



READING LIST for 2026-2027

(NOTE: Students must purchase/borrow copies of the full books, as we are not legally permitted to reproduce complete copies of books for proprietary reasons. On the next page, we have supplied purchase links. Students are not required to purchase books used for excerpts, essays, letters, or poetry as the portions needed will be in their lesson material.)

Full Works (listed in order of need):

- *Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography* • Weeks 4-5
- *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens • Week 12
- *The Time Machine*, by H.G. Wells • Weeks 14-15
- *Animal Farm*, by George Orwell • Weeks 16-17
- *Hiroshima*, by John Hersey • Weeks 21-22
- *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury • Weeks 22-24
- *The Fellowship of the Ring*, by J.R.R. Tolkien • Weeks 25-28
- Biography of CHOICE • Week 30-32

***note** – students will also need access to any film rendition of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* to watch on Week 13.

Excerpts, Short Stories, Essays, and Letters (listed in alphabetical order by title):

- “A Call for Unity” – Letter by Clergyman to Martin Luther King Jr.
- *A Raisin in the Sun*, by Lorraine Hansberry
- “Civil Disobedience,” by Henry David Thoreau
- *Doctor Faustus*, by Christopher Marlowe
- “Fenimore Cooper's Literary Offenses,” by Mark Twain
- *Gulliver's Travels & A Modest Proposal*, by Jonathan Swift
- “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” by Martin Luther King Jr.
- *On Liberty*, by John Stuart Mill
- “Poetry” & “Will Strunk,” by E.B. White
- *The Scarlet Letter*, by Nathaniel Hawthorne

Poetry (listed in alphabetical order by poet):

- Alfred Lord Tennyson
- *Beowulf*
- Edmund Spenser
- George Herbert
- Langston Hughes
- John Keats
- John Milton
- J.R.R. Tolkien
- Robert Burns
- T.S. Eliot
- Wallace Stevens
- William Shakespeare



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PURCHASE LINKS

(for guidance only; purchase from your favorite book shop!)

- ***Benjamin Franklin's Autobiography***

- AMAZON: http://www.amazon.com/Autobiography-Benjamin-Franklin-Thrift-Editions/dp/0486290735/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1462909827&sr=1-1&keywords=benjamin+franklin+autobiography

- ***A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens***

- AMAZON: https://www.amazon.com/Christmas-Carol-Original-Classic-Charles/dp/1981769803/ref=sr_1_3?crid=3QL8OIYIZQ94T&dchild=1&keywords=a+christmas+carol+charles+dickens&qid=1615057836&prefix=A+Christmas+Carol+Charles+Di%2Caps%2C-1&sr=8-3

- ***The Time Machine, by H.G. Wells***

- AMAZON: http://www.amazon.com/Time-Machine-Dover-Thrift-Editions/dp/0486284727/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1462909955&sr=1-2&keywords=the+time+machine

- ***Animal Farm, by George Orwell***

- AMAZON: <https://www.amazon.com/Animal-Farm-George-Orwell/dp/0452284244>

- ***Hiroshima, by John Hershey***

- AMAZON: <https://www.amazon.com/Hiroshima-John-Hersey/dp/0679721037>

- ***Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury**

- AMAZON: http://www.amazon.com/Fahrenheit-451-Novel-Ray-Bradbury/dp/1451673310/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1462909879&sr=1-1&keywords=fahrenheit+451

- ***The Fellowship of the Ring*, by J.R.R. Tolkien**

- AMAZON: http://www.amazon.com/Fellowship-Ring-Being-First-Rings/dp/0547928211/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1462909917&sr=1-1&keywords=the+fellowship+of+the+ring