

2009-2010 Suggested 8A Reading List

Attached is the **suggested** reading list for students enrolled in 8A Language Arts. Titles were selected based on one or more of the following: genre variety, cultural significance, literary merit, classic literature, text or plot complexity, social relevance, and Lexile reading level. A majority of the titles can also be found on similar 8th grade honors or pre-AP reading lists from public and private schools from across the country. 8A Language Arts prepares students for the rigors of Honors and AP high school English courses and the titles on the list were included to extend critical thinking skills, foster appreciation for language and diverse ideas, and improve writing skills. These skills, according to the College Board, are necessary to scoring well on AP literature exams.

Inclusion on this list is not meant as an **endorsement** for any title. Although many of the books have been read by staff, there are simply too many to read them all. Parents and guardians are asked to work with their student to select titles that are appropriate to the reader's interests, maturity, and reading skill. Parent approval is required for **each title** a student reads for their SSR project. Parents or students looking for more information about a particular title are encouraged to access professional reviews through their local library online catalog or commercial vendors such as Amazon.

*Students may select their own book with approval from their teacher and media specialist based on criteria above.

Titles in bold text are available in the CMS Media Center.

An * denotes titles that may be read as part of the high school curriculum at CHS.

A + indicates titles from one or all of the following:

- A title recommended by the Advanced Placement (AP) College Board's list of "101 Recommended Books for College Bound Readers"
- American Library Association's "Outstanding Books for the College Bound"
- "Works frequently referred to on AP Literature Exams" list

Non-Fiction



Ambrose, Stephen

*Ambrose, Stephen

Angelou, Maya

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell

Berendt, John

Bissinger, H.G.

Bowden, Mark

Bradley, James

+Brown, Dee

+Blumenthal, Karen

Capote, Truman

Caputo, Philip

Chowdhury, Bernie

Criddle, JoAn D.

+Diamond, Jared

+D'Orso, Michael

+Egan, Timothy

Dwyer, Jim

Ellis, Joseph

Haley, Alex

Hersey, John

Hillenbrand, Laura

Hurston, Zora

+Junger, Sebastian

Kennedy, John F.

King, Martin Luther

Kotlowitz, Alex

Krakauer, John

Kurson, Robert

+Mortenson, Greg

Oppenheim, Joanne

Philbrick, Nat

Schlosser, Eric

+Tuchman, Barbara

Viesturs, Ed

Band of brothers

Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis

Wouldn't take nothing for my journey now

Hitler youth

The city of falling angels

Friday night lights

Black hawk down

Flags of our fathers: heroes of Iwo Jima

Bury my heart at Wounded Knee

Let me play: the story of title IX

In cold blood

10,000 days of thunder: history of the Vietnam War

The last dive: a father and son's fatal descent

To destroy you is no loss

Guns, germs, and steel: the fates of human society

Eagle Blue: a team, a tribe and a high school basketball season in Arctic Alaska

The Worst hard time: the untold story of those who survived the great American dust bowl

102 minutes: the untold story of the fight to survive inside the Twin Towers

Founding brothers: the revolutionary generation

Roots

Hiroshima

Seabiscuit

Mules and men

The perfect storm

Profiles in courage

Why we can't wait

There are no children here: Growing up in the other America

Into thin air

Shadow divers: the true adventure of two Americans who risked everything to solve one of the last mysteries of World War II

Three cups of tea: one man's mission to promote peace

Dear Miss Breed

In the heart of the sea: the tragedy of the Whaleship Essex

Chew on this: everything you don't want to know about fast food

A distant mirror: the calamitous 14th century

No shortcuts to the top



Biography / Memoir



+Albom, Mitch
Allende, Isabel
Ashe, Arthur
Babel, Isaac
Baker, Russell
+Beah, Ishmael
Brave Bird, Mary
Curie, Eve
Delaney, S. and E.
+Douglass, Frederick
+Engle, Margarita
+Frank, Anne
+Franklin, Benjamin
+Freedman, Russell

