

UCPS HIGH SCHOOL READING LIST

TITLE	AUTHOR	AV MOVIE	COMMENTS
<b>Ninth Grade</b>			
The Education of Little Tree	Forrest Carter	Yes	Great for low level students
Ellen Foster	Kaye Gibbons	Yes	Recent publication; current issue: abuse
Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	Yes	Science Fiction (Tie in with "Harrison Bergeron", Utopian societies)
Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	Yes	Great for advanced students
House on Mango Street	Susan Cisneros		
The Miracle Worker	William Gibson	Yes	Good for low level students
My Darling/My Hamburger	Paul Zindel		Good for low level students
The Odyssey	Homer	Yes	Resource: Adventures of Ulysses by Evslin
Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	Yes	
A Separate Peace	John Knowles		Great for summer reading
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli		High Interest; Good for low level students
To Dance with the White Dog	Terry Kay	Yes	
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Yes	
Walking Across Egypt	Clyde Edgerton	Yes	North Carolina author
West Side Story	Ernest Lehman	Yes	Great tie to Romeo and Juliet
<b>Tenth Grade</b>			
<b>AFRICA</b>			
Cry, the Beloved Country	Alan Paton	Yes	Apartheid
No Longer at Ease	Chinua Achebe		
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe		Coping with change
Waiting for the Rain	Shiela Gordon		Great for low level readers (alternative to Things Fall Apart) The movie
			"The Power of One" is a great connection
<b>CLASSICAL WORLD</b>			
The Aeneid	Virgil		Epic
Antigone	Sophocles	Yes	Woman's tragedy
Epic of Gilgamesh			Exceeding human limits
The Iliad	Homer		Epic
Medea	Euripedes		Woman's Tragedy
Oedipus the King	Sophocles		Fate

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FRANCE/EUROPE			
All Quiet on the Western Front	E.M. Remarque	Yes	Ties in to U.S. History (World War I)
Candide	Francois de Voltaire		
The Count of Monte Cristo	Alexandre Dumas	Yes	Honor. Revenge
Cyrano de Bergerac	Edmond Rostand	Yes	The movie "Roxanne" is a version of the story
Don Quixote	Miguel Cervantes	Yes	Idealism
The Hunchback of Notre Dame	Victor Hugo	Yes	High Interest
The Little Prince	Antoine de Sainte-Exupery		High Interest. Finding meaning in life
Les Miserables	Victor Hugo	Yes	French Revolution
Man in the Iron Mask	Alexander Dumas	Yes	
The Phantom of the Opera	Gaston Leroux	Yes	
The Scarlet Pimpernel	Baroness Orczy	Yes	Mystery. French Revolution
Tartuffe	Moliere	Yes	France's Golden Age. Comedy
The Three Musketeers	Alexander Dumas	Yes	Honor
INDIA			
Nectar in a Sieve	Kamala Markandaya		
Siddhartha	Hermann Hesse		Enlightenment. Meaning of life
JEWISH			
The Holy Bible-Selections			
I Have Lived a Thousand Years	Livia Bitton-Jackson		Holocaust
Metamorphosis	Franz Kafka		Existentialism
Night	Elie Wiesel		Use the movie "Life is Beautiful" to contrast the mood
RUSSIAN			
The Cherry Orchard	Anton Chekov		
A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	Solzhenitsyu		Gulag-Stalin
The Death of Ivan Ilyich	Leo Tolstoy		
OTHERS			
The Alchemist	Paolo Coelho		Good for low level students (Enlightenment)
A Doll's House	Henrik Ibsen	Yes	Feminism
Inferno	Dantes Alighieri		Early Renaissance

