

Key Stage 5 Reading List

There is loads of good literature out there: but don't confine yourself to modern, popular fiction. The classics have a lot to offer you. As well as the suggested, try reading the books on which films are based!

Renaissance and Earlier

Poetry

Chaucer *The Canterbury Tales*

John Donne

George Herbert

Andrew Marvell

Shakespeare *The Sonnets*

Plays

Ben Jonson *The Alchemist*

Christopher Marlowe *Tamburlaine*

Shakespeare Tragedies: *Macbeth, King Lear*

Comedies: *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Histories: *Richard 11, Henry 1V*

Roman Plays: *Julius Caesar*

Stories

The Bible

Greek Myths

The 17th and 18th centuries and the Romantic Period

Poetry

William Blake

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

John Keats

John Milton

Percy Bysshe Shelley

William Wordsworth

Plays

William Congreve *The Way of the World*

Oliver Goldsmith *She Stoops to Conquer*

Middleton & Rowley *The Changeling*

Richard Sheridan

The Rivals

Novels

Jane Austen

Pride and Prejudice

Daniel Defoe

Moll Flanders

Henry Fielding

Tom Jones

Jonathan Swift

Gulliver's Travels

The 19th Century

Poetry

Matthew Arnold

Robert Browning

Thomas Hardy

Gerard Manley Hopkins

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Plays

Anton Chekov

The Cherry Orchard

Henrik Ibsen

Hedda Gabler

Oscar Wilde

The Importance of Being Earnest

Novels

Charlotte Bronte

Jane Eyre

Charles Dickens

David Copperfield

George Eliot

Mill on the Floss

Gustave Flaubert

Madame Bovary

Thomas Hardy

Tess of the D'Urbervilles

Henry James

Daisy Miller

Stendhal

Scarlet and Black

Count Tolstoy

Anna Karenina

Mark Twain

Huckleberry Finn

Edith Wharton

The Age of Innocence

The 20th-century onwards

Poetry

Fleur Adcock
Maya Angelou
Simon Armitage
W.H. Auden
Carol Ann Duffy
T.S. Eliot
Robert Frost
Tony Harrison
Seamus Heaney
Ted Hughes
Liz Lochhead
Elizabeth Jennings
Philip Larkin
D.H. Lawrence
Grace Nicholls
Wilfred Owen
Sylvia Plath
Dylan Thomas
W.B. Yeats

Plays

Samuel Becket	<i>Waiting for Godot</i>
Edward Bond	<i>Saved</i>
Caryl Churchill	<i>Top Girls</i>
Arthur Miller	<i>Death of a Salesman</i>
John Osbourne	<i>Look Back in Anger</i>
Harold Pinter	<i>The Birthday Party</i>
Peter Shaffer	<i>Equus</i>
George Bernard Shaw	<i>Pygmalion</i>
Tom Stoppard	<i>Travesties</i>
Arnold Wesker	<i>Roots</i>
Tennessee Williams	<i>Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i>

Novels

Monica Ali	<i>Brick Lane</i>
Kate Atkinson	<i>Behind the Scenes at the Museum</i>
Margaret Atwood	<i>Alias Grace</i>
J.G. Ballard	<i>The Empire of the Sun</i>
J.L. Carr	<i>A Month in the Country</i>
Angela Carter	<i>The Magic Toyshop</i>
Paulo Coelho	<i>The Alchemist</i>
Joseph Conrad	<i>Heart of Darkness</i>
Sebastian Faulks	<i>Birdsong</i>
E.M. Forster	<i>A Room with a View</i>
John Fowles	<i>The French Lieutenant's Woman</i>
Robert Graves	<i>Goodbye to All That</i>
Graham Greene	<i>Brighton Rock</i>
Joseph Heller	<i>Catch 22</i>
Ernest Hemingway	<i>For Whom the Bell Tolls</i>
Khaled Hosseini	<i>The Kite Runner</i>
Aldous Huxley	<i>Brave New World</i>
Kazuo Ishiguro	<i>The Remains of the Day</i>
Jack Kerouac	<i>On the Road</i>
James Joyce	<i>Dubliners</i>
D.H. Lawrence	<i>Sons and Lovers</i>
Primo Levi	<i>If this is a Man</i>
Daphne du Maurier	<i>Rebecca</i>
Ian McEwan	<i>A Child in Time</i>
Toni Morrison	<i>Beloved</i>
George Orwell	<i>Animal Farm</i>
Mervyn Peake	<i>Titus Groan</i>
Arundhati Roy	<i>The God of Small Things</i>
Jean Rhys	<i>Wide Sargasso Sea</i>
Bernard Schlink	<i>The Reader</i>
Rose Tremain	<i>Restoration</i>
Alice Walker	<i>The Color Purple</i>
Evelyn Waugh	<i>Brideshead Revisited</i>
Virginia Woolf	<i>To the Lighthouse</i>