Hellman, Lillian
+Hemphill, Stephanie
Hockenberry, John
+Keller, Helen
King, Stephen
+Kingston, Maxine Hong
L'Amour, Louis
Lewis, Michael
Mah, Adeline
Massie, Robert K.
+Mathabane, Mark
+McBride, James
McCall, Nathan
+McCourt, Frank
McCourt, Frank
McCullough, David G.
Myers, Walter Dean
Neihardt, John G.
+Hemphill, Stephanie
Robertson, James I.
Rodriguez, Richard
Sandburg, Carl
Sandburg, Carl
Shields, Charles
Toland, John
Twain, Mark
Washington, Booker T.
*+Wright, Richard
+X, Malcolm

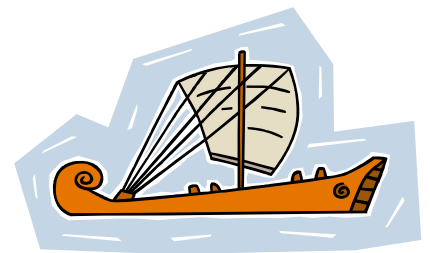
Tuesday's with Morrie
Paula
Days of Grace
1920 Diary
Growing Up
Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier
Lakota Woman
Madame Curie
Having our say: the Delaney Sister's first 100 years
Narrative of the life of Frederick Douglass
The poet slave of Cuba: biography of Juan Francisco
The diary of a young girl
The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin (ebook)
The voice that challenged a nation: Marian Anderson and the struggle for equal rights
An unfinished woman
Your own, Sylvia: a verse portrait of Sylvia Plath
Moving Violations
The story of my life
On Writing
The Woman Warrior
Education of a wandering man
The blind side: evolution of a game
Chinese Cinderella: the true story of an unwanted daughter
Nicholas and Alexandra
Kaffir Boy
The color of water
Makes me wanna holler
Angela's Ashes
'Tis
Truman
Bad boy: a memoir
Black Elk Speaks
Your own, Sylvia: a verse portrait of Sylvia Plath
Stonewall Jackson
Hunger of Memory
Abe Lincoln Grows Up
Abraham Lincoln
I am Scout: the biography of Harper Lee
Adolf Hitler
Life on the Mississippi
Up from slavery
Black boy
The Autobiography of Malcolm X



HISTORICAL FICTION

Alexander, Robert
Alexander, Robert
Allende, Isabel
+Anderson, M.T.
Blake, Michael
Boyne, John
Brooks, Geraldine
Buck, Pearl
*+Burns, Olive Ann
Chevalier, Tracy
Clavell, James
Coelho, Paulo
Doig, Ivan
Draper, Sharon
Fast, Howard
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+Follett, Ken
*+Frazier, Charles
+Gaines, Ernest
Golden, Arthur
Guthrie, A.B.
Harris, Joanne
Hicks, Robert
Kanon, Joseph
Keneally, Thomas
+Knowles, John
Lester, Julius
Michener, James A.
Michener, James A.
+Miller, Arthur
Mitchell, Margaret
Nashund, Sena
+O'Brien, Tim
Olmstead, Robert
Pressfield, Steven
Russell, Mary Doria
+Shaara, Michael
+Spiegelman, Art
Tinti, Hannah
Trumbo, Dalton
Walker, Margaret
Watson, Larry
+West, Stanley
*+Wolf, Allan
Styron, William
+Zusak, Marcus