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Julius Caesar	William Shakespeare		Internal conflict
Shizuko's Daughter	Kyoko Mori		Japanese culture. Courage
The Tempest	William Shakespeare	Yes	Human Nature
<b>Eleventh Grade</b>			
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	Yes	Dialect is difficult for regular levels
A Lesson Before Dying	Ernest Gaines		
All the King's Men	Robert Penn Warren		
As I Lay Dying	William Faulkner		Good for advanced readers
The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman	Ernest Gaines	Yes	Great tie in with U.S. History
The Awakening	Kate Chopin		Good for advanced readers. Southern author. Feminism
Bartleby the Scrivener	Herman Melville		
Black Boy	Richard Wright		
Black Like Me	John Griffin		Advanced. Non-fiction
The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison		Sensitive topics. Send out parental approval forms
Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger		Sensitive topics. Send out parental approval forms
The Crucible	Arthur Miller	Yes	Tie in to U.S. History. McCarthyism/Witch trials
Death of a Salesman	Arthur Miller	Yes	
East of Eden	John Steinbeck		Sensitive topics. Send out parental approval forms
Ethan Frome	Edith Wharton	Yes	
Fair and Tender Ladies	Lee Smith		
Fallen Angels	Walter Dean Myers		Due to graphic violence and language- Send out parental approval forms
A Farewell to Arms	Ernest Hemingway		Good for advanced readers
Fences	August Wilson		
A Gathering of Old Men	Ernest Gaines		
The Glass Menagerie	Tennessee Williams		
The Good Earth	Pearl Buck		
Go Tell it on the Mountain	James Baldwin		
The Grapes of Wrath	John Steinbeck	Yes	Great Depression
The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Yes	Roaring Twenties
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou		Sensitive topics. Send out parental approval forms
Inherit the Wind	J. Lawrence & R. Lee		
The Jungle	Upton Sinclair		Great tie in with U.S. History. Industrialization
Keeper of the Moon	Tim McLaurin		

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Long Day's Journey Into Night	Eugene O'Neill		
My Antonia	Willa Cather		
Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglass	Frederick Douglass		Reconstruction
Native Son	Richard Wright		
Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	Yes	
Our Town	Thornton Wilder	Yes	
A Raisin in the Sun	Lorraine Hansberry	Yes	
Raney	Clyde Edgerton		Great for ALL level students. NC Author.
The Red Badge of Courage	Stephen Crane		Good tie in to History
The Red Pony	John Steinbeck		Good for low-level students
The Scarlet Letter	Nathaniel Hawthorne	Yes	(See "The Crucible")
Spoon River Anthology	Edgar Lee Masters		
Their Eyes Were Watching God	Zora Neale Hurston		
The Things They Carried	Tim O'Brien		Vietnam War
Tom Sawyer, Detective	Mark Twain		Good for basic readers
<b>TWELFTH GRADE</b>			
1984	George Orwell		
Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	Yes	Good for basic readers
Animal Farm	George Orwell	Yes	Utopia
A Room of Her Own	Virginia Woolf		Great for advanced level students
Becket	Jean Anouille		
Beowulf		Yes	Epic
Book of Job	Old Testament		
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley		
Canterbury Tales	Geoffrey Chaucer		Middle Ages. Character study on short falls of man
Greek Mythology	Edith Hamilton		
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	Yes	Exceeding human limits
Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	Yes	Satire
Hamlet	William Shakespeare	Yes	Making decisions
Hard Times	Charles Dickens		Industrialization
Heart of Darkness	Joseph Conrad		Good for advanced students
The Importance of Being Earnest	George Bernard Shaw	Yes	The Picture of Dorian Gray
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	Yes	Point of View: <u>Wide Sargasso Sea</u>

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J.B.	Archibald Mac Leish		Modern retelling of the story of Job (Old Testament)
King Lear	William Shakespeare		Jane Smiley (US) <i>A Thousand Acres</i>
Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Yes	Utopia. End of Innocence
Macbeth	William Shakespeare	Yes	Greed
Merchant of Venice	William Shakespeare		
A Midsummer Night's Dream	William Shakespeare	Yes	
Mrs. Dalloway	Virginia Woolf		Stream of consciousness
Murder In The Cathedral	T.S.Elliott		
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Ken Kesey	Yes	Sanity
Othello	William Shakespeare		
The Pilgrim's Progress	John Bunyan		Allegory
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	Yes	Early 19 <sup>th</sup> Century
Pygmalion	George Bernard Shaw	Yes	The movie "My Fair Lady" is based on it.
The Return of the Native	Thomas Hardy		Fate
Richard III	William Shakespeare	Yes	Villian
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe	Yes	Good for basic readers
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern	Tom Stoppard		
The Secret Sharer	Joseph Conrad		
Silas Marner	George Elliot	Yes	
Taming of the Shrew	William Shakespeare	Yes	
Tess of the d'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	Yes	Fate
Treasure Island	Robert L. Stevenson	Yes	Good for basic readers
Waiting for Godot	Samuel Beckett		Existentialism
Wide Sargasso Sea	Jean Ryse		
Wuthering Heights	Emile Bronte	Yes	