

# Indiana Reading List



Level 4

## Grades 9 – 12

Designed as a companion piece to Indiana's Academic Standards in English/Language Arts, the following selections of the Indiana Reading List illustrate the quality and complexity of the suggested reading materials for students in Grades 9 – 12. The Indiana Reading List is not required reading nor is it meant to be all-inclusive. Teachers and parents are encouraged to review the selections to ensure suitability for the individual student.

### Fiction: Classic and Contemporary

*The Abduction* – Newth, Mette and Tiina Nunnally  
*The Adventures of Augie March* – Bellow, Saul  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* – Twain, Mark  
*The Age of Innocence* – Wharton, Edith  
*Animal Farm* – Orwell, George  
*The Assistant* – Malamud, Bernard  
*Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman* – Gaines, Ernest J.  
*The Bean Trees* – Kingsolver, Barbara  
*Billy Budd* – Melville, Herman  
*Bless Me, Ultima* – Anaya, Rudolfo  
*Buried Onions* – Soto, Gary  
*Catcher in the Rye* – Salinger, J.D.  
*Ceremony* – Silko, Leslie Marmon  
*The Contender* – Lipsyte, Robert  
*Crime and Punishment* – Dostoyevsky, Fyodor  
*Davita's Harp* – Potok, Chaim  
*Frankenstein* – Shelley, Mary  
*A Girl of the Limberlost* – Stratton-Porter, Gene  
*Great Expectations* – Dickens, Charles  
*The Great Gatsby* – Fitzgerald, F. Scott  
*Heart of Darkness* – Conrad, Joseph  
*House on Mango Street* – Cisneros, Sandra

*If Beale Street Could Talk* – Baldwin, James  
*In the Time of the Butterflies* – Alvarez, Julia  
*Invisible Man* – Ellison, Ralph  
*Jane Eyre* – Bronte, Charlotte  
*The Joy Luck Club* – Tan, Amy  
*The Magnificent Ambersons* – Tarkington, Booth  
*The Metamorphosis* – Kafka, Franz  
*Of Mice and Men* – Steinbeck, John  
*The Old Man and the Sea* – Hemingway, Ernest  
*A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* – Joyce, James  
*Pride and Prejudice* – Austen, Jane  
*The Return of the Native* – Hardy, Thomas  
*The Scarlet Letter* – Hawthorne, Nathaniel  
*Sense and Sensibility* – Austen, Jane  
*A Separate Peace* – Knowles, John  
*Shoeless Joe* – Kinsella, W. P.  
*Silas Marner* – Eliot, George  
*The Sound and the Fury* – Faulkner, William  
*The Stranger* – Camus, Albert  
*Things Fall Apart* – Achebe, Chinua  
*To Kill a Mockingbird* – Lee, Harper  
*To the Lighthouse* – Woolf, Virginia  
*Typical American* – Jen, Gish  
*Wheels for Walking* – Richmond, Sandra

### Historical Fiction

*All Quiet on the Western Front* – Remarque, Erich Maria  
*A Bell for Adano* – Hersey, John  
*Beyond the Burning Time* – Lasky, Kathryn  
*Cry, the Beloved Country* – Paton, Alan  
*A Farewell to Arms* – Hemingway, Ernest  
*Freedom Road* – Fast, Howard  
*The Grapes of Wrath* – Steinbeck, John  
*The Jungle* – Sinclair, Upton  
*My Antonia* – Cather, Willa  
*The Red Badge of Courage* – Crane, Stephen  
*A Tale of Two Cities* – Dickens, Charles  
*This Strange New Feeling* – Lester, Julius

### Science Fiction/Fantasy

*1984* – Orwell, George  
*2001: A Space Odyssey* – Clarke, Arthur C.  
*Brave New World* – Huxley, Aldus  
*Fahrenheit 451* – Bradbury, Ray  
*Foundation* – Asimov, Issac  
*The Lord of the Rings* – Tolkien, J. R. R.  
*The Martian Chronicles* – Bradbury, Ray  
*The War of the Worlds* – Wells, H.G.  
*Watership Down* – Adams, Richard



## Folklore/Fairy Tales/Mythology

*The Acts of King Arthur and His Noble Knights* – Steinbeck, John

*The Adventures of Ulysses* – Evslin, Bernard

*Beowulf* – author unknown

*Greek Mythology* – Hamilton, Edith

*The Iliad* – Homer

*Le Morte D'Arthur* – Malory, Sir Thomas

*The Metamorphoses* – Ovid

*Mules and Men* – Hurston, Zora Neale

*North American Indian Mythology* – Burland, Cottie Arthur

*The Odyssey* – Homer

*The Once and Future King* – White, T.H.

