

HONORS/AP APPROVED READING LIST

NOTE: We at STHS are not vouching for the "appropriateness" of authors and/or books on this list; the Honors/AP list is derived from our own reading experiences, but also from a variety of UC reading lists in an attempt to provide those choices that might better prepare students for assigned college reading. We urge parent participation in every student's reading selections.

Pre-20th Century

Austen, Jane	<i>Persuasion, Pride and Prejudice, Emma, Sense and Sensibility; Mansfield Park</i>
Balzac, Honore de	<i>Pere Goriot; Eugene Grandet</i>
Bronte, Charlotte	<i>Jane Eyre</i>
Bronte, Emily	<i>Wuthering Heights</i>
Butler, Samuel	<i>Erewhon</i>
Cather, Willa	<i>My Antonia; O Pioneers!</i>
Chesnutt, Charles	<i>The Conjure Woman</i>
Chopin, Kate	<i>The Awakening</i>
Conrad, Joseph	<i>Lord Jim; Victory; Heart of Darkness</i>
Crane, Stephen	<i>Red Badge of Courage; Maggie, A Girl of the Streets</i>
Dante	<i>The Divine Comedy</i>
De Cervantes, Miguel	<i>Don Quixote</i>
De Navarre, Marguerite	<i>The Heptameron</i>
DeFoe, Daniel	<i>Moll Flanders</i>
Dostoevsky, Fyodor	<i>Crime and Punishment, Brothers Karamozov; Notes From the Underground</i>
Dreiser, Theodore	<i>An American Tragedy; Sister Carrie</i>
Dumas, Alexandre	<i>Count of Monte Cristo; Three Musketeers; Man in the Iron Mask</i>
Eliot, George	<i>The Mill on the Floss, Middlemarch; Silas Marner</i>
Fielding, Henry	<i>Tom Jones</i>
Flaubert, Gustave	<i>Madame Bovary; A Simple Heart</i>
Forster, E. M.	<i>A Passage to India, A Room with a View, Where Angels Fear to Tread</i>
Hardy, Thomas	<i>Tess of the d'Urbervilles, Far From the Madding Crowd, Jude the Obscure</i>
Hawthorne, Nathaniel	<i>The Scarlet Letter; House of Seven Gables</i>
Hugo, Victor	<i>Les Miserables</i>
James, Henry	<i>The Turn of the Screw, Portrait of a Lady, Daisy Miller</i>
Kempe, Margery	<i>The Book of Margery Kempe</i>
Melville, Herman	<i>Billy Budd, Benito Cereno, Moby Dick</i>
Milton, John	<i>"Paradise Lost"</i>
Norris, Frank	<i>The Octopus; The Pit; McTeague</i>
Poe, Edgar Allen	<i>"Fall of the House of Usher"; "Tell-Tale Heart"</i>
Pope, Alexander	<i>"The Rape of the Lock"</i>
Prevost, Abbe	<i>Manon Lescaut</i>
Shelley, Mary	<i>Frankenstein</i>
Shikibu, Lady Murasaki	<i>The Tale of Genji</i>

Sinclair, Upton	<i>The Jungle</i>
Stendhal	<i>The Red and the Black; The Charterhouse of Parma</i>
Sterne, Laurence	<i>Tristram Shandy</i>
Stowe, Harriet Beecher	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>
Swift, Jonathan	<i>Gulliver's Travels</i>
Thackeray, William	<i>Vanity Fair</i>
Tolstoy, Leo	<i>Anna Karenina; "The Death of Ivan Ilyich"</i>
Turgenev, Ivan	<i>Fathers and Sons</i>
Twain, Mark	<i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i>
Voltaire	<i>Candide</i>
Wharton, Edith	<i>The Age of Innocence, Ethan Frome</i>
Zola, Emile	<i>Germinal, L'Assomoir</i>

20th c. /21st c.