The kitchen boy
Rasputin's daughter
Zorro
The astonishing life of Octavian Nothing Book 1 or 2
Dances with wolves
Boy in the striped pajamas
March
The good earth
Cold sassy tree
Girl with a pearl earring
Shogun
The alchemist
The whistling season
Copper sun
April morning
Citizen Tom Paine
Pillars of the Earth
Cold Mountain
A lesson before dying
Memoirs of a Geisha
The big sky: a novel
Five quarters of the orange
The widow of the South
The good German
Schindler's list
A separate peace
Guardian
Hawaii
Tales of the South Pacific
The crucible
Gone with the wind
Abundance: a novel of Marie Antoinette
The things they carried: a work of fiction
Coal black horse
Gates of fire
A thread of grace
The killer angels
Maus: a survivor's tale
The good thief
Johnny got his gun
Jubilee
Montana 1948
Until they bring the streetcars back
New found land: Lewis and Clark's voyage of discovery
The confessions of Nat Turner
The book thief



The Classics



+Alcott, Louisa May	<u>Little Women</u>
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+Austen, Jane	<u>Emma</u>
+Austen, Jane	<u>Mansfield Park</u>
+Austen, Jane	<u>Persuasion</u>
+Austen, Jane	<u>Pride and Prejudice</u>
Austen, Jane	<u>Sense and sensibility</u>
+Bronte`, Charlotte	<u>Jane Eyre</u>
+Bronte`, Emily	<u>Wuthering Heights</u>
Burroughs, Edgar Rice	<u>Tarzan of the apes</u>
+Cather, Willa	<u>My Antonia</u>
+Cather, Willa	<u>O pioneers!</u>
*+Chopin, Kate	<u>The awakening</u>
Clark, Walter van Tilburg	<u>The ox-bow incident</u>
+Conrad, Joseph	<u>Heart of darkness</u> (ebook)
Conrad, Joseph	<u>Lord Jim</u>
Cooper, James Fennimore	<u>The deerslayer</u>
+Cooper, James F.	<u>The last of the Mohicans</u> (ebook)
+Crane, Stephen	<u>The red badge of courage</u>
Defoe, Daniel	<u>Robinson Crusoe</u>
*+Dickens, Charles	<u>A tale of two cities</u>
Dickens, Charles	<u>Bleak house</u>
Dickens, Charles	<u>David Copperfield</u>
+Dickens, Charles	<u>Great expectations</u>
Dickens, Charles	<u>Oliver Twist</u>
Dickens, Charles	<u>The Pickwick papers</u>
+Doctorow, E.L.	<u>Ragtime</u>
Dreiser, Theodore	<u>Sister Carrie</u>
Dumas, Alexandre	<u>The Count of Monte Cristo</u>
Dumas, Alexandre	<u>The man in the iron mask</u>
Dumas, Alexandre	<u>The three musketeers</u>
+Forster, E.M.	<u>A passage to India</u>
*+Golding, William	<u>Lord of the flies</u>
+Hansberry, Lorraine	<u>A raisin in the sun</u>
Hardy, Thomas	<u>Far from the madding crowd</u>
Goldman, William	<u>The princess bride</u>
*+Hawthorne, Nathaniel	<u>The scarlet letter</u>
+Heller, Joseph	<u>Catch-22</u>
*Hemingway, Ernest	<u>For whom the bell tolls</u>
+Hemingway, Ernest	<u>The old man and the sea</u>

