



Suggested wider reading list for year 9-10 English Literature students

The list below contains wonderful books we think ambitious year 9-10 students will enjoy: they are books that open doors onto the world of literature. The list includes novels, short stories, and some poetry, too. The works listed were written mostly between the seventeenth century and the twenty-first (although there is one work from the eighth century!)

Enjoy reading!

Chinua Achebe, *Things Fall Apart*
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, *Americanah* and *Half of a Yellow Sun*
W.H. Auden, *Selected Poems*
Jane Austen, *Emma*
Murray Bail, *Eucalyptus*
Alison Bechdel, *Fun Home*
Beowulf
Raymond Bradbury, *Fahrenheit 451*
Emily Brontë, *Wuthering Heights*
A.S. Byatt, *Possession*
Italo Calvino, *If on a Winter's Night a Traveller*
Peter Carey, *Oscar and Lucinda*
Michael Chabon, *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay*
Raymond Chandler, *The Big Sleep*
S. T. Coleridge, *The Ancient Mariner*
John Donne, *Songs and Sonnets*
George Gissing, *The Nether World*
Günter Grass, *The Tin Drum*
Albert Camus, *L'Étranger (The Stranger)*
Charles Dickens, *Tale of Two Cities* and *Great Expectations*
Umberto Eco, *The Name of the Rose*
Henry Fielding, *Tom Jones*
F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*
Miles Franklin, *My Brilliant Career*
Jostein Gaarder, *Sophie's World*
Stella Gibbons, *Cold Comfort Farm*
Thomas Hardy, *Jude the Obscure* and *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*
Jaroslav Hašek, *The Adventures Of The Good Soldier Švejk*
John Irving, *A Prayer for Owen Meany*
M.R. James, *Collected Ghost Stories*
Tove Jansson, *The Summer Book*
John Keats, *Odes*
Katherine Mansfield, *The Garden Party and Other Stories*
Gabriel García Márquez, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*
Toni Morrison, *Beloved*
Alice Munro, *New Selected Stories*
Philip Pullman, *His Dark Materials* Trilogy

Jean Rhys, *Wide Sargasso Sea*
Erich Maria Remarque, *All Quiet on the Western Front*
Dorothy L Sayers, *Murder Must Advertise*
Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*
Zadie Smith, *White Teeth*
Art Spiegelman, *Maus*
John Steinbeck, *East of Eden*
Robert Louis Stevenson, *Jekyll and Hyde*
Jonathan Swift, *Gulliver's Travels*
Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 'The Passing of Arthur' from *Idylls of the King*
J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*
Voltaire, *Candide*
Evelyn Waugh, *Decline and Fall*
Jeanette Winterson, *Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit*
Virginia Woolf, *Orlando* and *To the Lighthouse*
William Wordsworth, *The Lyrical Ballads*
Markus Zusak, *The Book Thief*

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