Achebe, Chinua	<i>Things Fall Apart</i>
Agee, James	<i>A Death in the Family</i>
Alas, Loepold	<i>La Regenta</i>
Albee, Edward	<i>The American Dream; The Sandbox; The Zoo Story</i>
Allende, Isabel	<i>The House of Spirits, Eva Luna</i>
Alvarez, Julia	<i>In the Time of Butterflies</i>
Amado, Jorge	<i>Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands</i>
Amis, Kingsley	<i>The Old Devils</i>
Amis, Martin	<i>The Information</i>
Anaya, Rudolfo	<i>Bless Me, Ultima; Shaman Winter</i>
Anderson, Sherwood	<i>Winesburg, Ohio</i>
Asturias, Miguel Angel	<i>El Senor Presidente</i>
Atwell, Margaret	<i>The Handmaid's Tale, The Robber Bride</i>
Baldwin, James	<i>Another Country; Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>
Banks, Russell	<i>Rule of the Bone</i>
Barker, Pat	<i>The Ghost Road</i>
Barnes, Julian	<i>England, England; Arthur and George</i>
Bellow, Saul	<i>Seize the Day, Henderson the Rain King</i>
Berger, Thomas	<i>Little Big Man; Best Friends</i>
Boll, Heinrich	<i>Billiards at Half-Past Nine</i>
Bowles, Paul	<i>The Sheltering Sky</i>
Boyle, T. Coraghessan	<i>Tortilla Curtain</i>
Brittain, Vera	<i>Testament of Youth</i>
Brookner, Anita	<i>Hotel du Lac</i>
Bulusan, Carlos	<i>America is in the Heart</i>
Burgess, Anthony	<i>A Clockwork Orange</i>
Byatt, A.S.	<i>Possession</i>
Calvino, Italo	<i>If On a Winter's Night A Traveler</i>
Camus, Albert	<i>The Stranger; The Fall; the Plague</i>
Cao, Lan	<i>Monkey Bridge</i>
Carey, Peter	<i>Oscar and Lucinda, Jack Maggs</i>
Carroll, Lewis	<i>Alice in Wonderland; Through the Looking Glass</i>
Carter, Angela	<i>Wise Children, Nights at the Circus</i>
Castillo, Ana	<i>So Far From God</i>
Celine, Louis-Ferdinand	<i>Journey to the End of the Night</i>

Chabon, Michael	<i>The Mysteries of Pittsburgh, The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay</i>
Cheever, John	<i>Bullet Park; The Wapshot Chronicle</i>
Chin, Pa	<i>Family</i>
Clark, Walter	<i>The Ox-Bow Incident</i>
Conroy, Pat	<i>Prince of Tides</i>
Davis, Robertson	<i>Fifth Business</i>
De Beauvoir, Simone	<i>The Memoirs of a Dutiful Daughter</i>
De Queiroz, Eca	<i>The Illustrious House of Ramires, The Crime of Father Arnarco</i>
DeLillo, Don	<i>White Noise</i>
Dickens, Charles	<i>Great Expectations, David Copperfield; Bleak House; Hard Times</i>
Dickey, James	<i>Deliverance</i>
Divakurani, Chitra	<i>Sister of My Heart; Mistress of Spices; Queen of Dreams</i>
Doctorow, E.L.	<i>Billy Bathgate, The March, Ragtime; City of God</i>
Dorris, Michael	<i>Yellow Raft in Blue Water</i>
Drabble, Margaret	<i>The Radiant Way</i>
Eliot, T.S.,	<i>Murder in the Cathedral; "The Waste Land"</i>
Ellison, Ralph	<i>Invisible Man</i>
Endo, Shusaku	<i>When I Whistle</i>
Enger, Leif	<i>Peace Like a River</i>
Erdrich, Louise	<i>Love Medicine, The Antelope Wife,</i>
Evarista, Bernadine	<i>Blonde Roots</i>
Faulkner, William	<i>As I Lay Dying; The Sound and the Fury; Absalom, Absalom; Light in August</i>
Fitzgerald, F. Scott	<i>The Great Gatsby</i>
Fontaine, Theodor	<i>Effi Briest</i>
Ford, Ford Maddox	<i>The Good Soldier</i>
Foulks, Sebastian	<i>Birdsong</i>
Fowles, John	<i>The French Lieutenant's Woman, The Magus</i>
Frazier, Richard	<i>Cold Mountain</i>
Fuentes, Carlos	<i>The Old Gringo, The Underdogs</i>
Gaines, Ernest	<i>A Lesson Before Dying; A Gathering of Old Men</i>
Galsworthy, John	<i>The Forsythe Saga</i>
Garcia Marquez, Gabriel	<i>Love In the Time of Cholera; One Hundred Years of Solitude</i>
Garcia, Cristina	<i>Dreaming in Cuban</i>
Glaspell, Susan	<i>Trifles</i>
Goldberg, Myla	<i>The Bee Season</i>
Gordimer, Nadine	<i>Burger's Daughter, July's People</i>
Grass, Gunter	<i>The Tin Drum</i>
Green, Graham	<i>The Power and the Glory: Brighton Rock; Heart of the Matter</i>
Guterson, David	<i>Snow Falling on Cedars</i>
Hansberry, Lorraine	<i>Raisin in the Sun</i>
Hegi, Ursula	<i>Stones From the River</i>
Heller, Joseph	<i>Catch 22</i>

