AN ENGLISH DEPARTMENT SELECTION OF LITERARY CLASSICS

Works are arranged chronologically by the date of either the author’s birth or the work.

ANCIENT NEAR EAST AND EAST
The Old Testament (King James Version)
Gilgamesh (Translation by David Ferry)
Confucius. Analects
Mahabharata

CLASSICAL GREECE AND ROME
Epics
Homer. The Iliad, The Odyssey
Virgil. The Aeneid

Plays
Aeschylus. The Oresteia
Sophocles. Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus, Antigone
Euripides. The Bacchae, Medea, The Trojan Women, Hippolytus

Poems
The Homeric Hymns
Hesiod. Works and Days, Theogony
Sappho. Poems
Pindar. Odes
Catullus. Poems
Lucretius. On the Nature of Things
Horace. Odes, Satires
Virgil. Eclogues, Georgics
Ovid. The Metamorphoses
Juvenal. Satires

Prose Works
Herodotus. The Histories
Thucydides. The Peloponnesian Wars
Plutarch. Lives of the Famous Greeks and Romans
Plato. The Republic, The Symposium
Aristotle. Poetics
Cicero. Orations
Josephus. The Jewish Wars
Apuleius. The Golden Ass
Marcus Aurelius. Meditations

The New Testament (King James Version)
THIRD THROUGH FIFTEENTH CENTURIES
St. Augustine. *The Confessions, The City of God*
The Koran
*Beowulf*
Lady Murasaki. *The Tale of Genji*
*The Song of Roland*
Chretien de Troyes. *Arthurian Romances*
Marie de France. *The Lais*
Guillaume de Lorris and Jean de Meun. *The Romance of the Rose*
Dante. *The Divine Comedy*
Petrarch. *Rime Sparse*
Boccaccio. *Decameron*
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight
Langland. *Piers Plowman*
Chaucer. *The Canterbury Tales*
Malory. *Le Morte d'Arthur*
Everyman
The Wakefield and Chester cycles (medieval plays)

SIXTEENTH AND SEVENTEENTH CENTURIES
Plays
William Shakespeare. *Plays*
Christopher Marlowe. *Dr. Faustus, Edward II*
Ben Jonson. *Volpone, Bartholomew Fair, The Alchemist*
John Webster. *The Duchess of Malfi, The White Devil*
Moliere. *Tartuffe*
Racine. *Phedre, Andromaque*
Corneille. *The Cid*

Poems
Edmund Spenser. *The Faerie Queen*
William Shakespeare. *Sonnets*
John Donne. *Poems*
George Herbert. *Poems*
Andrew Marvell. *Poems*
John Milton. *Paradise Lost*, other poems
John Dryden. *Poems*

Novels and other prose works
Erasmus. *In Praise of Folly*
Machiavelli. *The Prince*
Castiglione. *The Courtier*
Rabelais. *Gargantua and Pantagruel*
Thomas More. *Utopia*
Montaigne. *Essays*
Miguel de Cervantes.  *Don Quixote*
Sir Philip Sidney.  *The Countess of Pembroke’s Arcadia, The Defense of Poetry*
Francis Bacon.  *Essays*
Robert Burton.  *Anatomy of Melancholy*
Thomas Hobbes.  *Leviathan*
John Bunyan.  *The Pilgrim’s Progress*
Samuel Pepys.  *Diaries*
Mme. de La Fayette.  *The Princess of Clèves*

**EIGHTEENTH CENTURY**

**Plays**
John Gay.  *The Beggar’s Opera*
Oliver Goldsmith.  *She Stoops to Conquer*
Richard Brinsley Sheridan.  *The Rivals, The School for Scandal*

**Poems**
Alexander Pope.  “The Rape of the Lock,” “Epistle to Dr. Arbuthnot,” “Epistle to Burlington”
William Blake.  *Songs of Innocence and Experience*

