

## IRA Book List – MNHHS English Department

**Important note to parents and students:** This is a list generated from the books that appeared on the AP English Literature exams through 2011. The numbers next to the title indicate the year(s) that the book appeared on the exam. It is our hope that our students will be exposed to as many of these works as possible to better prepare them for the AP exam and to prepare them for college.

This list has been modified. Some of the books have been omitted because the works are studied at some point throughout school or for other reasons.

*If the book has an asterisk before the title, it has appeared on the American Library Association's list of banned or challenged books. Before you select any of the books with asterisks, you are encouraged to read why the book was placed on the list at this website:*

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/frequentlychallenged/challengedclassics/reasons banned/index.cfm>. *This list does not explain all of the choices noted below; however, it does explain most of them. For those not explained on this list, you are encouraged to further research the book before selecting it as your Independent Reading Assignment book. If you have any questions, please see your English teacher.*

+ = new books to the list

- \*Absalom, Absalom by William Faulkner (76, 00, 10)
- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain (80, 82, 85, 91, 92, 94, 95, 96, 99, 05, 06, 07, 08,11)
- The Aeneid by Virgil (06)
- \*The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton (97, 02, 03, 08)
- Agnes of God by John Pielmeier (00)
- Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood (00, 04, 08)
- All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren (00, 02, 04, 07, 08, 09, 11)
- All My Sons by Arthur Miller (85, 90)
- All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy (95, 96, 06, 07, 08, 10, 11)
- \*An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser (81, 82, 95, 03)
- The American by Henry James (05, 07, 10)
- +Angela's Ashes – Frank McCourt
- Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy (80, 91, 99, 03, 04, 06, 08, 09)
- \*As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner (78, 89, 90, 94, 01, 04, 06, 07, 09)
- +Atonement by Ian McEwan (07, 11)
- Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man by James Weldon Johnson (02, 05)
  
- "The Bear" by William Faulkner (94, 06)
- Beloved by Toni Morrison (90, 99, 01, 03, 05, 07, 09, 10, 11)
- +A Bend in the River by V. S. Naipaul (03)
- Billy Budd by Herman Melville (79, 81, 82, 83, 85, 99, 02, 04, 05, 07, 08)
- Black Boy by Richard Wright (06, 08)
- Bleak House by Charles Dickens (94, 00, 04, 09, 10)
- Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya (94, 96, 97, 99, 04, 05, 06, 08)
- \*The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison (95, 08, 09)
- The Book Thief – Marcus Zusak
- The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan (06, 07, 11)
- Brave New World by Aldous Huxley (89, 05, 09, 10)
- The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoevski (90, 08)
  
- The Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer (06)
- The Caretaker by Harold Pinter (85)
- \*Catch-22 by Joseph Heller (82, 85, 87, 89, 94, 01, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 11)
- \*The Catcher in the Rye by J. D. Salinger (01, 08, 11)
- Cat's Eye by Margaret Atwood (94, 08, 09)
- Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko (94, 96, 97, 99, 01, 03, 05, 06, 07, 09)
- +Chinese Cinderella - Adeline Yen Mah
- Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier (06, 08)
- \*The Color Purple by Alice Walker (92, 94, 95, 96, 97, 05, 08, 09)
  
- Daisy Miller by Henry James (97, 03)
- Delta Wedding by Eudora Welty (97)
- Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant by Anne Tyler (97)

- Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe (79, 86, 99, 04, 11)
- A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen (71, 83, 87, 88, 95, 05, 09)
- The Dollmaker by Harriet Arnot (91)
- Dreaming in Cuban by Cristina Garcia (03)
- East of Eden by John Steinbeck (06)
- Emma by Jane Austen (96, 08)
- +Ender's Game – Orson Scott Card
- An Enemy of the People by Henrik Ibsen (76, 80, 87, 99, 01, 07)
- \*A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway (99, 04, 09)
- The Father by August Strindberg (01)
- Fathers and Sons by Ivan Turgenev (90)
- The Federalist by Alexander Hamilton (76)
- \*For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway (03, 06)
- +Frankenstein by Mary Shelley (89, 00, 03, 06, 08)
- +A Free Life: A Novel by Ha Jin (10)
- A Gathering of Old Men by Ernest Gaines (00, 11)
- Going After Cacciato by Tim O'Brien (01, 06, 10)
- \*The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck (95, 03, 06, 09, 10)
- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens (79, 80, 88, 89, 92, 95, 96, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 10)
- The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald (82, 83, 88, 91, 92, 97, 00, 02, 04, 05, 07, 10)
- \*Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin (83, 88, 90, 05, 09)
- Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift (87, 89, 01, 04, 06, 09)
- The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood (03, 09)
- \*Heart of Darkness by Joseph Conrad (71, 76, 91, 94, 96, 99, 00, 01, 02, 03, 04, 06, 09, 10, 11)
- +The Help – Kathryn Stockett
- +Herzog – Saul Bellow
- +The Hobbit – J. R. R. Tolkien
- +A House for Mr. Biswas by V. S. Naipul (10)
- House Made of Dawn by N. Scott Momaday (95, 06, 09)
- The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton (04, 07, 10)
- The House of Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne (89)
- The Iliad by Homer (80)
- In Cold Blood – Truman Capote
- In the Lake of the Woods by Tim O'Brien (00)
- In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez (05)
- \*Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison (76, 77, 78, 82, 83, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 91, 94, 95, 96, 97, 01, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11)
- +Jasmine by Bharati Mukherjee (99, 10)
- The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan (97, 03)
- +Kafka on the Shore by Haruki Murakami (08)
- +The Known World – Edward P. Jones
- +The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini (07, 08, 09)
- \*A Light in August – William Faulkner
- Long Day's Journey into Night by Eugene O'Neill (90, 03, 07)
- +The Lovely Bones – Alice Seybold
- Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert (80, 85, 04, 05, 06, 09, 10)
- Mansfield Park by Jane Austen (03, 06)
- The Member of the Wedding by Carson McCullers (97, 08)