The Classics continued

+Keseey, Ken	<u>One flew over the cuckoo's nest</u>
Kipling, Rudyard (ebook)	<u>The jungle book</u>
Homer	<u>The Iliad</u>
*+Homer	<u>The Odyssey</u>
*+Lee, Harper	<u>To kill a mockingbird</u>
London, Jack	<u>The call of the wild</u>
London, Jack	<u>The sea wolf</u>
London, Jack	<u>White fang</u>
Mailer, Norman	<u>The naked and the dead</u>
+Remarque, Erich	<u>All quiet on the Western front</u>
*+Salinger, J.D.	<u>The catcher in the rye</u>
Schaefer, Jack	<u>Shane</u>
Sewell, Anna	<u>Black Beauty</u>
+Sinclair, Upton	<u>The jungle</u>
*+Smith, Betty	<u>A tree grows in Brooklyn</u>
Steinbeck, John	<u>Cannery row</u>
*+Steinbeck, John	<u>The grapes of wrath</u>
Steinbeck, John	<u>The pearl</u>
Steinbeck, John	<u>The red pony</u>
*+Steinbeck, John	<u>Of mice and men</u>
Stevenson, Robert Louis	<u>Treasure Island</u>
Swarthout, Glenson	<u>Bless the beasts and the children</u>
Twain, Mark	<u>The adventures of Tom Sawyer</u>
*+Twain, Mark	<u>The adventures of Huckleberry Finn</u>
Twain, Mark	<u>A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's court</u>
Twain, Mark	<u>The prince and the pauper</u>
Twain, Mark	<u>The tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson</u>
+Updike, John	<u>The centaur</u>
Verne, Jules	<u>Around the world in 80 days</u>
+Warren, Robert	<u>All the king's men</u>
Wharton, Edith	<u>Age of innocence</u>
+Wharton, Edith	<u>Ethan Frome</u>
+Wharton, Edith	<u>House of Mirth</u>
+Wilde, Oscar	<u>The picture of Dorian Grey</u>
Wilder, Thornton	<u>The bridge of San Luis Rey</u>



Fantasy

Adams, Richard
Baum, Frank
Belamy, Edward
Bradley, Marion Zimmer
Brooks, Terry
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Carroll, Lewis
Clarke, Susanna
Dickinson, Peter
Eddings, David
Ende, Michael
Hale, Shannon
Hardinge, Frances
Jackson, Shirley
Jacques, Brian
Juster, Norton
Kaye, M.M.
King, Stephen
LeGuin, Ursula
LeGuin, Ursula
McCaffrey, Anne
McKinley, Robin
Niffenegger, Audrey
Nix, Garth
*+**Orwell, George**
Pattou, Edith
Stewart, Mary
Stevenson, Robert Louis
+**Stoker, Bram**
+**Swift, Jonathan**
Tolkien, J.R.R.
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Twelve Hawks, John
Verne, Jules
Vonnegut, Kurt
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White, T.H.
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Wooding, Chris

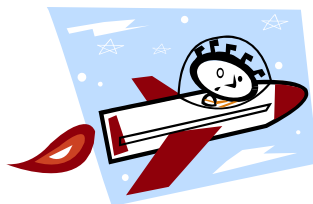
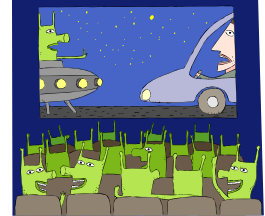
Watership Down
Wizard of Oz
Looking Backward 2000-1887
The mists of Avalon
Ilse witch
The scions of Shannara
The sword of Shannara
Alice's adventures in Wonderland
Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell
The ropemaker
Pawn of prophecy
The neverending story
River Secrets
Fly by night
The haunting of Hill House
Redwall series
The phantom tollbooth
The ordinary princess
Salem's Lot
A Wizard of Earthsea
The left hand of darkness
Dragonflight
The hero and the crown
The time traveler's wife
Sabriel
Animal farm
East
Crystal Cave
Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde
Dracula
Gulliver's travels
The lord of the rings trilogy (any title)
The hobbit
Narn I Chin Hurin
The traveler
20,000 leagues under the sea
Cat's cradle
Slaughterhouse 5
The once and future king
The sword in the stone
The haunting of Alaizabel Cray



Science Fiction

Adams, Douglas
+Anderson, M.T.
Asimov, Isaac
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*+Bradbury, Ray
Burgess, Anthony
Butler, Octavia
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Card, Orson Scott
Clark, Arthur
Cormier, Robert
Crichton, Michael
+Doctorow, Cory
Engdahl, Sylvia Louise
Heinlein, Robert A.
Heinlein, Robert A.
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Heinlein, Robert A.
*+Huxley, Aldous
Keyes, Daniel
Lewis, C.S.
Lewis, C.S.
Lewis, C.S.
Matheson, Richard
+McCarthy, Cormac
Miller, Walter M, Jr.
*+Orwell, George
Sagen, Carl
*+Shelley, Mary W.
Verne, Jules
Wells, H.G.
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Wells, H.G.
Zahn, Timothy

