



## Level 4 Grades 9 – 12

# Indiana Reading List

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, Ray  
*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  
*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

Selections from *Born of a Woman* –  
Knightbridge, Etheridge

*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  
*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* – Eisle, 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  
*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  
*A Mathematician’s Apology* – Hardy, G. H.  
*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

## Magazines/Newspapers

*Audubon Magazine*

*Business Week*

*Consumer Reports*

*National Geographic*

*Natural History*

*The New York Times*

*Newsweek*

*Popular Mechanics*

*Scientific American*

*Smithsonian*

*Sports Illustrated*

*Time*

*The Wall Street Journal*

## Reference Tools (in printed and electronic format)

### Atlas/Almanac, such as:

Printed: *National Geographic Atlas of the World; World Almanac and Book of Facts 2000*

CD-ROM: *Microsoft Encarta Interactive World Atlas 2001*

Online: The Worldfact Book ([www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/](http://www.odci.gov/cia/publications/factbook/))

### Dictionary, such as:

Printed: *DK Illustrated Oxford Dictionary; Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary; Oxford English Dictionary*

CD-ROM: *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*

Online: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary ([www.m-w.com](http://www.m-w.com))

### Encyclopedia, such as:

Printed: *Compton's Encyclopedia*

CD-ROM: *Encyclopedia Britannica 2000 Deluxe; Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia 2001*

Online: Encarta ([www.encarta.msn.com](http://www.encarta.msn.com)); Britannica ([www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com))

### Other Resources, such as:

Printed: *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations; College Placement Annual; Scientists: The Lives and Works of 150 Scientists; United States Government Manual; Worldmark Encyclopedia of the States*

Online: Internet Public Library Reference Center ([www.ipl.org/ref](http://www.ipl.org/ref)); Research-It! ([www.itools.com/research-it](http://www.itools.com/research-it))

### Thesaurus, such as:

Printed: *The American Heritage Student Thesaurus; Bartlett's Roget's Thesaurus*

CD-ROM: *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Thesaurus*

Online: Merriam-Webster Online Thesaurus ([www.m-w.com](http://www.m-w.com))

## Informational, Technical, and Practical Documents

Applications: job, college admission, college financial aid, consumer loan, credit card

Catalogs

Help-Wanted Advertisements

Indiana Drivers Manual

Invoices

Lease/Rental Agreements: apartment, automobile

Letters: personal, business

Loan Agreements: credit card, consumer loan

Manuals: computer, electronic equipment, appliance, automotive

Medical Records

Military Enrollment Forms

Periodic Financial Statements: checking account, savings account, loan, credit card

Reports: stock and mutual funds, corporate financial, local/state/federal government

Resumes

Travel Schedules and Itineraries

Voter Registration and Ballots

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## Questions?

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