Hemingway, Ernest	<i>The Sun Also Rises, For Whom the Bell Tolls, Farewell to Arms,</i>
Hesse, Hermann	<i>Siddartha, Steppenwolf, Magister Ludi, Beneath the Wheel</i>
Hiassen, Carl:	<i>Skinny Dip, Hoot, etc.</i>
Hijuelos, Oscar	<i>The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love</i>
Hosseini, Khaled	<i>Kite Runner; Thousand Splendid Suns</i>
Hulme, Keri	<i>The Bone People</i>
Hurston, Zora Neale	<i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i>
Huxley, Aldous	<i>Brave New World</i>
Irving, John	<i>A Prayer for Owen Meany, Cider House Rules, World According to Garp</i>
Ishiguro, Kazuo	<i>The Remains of the Day; Never Let Me Go</i>
Jen, Gish	<i>Typical American</i>
Jin, Ha	<i>Waiting</i>
Johnson, Charles	<i>Middle Passage</i>
Johnson, James Weldon	<i>Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man</i>
Jones, Edward P.	<i>The Known World</i>
Jones, James	<i>From Here to Eternity</i>
Joyce, James	<i>Portrait of an Artist as a Young Man; Ulysses; "The Dead"</i>
Kafka, Franz	<i>The Trial; The Metamorphosis</i>
Kelman, James	<i>How Late It Was, How Late</i>
Keneally, Thomas	<i>Schindler's Ark, The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith</i>
Kennedy, William	<i>Ironweed</i>
Kerouac, Jack	<i>On the Road; Dharma Bums</i>
Kesey, Ken	<i>One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest</i>
Kidd, Sue Monk	<i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>
Kingsolver, Barbara	<i>The Poisonwood Bible, Prodigal Summer</i>
Kingston, Maxine Hong	<i>Woman Warrior</i>
Kleinbaum, Nancy H.	<i>Dead Poet's Society</i>
Knowles, John	<i>A Separate Peace</i>
Kogawa, Joy	<i>Obasan</i>
Kundera, Milan	<i>Unbearable Lightness of Being</i>
Lagerkvist, Par	<i>The Dwarf</i>
Lahiri, Jhumpa	<i>The Namesake</i>
Lamb, Wally	<i>I Know This Much is True, She's Come Undone</i>
Laurence, Margaret	<i>The Diviners; The Stone Angel</i>
Lawrence, D.H.	<i>Sons and Lovers, Women in Love; The Optimist's Daughter</i>
Lee, Chang-Rae	<i>A Gesture Life, Native Speaker</i>
Lethem, Jonathan	<i>The Fortress of Solitude; Motherless Brooklyn</i>
Lewis, Sinclair	<i>Elmer Gantry: Main Street; Babbitt</i>
Lispector, Clarice	<i>Near to the Wild Heart</i>
Lively, Penelope	<i>Moon Tiger</i>
Mailer, Norman	<i>The Naked and the Dead; Armies of the Night</i>
Malamud, Bernard	<i>The Natural</i>
Malraux, Andre	<i>Man's Estate</i>
Mann, Thomas	<i>Death in Venice, The Magic Mountain</i>
Maraini, Dacia	<i>Woman at War</i>

