

COLLEGE BOUND?

Here's our literary checklist

THE DRAMAS

Your theatre essentials. Read them, or go see them!

Waiting for Godot – Samuel Beckett

A Doll's House – Henrik Ibsen

Hamlet – William Shakespeare

Antigone – Sophocles

The Baltimore Waltz – Paula Vogel

The Importance of Being Earnest – Oscar Wilde

The Glass Menagerie – Tennessee Williams

THE MODERN CLASSICS

Books you probably didn't get to read in English Class.

Things Fall Apart – Chinua Achebe

Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood

American Gods – Neil Gaiman

Water for Elephants – Sara Gruen

The Poisonwood Bible – Barbara Kingsolver

V for Vendetta – Alan Moore

Bel Canto – Ann Patchett

THE ROMANCES

More than just Kiera Knightley movies!

Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte

Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte

A Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens

Madame Bovary – Gustave Flaubert

Cyrano de Bergerac – Edmond Rostand

Pygmalion – George Bernard Shaw

Vanity Fair – William Thackeray

Anna Karenina – Leo Tolstoy

Age of Innocence – Edith Wharton

THE WAR STORIES

Some funny, some sad; some for, some against. War from all perspectives.

The Red Badge of Courage – Stephen Crane

Catch 22 – Joseph Heller

A Farewell to Arms – Ernest Hemingway

Slaughterhouse 5 – Kurt Vonnegut

Night – Elie Weisel

THE FEARSOME LADIES

A crash course in feminism.

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings – Maya Angelou
The Awakening – Kate Chopin
Their Eyes Were Watching God – Zora Neale Hurston
Sula – Toni Morrison
The Bell Jar – Sylvia Plath
A Good Man is Hard to Find – Flannery O'Connor
The Color Purple – Alice Walker
Mrs. Dalloway – Virginia Woolf

THE ADVENTURES

Monsters and Pirates and Knights, oh my!

Don Quixote – Miguel Cervantes
Fahrenheit 451 – Ray Bradbury
Lord of the Flies – William Golding
Brave New World – Aldous Huxley
The Call of the Wild – Jack London
1984 – George Orwell
Frankenstein – Mary Shelley
Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson

THE AMERICANA

The American dream. And a lot of road trips. Like, so many roadtrips.

As I Lay Dying – William Faulkner
The Great Gatsby – F. Scott Fitzgerald
On the Road – Jack Kerouac
To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee
Catcher in the Rye – J.D. Salinger
The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck
Uncle Tom's Cabin – Harriet Beecher Stowe