*The Power of Myth* – Campbell, Joseph

*Treasury of Irish Folklore* – Colum, Padriac (ed.)

*The Way to Rainy Mountain* – Momaday, N. Scott

## Poetry

“The Bean Eaters” – Brooks, Gwendolyn

*The Canterbury Tales* – Chaucer, Geoffrey

“Chicago” – Sandburg, Carl

Selections from *Collected Poems* – Eliot, T. S.

Selections from *The Collected Poems* – Plath, Sylvia

*The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson* – Dickinson, Emily

Selections from *Complete Poetical Works* – Lowell, Amy

Selections from *The Complete Poetical Works* – Riley, James Whitcomb

“Easter 1916” and “Sailing to Byzantium” – Yeats, William Butler

“Fish” – Bishop, Elizabeth

“I Hear America Singing” and “O Captain! My Captain!” – Whitman, Walt

“I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud” – Wordsworth, William

“In Memoriam” – Tennyson, Alfred Lord

“One More Round” and “Human Family” – Angelou, Maya

Selections from *Poems of Pablo Neruda* – Neruda, Pablo

Selections from *The Poetical Works* – Shelley, Percy Bysshe

Selections from *The Poetry of Robert Frost* – Frost, Robert

“The Raven” and “Annabel Lee” – Poe, Edgar Allan

“The Rime of the Ancient Mariner” – Coleridge, Samuel Taylor

Selections from *Selected Poems* – Heaney, Seamus

Selections from *Selected Poems of Langston Hughes* – Hughes, Langston

Selections from *Sonnets* – Keats, John

Selections from *Sonnets* – Shakespeare, William

Selections from *Spoon River Anthology* – Masters, Edgar Lee

“The Tiger” and “The Lamb” – Blake, William

“To Freedom” and “This Life” – Dove, Rita

*Treasury of Great Poems* – Untermeyer, Louis (ed.)

## Short Stories

“Bartleby the Scrivener” – Melville, Herman

Selections from *The Best Short Stories* – Drieser, Theodore

Selections from *The Collected Short Stories* – Welty, Eudora

“The Egg” – Anderson, Sherwood

“Gift of the Magi” – Henry, O.

“The Lady or the Tiger” – Stockton, Frank

“The Life You Save May Be Your Own” – O’Conner, Flannery

“The Lottery” – Jackson, Shirley

“The Red Convertible” – Erdich, Louise

“The Richer, the Poorer” – West, Dorothy

Selections from *Short Stories* – Chekov, Anton

“The Story of Poe” – Ade, George

Selections from *Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe* – Poe, Edgar Allan

“Two or Three Things I Know for Sure” – Allison, Dorothy

“What Means Switch?” – Jen, Gish

“Where Have You Been, Where Are You Going?” – Oates, Joyce Carol

“The White Heron” – Jewett, Sarah Orne

“Young Goodman Brown” – Hawthorne, Nathaniel

## Drama

*Antigone* – Sophocles

*The Crucible* – Miller, Arthur

*Death of a Salesman* – Miller, Arthur

*A Doll’s House* – Ibsen, Henrik

*Fences* – Wilson, August

*The Glass Menagerie* – Williams, Tennessee

*Hamlet* – Shakespeare, William

*Julius Caesar* – Shakespeare, William

*Macbeth* – Shakespeare, William

*Oedipus Rex* – Sophocles

*Pygmalion* – Shaw, George Bernard

*A Raisin in the Sun* – Hansberry, Lorraine

*Romeo and Juliet* – Shakespeare, William

*The Tempest* – Shakespeare, William

*Twelve Angry Men* – Rose, Reginald

*Waiting for Godot* – Beckett, Samuel



## Essays and Speeches

- “Choice: A Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr.” – Walker, Alice
- “Day of Infamy” – Roosevelt, Franklin D.
- “Declaration of Independence” – Jefferson, Thomas
- “The Fire Next Time” – Baldwin, James
- “Floyd Patterson: The Essence of a Competitor” – Oates, Joyce Carol
- “The Gettysburg Address” – Lincoln, Abraham
- “House Divided” – Lincoln, Abraham
- “I Have a Dream” – King, Martin Luther, Jr.
- “I Will Fight No More Forever” – Chief Joseph
- Inaugural Address, 1961 – Kennedy, John F.
- “Letter from Birmingham Jail” – King, Martin Luther, Jr.
- Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech, 1950 – Faulkner, William
- Selections from *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* – Dillard, Annie
- “Self-Reliance” – Emerson, Ralph Waldo
- “Sharing the American Dream” – Powell, Colin
- Selections from *A Small Place* – Kincaid, Jamaica
- “Straw Into Gold” – Cisneros, Sandra
- “We Will Never Surrender” – Churchill, Winston