Markandaya, Kamalya	<i>Nectar in a Sieve</i>
Marshall, Paule	<i>Praisesong for the Widow</i>
Martel, Yann	<i>Life of Pi</i>
Maugham, William	<i>Of Human Bondage; The Razor's Edge</i>
McCarthy, Cormac	<i>All the Pretty Horses, The Crossing, Cities of the Plain</i>
McCormick, Patricia	<i>Sold</i>
McCullers, Carson	<i>The Heart is a Lonely Hunter; Member of the Wedding</i>
McDermott, Alice	<i>Charming Billy</i>
McEwan, Ian	<i>Atonement; Amsterdam</i>
Mistry, Rohinton	<i>A Fine Balance</i>
Momaday, N Scott	<i>House Made of Dawn</i>
Moody , Rick	<i>The Diviners; The Ice Storm; Garden State</i>
Morrison, Toni	<i>The Bluest Eye, Paradise, Sula, Beloved, Song of Solomon</i>
Mukherjee, Bharati	<i>Jasmine, The Holder of the World</i>
Nabokov, Vladimir	<i>Pale Fire; Lolita; Pnin</i>
Naipul, V.S.	<i>A Bend in the River</i>
Ng, Fae M.	<i>Bone: A Novel</i>
Niffenegger, Audrey	<i>The Time-Travelers Wife</i>
O'Brien, Tim	<i>In the Lake of the Woods; Going After Cacciato</i>
Oates, Joyce Carol	<i>Wonderland, We Were the Mulvaneys</i>
Okada, John	<i>No-No Boy</i>
Okri, Ben	<i>The Famished Road</i>
Ondaatjee, Michael	<i>The English Patient; Anil's Ghost</i>
Orwell, George	<i>1984</i>
Parclo Bazan, Emilia	<i>The House of Ulloa</i>
Patchett, Anne	<i>The Magician's Assistant, Belle Canto</i>
Paton, Alan	<i>Cry, the Beloved Country</i>
Pielmeier, John	<i>Agnes of God</i>
Pierre, DBC	<i>Vernon God Little</i>
Porter, Katherine	<i>Ship of Fools; Pale Horse, Pale Rider</i>
Potok, Chaim	<i>My Name is Asher Lev; Chosen</i>
Proulx, Annie	<i>The Shipping News</i>
Proust, Marcel	
Puig, Manual	<i>Kiss of the Spider Woman</i>
Pynchon, Thomas	<i>The Crying of Lot 49, Vineland; Gravity's Rainbow</i>
Rand, Ayn	<i>Atlas Shrugged; The Fountainhead;</i>
Reynolds, Sheri	<i>The Rapture of Canaan</i>
Rhys, Jean	<i>Wide Sargasso Sea</i>
Richler, Mordecai	<i>Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz</i>
Roa Bastos, Augusto	<i>I, the Supreme</i>
Robbins, Tom	<i>Even Cowgirls Get the Blues; Skinny Legs and All</i>
Robinson, Marilynne	<i>Housekeeping; Gilead</i>
Rodoreda, Merce	<i>The Time of the Doves</i>
Roth, Philip	<i>American Pastoral, The Human Stain: The Plot Against America</i>
Roy, Arundhati	<i>The God of Small Things</i>
Russo, Richard	<i>Empire Falls, Straight Man</i>
Salinger, J.D.	<i>Franny and Zooey; Catcher in the Rye; etc.</i>

