

English Reading Selections & Character Lists
(to support work in weeks 1-4)

Grade 9	
Reading Selections	Some Characters
<p>Short Stories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Most Dangerous Game” by Richard Connell • “The Sniper” by Liam O’Flaherty • “Seabiscuit: An American Legend” by Laura Hillenbrand • “The Necklace” by Guy de Maupassant • “Two Kinds” by Amy Tan • “Through the Tunnel” by Doris Lessing • “The Lost Boys” <p>Novels/Book Club Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Speak</i> by Laurie Halse Anderson • <i>American Panda</i> by Gloria Chao • <i>Courage Has No Color - The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers</i> by Tanya Lee Stone • <i>Dry</i> by Neal Shusterman • <i>Children of Blood and Bone</i> by Tomi Adeyemi • <i>Love, Hate, & Other Filters</i> by Samira Ahmed • <i>Tyler Johnson was Here</i> by Jay Coles <p>Poetry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Odyssey</i> by Homer • “My Papa’s Waltz” by Theodore Roethke • “Seven Ages of Man” by William Shakespeare • “The Road Not Taken” by Robert Frost • “Hope is a Thing with Feathers” by Emily Dickinson • “miss rosie” by Lucille Clifton • “Not in a Silver Casket” by Edna St. Vincent Millay • “Grape Sherbet” by Rita Dove • “egg horror poem” by Laurel Winter • “Ode to my Socks” by Pablo Neruda <p>Drama</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> by William Shakespeare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jerry and his mother (Tunnel) • Mme Loisel (Necklace) • Loisel (Necklace) • Seabiscuit • Red Pollard • Sniper • Rainsford (Dangerous Game) • General Zaroff (Dangerous Game) • Miss Lottie (Marigolds) • Lizabeth (Marigolds) • Jin (American Born Chinese) • Monkey King (Am. Born Chinese) • Wei Chen (Am. Born Chinese) • Odysseus • Penelope • Telemachus • Characters from book clubs (look your book up online to remind yourself of the characters)
Grade 10	
Reading Selections	Some Characters
<p>Short Stories and Nonfiction Narratives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Everyday Use” by Alice Walker • “The Johnstown Flood” by David McCullough • “Shoofly Pie” by Naomi Shihab Nye • “The Possibility of Evil” by Shirley Jackson • “There Will Come Soft Rains” by Ray Bradbury • “The Seventh Man” by Haruki Murakami • “On Nuclear Disarmament” by Carl Sagan • “Farewell to Manzanar” by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston • “Montgomery Bus Boycott” by Coretta Scott King • “Quarantine” by Rahul Mehta <p>Novels/Memoir/Book Club Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> by Harper Lee • <i>Kindred</i> by Octavia E. Butler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scout Finch • Atticus Finch • Jem Finch • Boo Radley • Bob Ewell • Mayella Ewell • Mrs. Strangeworth • The 7th man • Ishmael Beah • Esther, the nurse • Lt. Jabati • Gertrude Quinn • Mattie and Johnny • Dana Franklin • Rufus Weylin

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Long Way Gone</i> by Ishmael Beah • <i>The Girl Who Fell From the Sky</i> by Heidi W. Durrow • <i>The Lines We Cross</i> by Randa Abdel-Fattah <p>Poetry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Theme for English B” by Langston Hughes • “Abandoned Farmhouse” by Ted Kooser • “There Will Come Soft Rains” by Sara Teasdale • “Courage” by Anne Sexton • “Mother to Son” by Langston Hughes • I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings” by Maya Angelou <p>Drama:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Macbeth</i> • <i>Julius Caesar</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Franklin • Margaret Weylin • Tom Weylin • Alice • Maggie • Dee (Wangero) • Mama • "Quarantine" narrator • Bapuji • Jeanne Wakatsuki <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characters from book clubs (look your book up online to remind yourself of the characters)
Grade 11	
Reading Selections	Some Characters
<p>Short Stories and Nonfiction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Devil and Tom Walker” by Washington Irving • “Self-Reliance” by Ralph Waldo Emerson • “Nature” by Ralph Waldo Emerson • “Walden” by Henry David Thoreau • “Civil Disobedience” by Henry David Thoreau • “Paradox and Dream” by John Steinbeck • “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God” by Jonathan Edwards <p>Novels/Book Club Options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Paper Towns</i> by John Green • <i>Perfect Escape</i> by Jennifer Brown • <i>Flowers for Algernon</i> by Daniel Keyes • <i>Joy Luck Club</i> Amy Tan • <i>The Blue Tattoo: The Life of Olive Oatman</i> by Margrot Mifflin • <i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck <p>Poetry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Mother to Son” by Langston Hughes • “Upon the Burning of Our House” by Anne Bradstreet • “Because I Could Not Stop for Death” by Emily Dickinson • “Song of Myself” by Walt Whitman • “I Hear American Singing” by Walt Whitman • “Psalm of Life” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow • “The Tide Rises, The Tide Falls” by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow • “The Raven” by Edgar Allan Poe • “Thanatopsis” by Willam Cullen Bryant <p>Drama:</p> <p><i>The Crucible</i> by Arthur Miller</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George • Lennie • Candy • Curley • Curley’s Wife <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abigail • Reverend Hale • John Proctor • Goody Proctor • Reverend Hale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “The Devil and T. Walker”: The devil, Tom Walker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Characters from book clubs (look your book up online to remind yourself of the characters)

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Character Traits List

absent-minded	disagreeable	leader	self-confident
adventurous	dreamy	loud	selfish
ambitious	dull	lovable	sensitive
awkward	energetic	loving	sentimental
boastful	fearful	loyal	serious
bold	fierce	mannerly	sharp-witted
bossy	fighter	mean	shiftless
brave	forgetful	messy	shrewd
busy	forgiving	mischievous	shy
calm	friendly	nagging	sneaky
carefree	fun-loving	neat	soft-hearted
careless	funny	obedient	spunky
caring	fussy	organized	stern
cautious	generous	outspoken	stingy
changeable	gentle	patient	stubborn
charming	gloomy	patriotic	studious
cheerful	greedy	playful	successful
clever	gullible	pleasant	superstitious
conceited	handsome	polite	suspicious
confused	happy	proud	talkative
considerate	hard-working	quarrelsome	thoughtful
contented	helpful	quick-tempered	timid
cooperative	honest	quiet	tough
courageous	humble	reasonable	trusting
cowardly	humorous	reckless	understanding
creative	imaginative	relaxed	unfriendly
cruel	independent	resourceful	unkind
curious	intelligent	respectful	unselfish
dainty	inventive	responsible	wild
daring	jolly	restless	wise
demanding	joyful	rude	witty
dependable	kind	sad	zany
determined	lazy	self-centered	