The hitchhiker's guide to the galaxy
Feed
Fantastic Voyage
Foundation Trilogy
Fahrenheit 451
A clockwork orange
Kindred
Parable of the sower
Ender's game or Ender's shadow
2001: a space odyssey
Fade
Jurassic Park
Little Brother
Enchantress from the stars
Podkayne of Mars
Starship troopers
Stranger in a strange land
The door into summer
Brave new world
Flowers for Algernon
Out of the silent planet
Perelandra
The hideous strength
I am legend
The road
A canticle for Leibowitz
1984
Contact
Frankenstein
Journey to the center of the Earth
The invisible man
The island of Dr. Moreau
The time machine
War of the worlds
Star Wars: Allegiance



Mystery and Suspense

Brooks, Geraldine

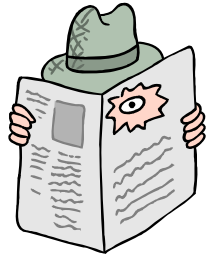
Brown, Dan

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Chandler, Raymond

Chesterton, G.K.

Christie, Agatha



Clancy, Tom The bear and the dragon

Clancy, Tom Clear and present danger

Clancy, Tom Executive Orders

Collins, Wilkie The moonstone

Corben, Harlan Tell no one

Crichton, Michael Congo

Crichton, Michael Eaters of the dead; 13th warrior

Crichton, Michael The great train robbery

Dickey, James

Doyle, Arthur Conan

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+Drieser, Theodore

DuMaurier, Daphne

Grisham, John

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*+Guterson, David

*+**Haddon, Mark**

Hamilton, Virginia

Hillerman, Tony

James, P.D.

King, Laurie R.

King, Stephen

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Koontz, Dean

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Ludlum, Robert

McCall Smith, Alex

McCrum, Sharyn

Quindlen, Anna

Sebold, Alice

Setterfield, Diane

Tartt, Donna

Young, William P.

People of the book

Angels and demons

The Da Vinci code

The big sleep

The innocence of Father Brown

Murder on the Orient Express

Deliverance

The adventures of Sherlock Holmes

The hound of the Baskervilles

A study in scarlet

An American tragedy

Rebecca

The runaway jury

The summons

Snow falling on Cedars

The curious incident of the dog in the night-time

House of Dies Drear

The wailing wind

Death of an expert witness

The beekeeper's apprentice

Desperation

Eyes of the dragon

Dolores Claiborne

The girl who loved Tom Gordon

Misery

Hideaway

Shadowfires

The Bourne Trilogy (any title)

The No. 1 ladies' detective agency

Ghost riders

Black and blue

The lovely bones

The thirteenth tale

The secret history

The shack



Contemporary Fiction



Anderson, Laurie Halse	<u>Wintergirls</u>
Bardi, Abby	<u>The book of Fred</u>
Bunting, Josiah	<u>All loves excelling: a novel</u>
Conroy, Pat	<u>The great Santini</u>
Cormier, Robert	<u>The chocolate war</u>
*+Crutcher, Chris	<u>Whale talk</u>
Edwards, Kim	<u>The memory keeper's daughter</u>
Enger, Leif	<u>Peace like a river</u>
Fitch, Janet	<u>White Oleander</u>
+Gibbens, Kaye	<u>Ellen Foster</u>
+Gruen, Sara	<u>Water for elephants</u>
*Haruf, Kent	<u>Plainsong</u>
Haynes, Melinda	<u>Mother of pearl</u>
*+Kidd, Sue	<u>Secret life of bees</u>
Koontz, Dean	<u>By the light of the moon</u>
Landvik, Lorna	<u>Angry housewives eating bon bons</u>
Martel, Yann	<u>Life of Pi</u>
+McCarthy, Cormac	<u>All the pretty horses</u>
Moriarty, Laura	<u>The center of everything</u>
Michard, Jacquelyn	<u>Cage of stars</u>
Mitchell, David	<u>Black swan green</u>
+Myers, Walter Dean	<u>Sunrise over Fallujah</u>
Orenstein, Denise	<u>The secret twin</u>
Patchett, Ann	<u>Bel Canto</u>
Picault, Jodi	<u>My sister's keeper</u>
Quindlen, Anna	<u>Rise and shine</u>
Rosoff, Meg	<u>How I live now</u>
Shreve, Anita	<u>Light on snow</u>
Sittenfeld, Curtis	<u>Prep</u>
Tartt, Donna	<u>The secret history</u>
Tyler, Anne	<u>Digging to America</u>
*+West, Stanley Gordon	<u>Until they bring the street cars back</u>
Wells, Rebecca	<u>Divine secrets of the Ya-Ya sisterhood</u>
Zindel, Paul	<u>The pigman</u>

