & Composition**

- *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini
- *The Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho
- *Catcher in the Rye*, by J.D. Salinger
- *Slaughterhouse Five*, by Kurt Vonnegut
- *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt

**AP Language & Composition**

- *The Color of Water*, by James McBride
- *Just Mercy* (teen edition), by Bryan Stevenson

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Textbook:**

*American Literature and Rhetoric (Second Edition)*

**Non-fiction**

- *The Revenge of the Tipping Point* by Malcom Gladwell
- “What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?” By Frederick Douglass
- “Walden” by E.B. White

**Short Stories**

- “Eraser Tattoo” Jason Reynolds
- “Where are you going, where have you been?” Joyce Carol Oates
- “Entropy” Thomas Pynchon
- “The Revolt of ‘Mother’ ” by *Mary E. Wilkins Freeman*
- “Désirée’s Baby” by Kate Chopin
- “The Scarlet Ibis” by James Hurst

## Poetry:

- “Luke Havergal” by Edwin Arlington Robinson
- “I, too” Langston Hughes
- “We wear the Mask” Paul Lawrence Dunbar
- “For Everyone” Jason Reynolds

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Novels and Plays:

- *The Body Of Christopher Creed* Carol Plum-Ucci
- *A Separate Peace* John Knowles

## 9<sup>th</sup> Grade

### Novels (non-anchor texts):

- *The Hobbit* J.R.R. Tolkien
- *The Secret Life of Bees* Sue Monk Kidd
- *Unbroken* Laura Hillenbrand

### Drama:

- *Antigone* Sophocles
- *Driving Miss Daisy* Alfred Uhry

### Short Stories:

- “By the Waters of Babylon” Stephen Vincent Benet
- “Hearts and Hands” O. Henry
- “Through the Tunnel” Doris Lessing
- “The Sniper” Liam O’Flaherty
- “The Most Dangerous Game” Richard Connell
- “The Birds” Daphne Du Maurier
- “The Scarlet Ibis” James Hurst
- “The Secret Life of Walter Mitty” James Thurber
- “War” Jack London
- “The Necklace” Guy de Maupassant
- “The Lady or the Tiger?” Frank R. Stockton
- “The Gift of the Magi” O Henry
- “The Devil and Daniel Webster” Stephen Vincent Benet
- “The Good Deed” Pearl S. Buck

## Poetry:

- “I Am Offering This Poem” Jimmy Santiago Baca

- “Ozymandias” Percy Bysshe Shelley

**Nonfiction:**

- *All Quiet on the Western Front*
- *Night* Ellie Weisel
- *Hiroshima* John Hersey
- *Angela’s Ashes* Frank McCourt
- *Educated* by Tara Westover
- “The Spirit of Liberty” Judge Learned Hand

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Novels:**

- *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* Mark Twain
- *Black Ships Before Troy* Rosemary Sutcliff
- *Milkweed* Jerry Spinelli

**Short Stories:**

- “Sound of Thunder” Ray Bradbury
- “To Build a Fire” Jack London
- “The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County” Mark Twain
- “The Last Leaf” O. Henry
- “The Ransom of Red Chief” O. Henry
- “The Necklace” Guy de Maupassant
- “Charles” Shirley Jackson
- “The Possibility of Evil” Shirley Jackson
- “The Lottery” Shirley Jackson
- “The Tell-Tale Heart” Edgar Allan Poe
- “The Black Cat” Edgar Allan Poe
- “To Serve Man” Damon Knight
- “The Ball” Hans Peter Richter

**Poetry:**

- “The Road Not Taken” Robert Frost
- “Chicago” Carl Sandburg
- “Jabberwocky” Lewis Carroll
- “O Captain! My Captain!” Walt Whitman
- “Family Album” Amos Neufeld

**Nonfiction:**

- *Harriet Tubman: Conductor of the Underground Railroad* Ann Petry

- “Blood, Toil, Tears and Sweat: Address to Parliament on May 13, 1940” Winston Churchill
- “On Woman’s Right to Suffrage” Susan B. Anthony
- “Science and the Sense of Wonder” Isaac Asimov

### **Summer Reading Choices**

- 9<sup>th</sup> Honors: Unbroken & Animal Farm
- 10<sup>th</sup> Honors: A Separate Peace & Make Your Bed
- 11<sup>th</sup> Honors: The Tipping Point & The Scarlett Letter
- AP Language: Just Mercy (teen edition) & College Board recommended essays
- AP Literature: Remarkably Bright Creatures & College Board recommended passages