**Novels**
Lawrence Sterne.  *Tristram Shandy*
Tobias Smollett.  *The Expedition of Humphrey Clinker*
Jonathan Swift.  *Gulliver’s Travels*
Daniel Defoe.  *Moll Flanders, Robinson Crusoe*
Samuel Richardson.  *Clarissa, Pamela*
Voltaire.  *Candide*
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.  *The Sorrows of Young Werther*
Francis Burney.  *Evelina*

**Non-fiction**
Daniel Defoe.  *Journal of the Plague Year*
Mary Wortley Montagu.  *Travel Writing, Letters*
Benjamin Franklin.  *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*
Jean-Jacques Rousseau.  *Confessions*
Edward Gibbon.  *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*
James Boswell.  *The Life of Samuel Johnson*
NINETEENTH CENTURY

Plays
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe. Faust
Henrik Ibsen. Hedda Gabler, A Doll's House, The Wild Duck, Ghosts, Peer Gynt
Oscar Wilde. The Importance of Being Earnest
George Buchner. Woyzeck
August Strindberg. Miss Julie, The Father, A Dream Play, The Ghost Sonata, The Dance of Death

Poems
William Wordsworth and Samuel Taylor Coleridge. Lyrical Ballads
Wordsworth. The Prelude
George Gordon, Lord Byron. Don Juan, other poems
John Keats. Poems
Percy Bysshe Shelley. Poems
Elizabeth Barrett Browning. Poems
Alfred, Lord Tennyson. Poems
Robert Browning. Poems
Emily Bronte. Poems
Walt Whitman. Poems
Charles Baudelaire. Flowers of Evil
Christina Rossetti. Poems
Emily Dickinson. Poems
Thomas Hardy. Poems
Gerard Manley Hopkins. Poems

Novels and stories
Sir Walter Scott. Kenilworth, Old Mortality, Waverley
Jane Austen. Emma, Pride and Prejudice, Persuasion, Mansfield Park, Sense and Sensibility
Stendahl. The Charterhouse of Parma, The Red and the Black
The Brothers Grimm. Fairy Tales
James Fenimore Cooper. The Prairie
Mary Shelley. Frankenstein
Alexander Pushkin. Eugene Onegin, stories
Honoré de Balzac. Eugénie Grandet, Père Goriot, Cousin Bette
Victor Hugo. The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Les Misérables
Nathaniel Hawthorne. The Scarlet Letter, The Marble Faun, stories
Nikolai Gogol. Dead Souls
Elizabeth Gaskell. Cranford, North and South, Wives and Daughters
William Makepeace Thackeray. Vanity Fair
Harriet Beecher Stowe. Uncle Tom's Cabin
Charles Dickens. David Copperfield, Great Expectations, Bleak House, Our Mutual Friend, Hard Times, Little Dorrit, A Tale of Two Cities

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2011 Edition
Anthony Trollope. Novels
Charlotte Bronte. Jane Eyre, Villette
Emily Bronte. Wuthering Heights
Ivan Turgenev. Fathers and Sons, "First Love"
Herman Melville. Moby Dick, The Piazza Tales, Billy Budd
Fyodor Dostoyevsky. Crime and Punishment, The Brothers Karamazov, Notes from Underground
Gustave Flaubert. Madame Bovary
Leo Tolstoy. War and Peace, Anna Karenina, "The Death of Ivan Ilych"
Thomas Hardy. The Mayor of Casterbridge, Tess of the d’Urbervilles, The Return of the Native, Jude the Obscure
Emily Zola. Germinal, Therèse Raquin, Nana
Guy de Maupassant. Stories

Prose Works
Charles Lamb. Essays
William Hazlitt. Essays
John Keats. Letters
Ralph Waldo Emerson. Essays
Henry David Thoreau. Walden
Frederick Douglass. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave

TWENTIETH CENTURY
Plays
George Bernard Shaw. Major Barbara, Man and Superman, Pygmalion, Saint Joan
Anton Chekhov. The Cherry Orchard, The Three Sisters, The Seagull
William Butler Yeats. Purgatory, The Cuchulain Cycle
J. M. Synge. The Playboy of the Western World, Riders to the Sea
Sean O’Casey. Juno and the Paycock, The Plough and the Stars
Eugene O’Neill. Long Day’s Journey into Night, The Iceman Cometh
Bertolt Brecht. The Caucasian Chalk Circle, Mother Courage, The Threepenny Opera
Samuel Beckett. Waiting for Godot, Endgame
Eugene Ionesco. The Bald Soprano, Rhinoceros
Tennessee Williams. A Streetcar Named Desire, The Glass Menagerie
Arthur Miller. Death of a Salesman
Poems. There are many fine modern poets. Some of them are listed here in no particular order.

A.E. Housman
H. D. (Hilda Doolittle)
William Butler Yeats
T. S. Eliot
Robert Frost
Wallace Stevens
Robert Lowell
Elizabeth Bishop
Dylan Thomas
Sylvia Plath
Rainer Maria Rilke
W. H. Auden
Anna Akhmatova
Wilfred Owen
Theodore Roethke
Robert Hayden
Eugenio Montale
Gwendolyn Brooks

Countee Cullen
Anthony Hecht
Philip Larkin
Richard Wilbur
Langston Hughes
Osip Mandelstam
Seamus Heaney
Rita Dove
Marianne Moore
Paul Celan
Constantine Cavafy
Hart Crane
William Carlos Williams
Allen Ginsberg
Edna St. Vincent Millay
Adrienne Rich
Novels and short stories
Samuel Butler. The Way of All Flesh
Joseph Conrad. Heart of Darkness, Lord Jim, Victory
Anton Chekhov. Stories
Edith Wharton. The Age of Innocence, The House of Mirth
Rudyard Kipling. Kim
Andre Gide. The Counterfeiters
Theodore Dreiser. An American Tragedy, Sister Carrie
Willa Cather. My Ántonia, The Professor's House
Marcel Proust. Swann's Way (the first volume of Remembrance of Things Past)
Thomas Mann. Death in Venice, The Confessions of Felix Krull, Buddenbrooks
E. M. Forster. A Passage to India, Howards End
James Joyce. Dubliners, A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man, Ulysses
Virginia Woolf. Mrs. Dalloway. To the Lighthouse
Franz Kafka. The Metamorphosis, The Trial, The Castle, stories
D. H. Lawrence. Sons and Lovers, Women in Love, stories
Junichiro Tanizaki. The Makioka Sisters
Isaac Babel. Red Cavalry (stories)
S. Y. Agnon. Twenty-One Stories
F. Scott Fitzgerald. The Great Gatsby
William Faulkner. The Sound and the Fury, As I Lay Dying, stories
Ernest Hemingway. The Sun Also Rises, stories
Vladimir Nabokov. Lolita
Jorge Luis Borges. Ficciones
Ignazio Silone. Bread and Wine
Samuel Beckett. Molloy
Henry Roth. Call it Sleep
Richard Wright. Native Son
Ralph Ellison. Invisible Man
Alexander Solzhenitsyn. One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovitch
James Baldwin. Go tell it on the Mountain, Giovanni's Room, stories
Flannery O'Connor. Collected Stories
Chinua Achebe. Things Fall Apart
Gabriel García Marquez. One Hundred Years of Solitude
Toni Morrison. Song of Solomon, Beloved

Other prose works
Sigmund Freud. The Interpretation of Dreams
Booker T. Washington. Up from Slavery
Maxim Gorky. My Childhood
W. E. B. Du Bois. The Souls of Black Folk
Lytton Strachey. Eminent Victorians
Virginia Woolf. The Common Reader, A Room of One's Own, "A Sketch of the Past"
F. Scott Fitzgerald. The Crack-Up
Robert Graves. Goodbye to All That
Isak Dinesen. *Out of Africa*
George Orwell. *Essays*
Richard Wright. *Black Boy*
Primo Levi. *Survival in Auschwitz*

E. B. White. *Essays*

William Strunk and E. B. White. *The Elements of Style*