- +The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards (09)
  - Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka (78, 89)
  - Middlemarch by George Eliot (95, 04, 05, 07)
  - Middle Passage by V. S. Naipaul (06)
  - The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot (90, 92, 04)
  - Miss Lonelyhearts by Nathanael West (89)
  - Moby Dick by Herman Melville (76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 89, 94, 96, 01, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 09)
  - \*Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf (94, 97, 04, 05, 07, 11)
  - Mrs. Warren's Profession by George Bernard Shaw (87, 90, 95, 02, 09)
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- +The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri (09, 10)
  - Native Son by Richard Wright (79, 82, 85, 87, 95, 01, 04, 09, 11)
  - +Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro (09, 10)
  - 1984 by George Orwell (87, 94, 05, 09)
  - No Exit by John Paul Sartre (86)
  - Notes from the Underground by Fyodor Dostoevski (89)
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- +Obasan by Joy Kogawa (94, 95, 04, 05, 06, 07, 10)
  - One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich by Alexander Solzhenitsyn (05, 10)
  - One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez (89, 04)
  - \*One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey (01)
  - \*O Pioneers! by Willa Cather (06)
  - Othello by William Shakespeare (79, 85, 88, 92, 95, 03, 04, 07, 11)
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- +A Painted House – John Grisham
  - Paradise Lost by John Milton (85, 86, 10)
  - Persuasion by Jane Austen (90, 05, 07)
  - Phaedre by Jean Racine (92, 03)
  - The Piano Lesson by August Wilson (96, 99, 07, 08, 10)
  - The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde (02)
  - +Pillars of the Earth – Ken Follett
  - The Plague by Albert Camus (02, 09)
  - +The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver (10, 11)
  - \*Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce (76, 77, 80, 86, 88, 96, 99, 04, 05, 08, 09, 10, 11)
  - The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene (95)
  - \*+Push by Sapphire (07)
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- Ragtime by E. L. Doctorow (03, 07)
  - A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry (87, 90, 94, 96, 99, 07, 09)
  - +The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro (00, 03, 11)
  - +A River Runs Through It by Norman Maclean (08)
  - +The Road by Cormac McCarthy (10)
  - \*A Room with a View by E. M. Forster (03)
  - +Roots – Alex Haley
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- +The Secret Life of Bees – Sue Monk Kidd
  - The Shipping News by E. Annie Proulx (97)
  - Silas Marner by George Eliot (02)
  - Sister Carrie by Theodore Dreiser (87, 02, 04, 09, 10)
  - +Sister of My Heart by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni (10)
  - Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson (00, 10)
  - Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison (81, 88, 96, 00, 04, 05, 06, 07, 10)
  - \*Sons and Lovers by D. H. Lawrence (77, 90)
  - \*The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner (77, 86, 97, 01, 07, 08)
  - The Stone Angel by Margaret Laurence (96, 04)
  - The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski (11)
  - A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams (91, 92, 01, 04, 07, 08, 09, 1, 110)

- Sula by Toni Morrison (92, 97, 02, 04, 07, 08, 10)
- \*The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway (85, 91, 95, 96, 04, 05)
- \*Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston (88, 90, 91, 96, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 10, 11)
- \*Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe (91, 97, 03, 09, 10, 11)
- A Thousand Acres by Jane Smiley (06)
- +A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini (11)
- +The Time Traveler's Wife – Audrey Niffenegger
- +The Thirteenth Tale – Diane Setterfield
- \*To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf (77, 86, 88, 08)
- Typical American by Gish Jen (02, 03, 05)
- Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe (87, 09)
- +Water for Elephants – Sara Gruen
- +We Were the Mulvaneys by Joyce Carol Oates (07)
- +White Noise – Don DeLillo
- Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? by Edward Albee (88, 94, 00, 04, 07, 11)
- Winter in the Blood by James Welch (95)
- Wise Blood by Flannery O'Connor (82, 89, 95, 09, 10)
- +Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston (91, 08)
- +World Without End – Ken Follett

Additional authors – any book by:

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