## Nonfiction: Science, Social Studies, and Mathematics

- Americans: The National Experience* – Boorstin, Daniel
- The Assassination of Lincoln: History and Myth* – Lewis, Lloyd
- Black Holes and Baby Universes and Other Essays* – Hawking, Stephen
- Black Like Me* – Griffin, John Howard
- A Brief History of Time* – Hawking, Stephen

- Coming of Age in the Milky Way* – Ferris, Timothy
- Connections* – Burke, James
- Cosmos* – Sagan, Carl
- Constitution of the United States of America: The Preamble*
- The Creators* – Boorstin, Daniel
- The Day the Universe Changed* – Burke, James
- Democracy in America* – de Tocqueville, Alexis
- The Discoverers* – Boorstin, Daniel
- The Einstein Paradox and Other Mysteries Solved by Sherlock Holmes* – Bruce, Colin
- Ernie’s War: The Best of Ernie Pyle’s World War II Dispatches* – Nichols, David (ed.)
- Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build the Transcontinental Railroad* – Blumberg, Rhoda
- HerStory: Women Who Changed the World* – Ashby, Ruth (ed.)
- A Hoosier Holiday* – Dreiser, Theodore
- The Immense Journey* – Eisley, Loren
- In the Spirit of Crazy Horse* – Mathiessen, Peter
- Lisa and David* – Rubin, Theodore
- Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher* – Thomas, Lewis
- The Mathematical Tourist: Snapshots of Modern Mathematics* – Peterson, Ivars
- A Mathematician’s Apology* – Hardy, G. H.
- The Meaning of It All* – Feynman, Richard
- The Mind’s Sky: Human Intelligence in a Cosmic Context* – Ferris, Timothy
- The Mismeasure of Man* – Gould, Steven Jay
- New Kids in Town: Oral Histories of Immigrant Teens* – Bode, Janet
- Now Is Your Time! The African American Struggle for Freedom* – Myers, Walter Dean

- On Growth and Form* – Thompson, D’Arcy
- Riding the Rails: Teenagers on the Move During the Great Depression* – Uys, Errol Lincoln
- Roots* – Haley, Alex
- The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* – Covey, Stephen
- Shakespeare’s Theatre* – Morley, Jacqueline
- Silent Spring* – Carson, Rachel
- Tell Them We Remember: Story of the Holocaust* – Bachrach, Susan D.
- The Third Wave* – Toffler, Alvin
- Thursday’s Universe* – Bartusiak, Marcia
- Time’s Arrows* – Morris, Richard
- To Be a Slave* – Lester, Julius
- The World of Mathematics* – Newman, James

## Biography/Autobiography

- Growing Up* – Baker, Russell
- Alexander Graham Bell: Making Connections* – Pasachoff, Naomi
- John Wilkes Booth: A Sister’s Memoir* – Clarke, Asia Booth
- Out of Darkness: the Story of Louis Braille* – Freedman, Russell
- The Childhood Story of Christy Brown* [previously *My Left Foot*] – Brown, Christy
- Madame Curie* – Curie, Eve
- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass* – Douglass, Frederick
- Barrio Boy* – Galarza, Ernesto
- Gandhi, Great Soul* – Severance, John
- The Story of My Life* – Keller, Helen
- The Woman Warrior* – Kingston, Maxine Hong
- Home Before Night* – Leonard, Hugh
- Winning Ways: A Photohistory of Women in Sports* – Macy, Sue
- Blue Highways* – Moon, William Least Heat
- Franklin Delano Roosevelt* – Freedman, Russell



*Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony* – Ward, Geoffrey

*Tall Chief: America's Prima Ballerina* – Tallchief, Maria

*Walden* – Thoreau, Henry David

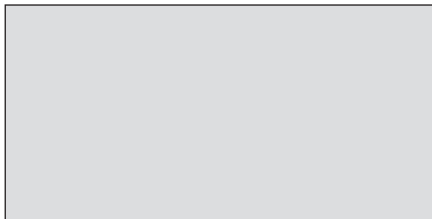
*Night* – Wiesel, Elie

*One Writer's Beginnings* – Welty, Eudora

*Passion to Know: The Scientists of Today's World* – Wilson, Mitchell

*The Right Stuff* – Wolfe, Tom

*Black Boy: A Record of Childhood and Youth* – Wright, Richard



## Questions?

*The Indiana Reading List is a suggested reading resource for students and teachers. Check with your local school to see if there is a required reading list. For additional information or questions, call the office of Program Development at 1.800.527.4930 or visit the Web site for the standards at: [www.doe.state.in.us/standards](http://www.doe.state.in.us/standards).*

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