World Literature

Abdel-Fattah, R.	<u>Does my head look big in this?</u>
*+Achebe, Chinua	<u>Things fall apart</u>
+Alexie, Sherman	<u>The absolutely true diary of part-time Indian</u>
Allende, Isabel	<u>House of spirits</u>
Allende, Isabel	<u>Daughter of fortune</u>
Allende, Isabel	<u>Portrait in sepia</u>
Alvarez, Julia	<u>How the Garcia girls lost their accents</u>
+Alvarez, Julia	<u>In the time of butterflies</u>
Amirrezvani, Anita	<u>The blood of flowers</u>
Anaya, Rudlofo	<u>Bless me, Ultima</u>
+Bagdasarian, A.	<u>Forgotten fire</u>
+Baldwin, James	<u>Go tell it on the mountain</u>
+Cisneros, Sandra	<u>Caramelo</u>
+Cisneros, Sandra	<u>The house on Mango Street</u>
Desai, Hidier	<u>Born Confused</u>
Desai, Kiran	<u>The inheritance of loss</u>
Dorris, Michael	<u>A yellow raft in blue water</u>
*+Ellison, Ralph	<u>Invisible Man</u>
Emecheta, Buchi	<u>The bride price</u>
Erdich, Louise	<u>Birchbark house</u>
+Erdich, Louise	<u>Tracks</u>
Esquirel, Laura	<u>Like water for chocolate</u>
Fuentes, Carlos	<u>The old gringos</u>
*+Hosseini, Khaled	<u>The kite runner</u>
*+Hurston, Zora N.	<u>Their eyes were watching God</u>
Kincaid, Jamaica	<u>Annie John</u>
Kingsolver, Barbara	<u>The bean trees</u>
Kingsolver, Barbara	<u>The poisonwood bible</u>
Kogawa, Joy	<u>Obasan</u>
Lahiri, Jhumpa	<u>The namesake</u>
Lee, Marie Myung	<u>Somebody's daughter</u>
Malamud, Bernard	<u>The fixer</u>
Markandaya, Kamala	<u>Nectar in a sieve</u>
+Marquez, Gabriel	<u>100 years of solitude</u>
+Momaday, N. Scott	<u>House made of dawn</u>
+Morrison, Toni	<u>The bluest eye</u>
Morrison, Toni	<u>Beloved</u>
+Morrison, Toni	<u>Song of Solomon</u>
Naylor, Gloria	<u>Mama Day</u>
Naylor, Gloria	<u>The women of Brewster Place</u>
Paton, Alan	<u>Cry, the beloved country</u>
Silko, Leslie Marmon	<u>Ceremony</u>
Smelcer, John	<u>The trap</u>



World Literature Continued. . .

Staples, Suzanne

+Tan, Amy

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Tsukiyama, Gail

+Walker, Alice

*+Wright, Richard

Shabanu

The joy luck club

The kitchen God's wife

The samurai's garden

The color purple

Native son