Saroyan, William	<i>The Human Comedy</i>
Sarte, Jean-Paul	<i>Nausea</i>
Schulz, Bruno	<i>The Street of Crocodiles</i>
See, Lisa	<i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i>
Shields, Carol	<i>The Stone Diaries</i>
Sijie, Dai	<i>Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress</i>
Silko, Leslie Marmon	<i>Ceremony, Almanac of the Dead</i>
Silone, Ignazio	<i>Bread and Wine</i>
Singer, Isaac	<i>Shosah, The Slave, Enemies: A Love Story</i>
Smiley, Jane	<i>A Thousand Acres</i>
Smith, Zadie	<i>White Teeth; On Beauty</i>
Solzhenitsyn, Alexander	<i>One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich</i>
Sontag, Susan	<i>The Volcano Lover</i>
Soseki, Natsume	<i>I Am a Cat</i>
Spark, Muriel	<i>The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie</i>
Stegner, Wallace	<i>Rock Candy Mountain; Angle of Repose</i>
Steinbeck, John	<i>Grapes of Wrath; East of Eden; Of Mice and Men</i>
Styron, William	<i>Sophie's Choice; The Confessions of Nat Turner</i>
Svevo, Italo	<i>Zeno's Conscience</i>
Tanizaki, Junichiro	<i>The Makioka Sisters</i>
Toole, John Kennedy	<i>A Confederacy of Dunces</i>
Tuck, Lily	<i>The News from Paraguay</i>
Tyler, Anne	<i>The Accidental Tourist, Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant</i>
Unsworth, Barry	<i>Sacred Hunger</i>
Updike, John	<i>Rabbit, Run, Rabbit is Rich; The Centaur</i>
Vargas, Mario	<i>Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter</i>
Vea, Alfredo	<i>La Maravilla</i>
Villarreal, Jose Antonio	<i>Pocho</i>
Vonnegut, Kurt	<i>Slaughterhouse Five</i>
Walker, Alice	<i>The Color Purple</i>
Warren, Robert Penn	<i>All the King's Men</i>
Welch, James	<i>Winter in the Blood</i>
Welty, Eudora	<i>Optimist's Daughter</i>
West, Jessamyn	<i>Massacre at Fall Creek</i>
West, Nathaniel	<i>The Day of the Locusts; Miss Lonelyhearts</i>
Wolfe, Tom	<i>The Right Stuff; Bonfire of the Vanities</i>
Wolff, Tobias	<i>Old School</i>
Woolf, Virginia	<i>Orlando, To the Lighthouse, The Waves, A Room of One's Own; Mrs. Dalloway</i>
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Wouk, Herman	<i>The Caine Mutiny</i>
Wright, Richard	<i>Native Son</i>
Wroblewski	<i>The Story of Edgar Sawtelle</i>
Xuequin, Cao	<i>The Story of the Stone</i>
Xuequin, Cao	<i>The Story of the Stone</i>
Zaton, Carlos Ruiz	<i>Shadow of the Wind, The Angel's Game, The Prisoner of Heaven</i>

Playwrights/Dramas Pre-20th century

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*this is not a complete list, so other authors will be considered—check
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Cervantes, Miguel de
Conrad, Robert Montgomery
James, Henry
Jonson, Ben
Kyd, Thomas
Machiavelli, Niccolo
Marlowe, Christopher
Shakespeare, William

Playwrights/Dramas 20th/21st century

Auden, W.H.
Ferber, Edna
Hansberry, Lorraine
Hughes, Langston
Mamet, David
Miller, Arthur
O'Neill, Eugene
St. Vincent Millay, Edna
Saroyan, William
Shepard, Sam
Simon, Neil