

2023 AP English Literature Exam

Summer Reading Assignment Texts

A

Absalom, Absalom by William Faulkner
Adam Bede by George Eliot
The Adventures of Augie March by Saul Bellow
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton
Alentejo Blue by Monica Ali
Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood
All Over Creation by Ruth Ozeki
All the King's Men by Robert Penn Warren
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
All the Pretty Horses by Cormac McCarthy
America is in the Heart by Carlos Bulosan
An American Tragedy by Theodore Dreiser
American Pastoral by Philip Roth
Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy
Another Country by James Baldwin
Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz by Mordecai Richler
Armies of the Night by Norman Mailer
As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner
Atonement by Ian McEwan
Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man by James Weldon Johnson
The Awakening by Kate Chopin

B

Beloved by Toni Morrison
A Bend in the River by V. S. Naipaul
Bleak House by Charles Dickens
Bless Me, Ultima by Rudolfo Anaya
The Blind Assassin by Margaret Atwood
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
Bone: A Novel by Fae M. Ng
The Bonesetter's Daughter by Amy Tan
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Breath, Eyes, Memory by Edwidge Danticat
Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Díaz
Brighton Rock by Graham Greene
Broken for You by Stephanie Kallos
Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín
Brown Girl, Brownstones by Paule Marshall
The Burgess Boys by Elizabeth Strout
By the Way, Meet Vera Stark by Lynn Nottage

C

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
Cat's Eye by Margaret Atwood
Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko
The Chosen by Chaim Potok
Cider House Rules by John Irving
Cold Mountain by Charles Frazier
The Color Purple by Alice Walker
Coming Through Slaughter by Michael Ondaatje
The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas
Cry, The Beloved Country by Alan Paton
The Crossing by Cormac McCarthy

D

Daisy Miller by Henry James
David Copperfield by Charles Dickens
The Dew Breaker by Edwidge Danticat
Digging to America by Ann Tyler
Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant by Anne Tyler
Disgrace by J. M. Coetzee
The Dispossessed by Ursula K. Le Guin
Dominicana: A Novel by Angie Cruz
Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes
The Dragon Can't Dance by Earl Lovelace
Dreaming in Cuban by Cristina Garcia
Dracula by Bram Stoker

E

East of Eden by John Steinbeck
The Edible Woman by Margaret Atwood
Elmet by Fiona Mozley
Emma by Jane Austen
The English Patient by Michael Ondaatje

Ethan Frome by Edith Wharton
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer

F

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury
A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
Fifth Business by Robertson Davis
A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry
The Fixer by Bernard Malamud
For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway
A Free Life: A Novel by Ha Jin

G

A Gathering of Old Men by Ernest Gaines
A Gesture Life by Chang-Rae Lee
Giovanni's Room by James Baldwin
The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy
The Goldfinch by Donna Tartt
The Good Soldier by Ford Maddox Ford
The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
Grendel by John Gardner
Go Tell It on the Mountain by James Baldwin
Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

H

Half of a Yellow Sun by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood

A Handful of Dust by Evelyn Waugh
The Heart of the Matter by Graham Greene
A High Wind in Jamaica by Richard Hughes
Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi
Home to Harlem by Claude McKay
Hope Leslie, or, Early Times in the Massachusetts by Catharine Maria Sedgwick
A House for Mr. Biswas by V. S. Naipul
House Made of Dawn by N Scott Momaday
The House of Mirth by Edith Wharton
The House of Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne
The House of the Spirits by Isabel Allende
Housekeeping: A Novel by Marilynne Robinson
Howard's End by E. M. Forster
The Hummingbird's Daughter by Luis Alberto Urea

I

If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin
The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai
Interior Chinatown by Charles Yu
In the Lake of the Woods by Tim O'Brien
In the Time of Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
Invisible Man by Ralph Ellison

J

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
Jasmine by Bharati Mukherjee
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan
Joseph Andrews by Henry Fielding
The Joys of Motherhood by Buchi Emecheta
Jude the Obscure by Thomas Hardy

K

Kafka on the Shore by Haruki Murakami
Kindred by Octavia Butler
The Known World by Edward P. Jones

L

The Last of the Menu Girls by Denise Chávez
Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper
A Lesson before Dying by Ernest Gaines
Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann
Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Light in August by William Faulkner
Lila by Marilynne Robinson
Linden Hills by Gloria Naylor
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng
Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (08)
Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov
Look Homeward, Angel by Thomas Wolfe
Lord Jim by Joseph Conrad
Love Medicine by Louise Erdrich
Lucy by Jamaica Kincaid

M

Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert
Maggie: A Girl of the Streets by Stephen Crane
Main Street by Sinclair Lewis
Mama Day by Gloria Naylor
Mansfield Park by Jane Austen
The Mayor of Casterbridge by Thomas Hardy

The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards
Middlemarch by George Eliot
Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides
Middle Passage by V. S. Naipaul
Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie
The Mill on the Floss by George Eliot
The Miraculous Day of Amalia Gómez by John Rechy
Moby Dick by Herman Melville
Moll Flanders by Daniel Defoe
Monkey Bridge by Lan Cao
The Moor's Last Sigh by Salman Rushdie
Mrs. Dalloway by Virginia Woolf
My Ántonia by Willa Cather
My Name is Asher Lev by Chaim Potok

N

The Namesake by Jhumpa Lahiri
Native Son by Richard Wright
Native Speaker by Chang-Rae Lee
Nervous Conditions by Tsitsi Dangarembga
Never Let Me Go by Kazuo Ishiguro
The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
No Country for Old Men by Cormac McCarthy
No-No Boy by John Okada
Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen

O

Obasan by Joy Kogawa
The Octopus by Frank Norris
Old School by Tobias Wolff
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest by Ken Kesey

One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
On Such a Fell Sea by Chang Rae Lee
O Pioneers! by Willa Cather
The Optimist's Daughter by Eudora Welty (94)
The Orestia by Aeschylus or the new version by Robert Icke
Orlando: A Biography by Virginia Woolf
Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood
The Other by Thomas Tryon
Out of Africa by Isaak Dinesen

P

Pale Fire by Vladimir Nabokov
Pamela by Samuel Richardson
Parable of the Sower by Octavia Butler
A Passage to India by E. M. Forster
Paradise Lost by John Milton
Passing by Nella Larsen
Persuasion by Jane Austen
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde
Pnin by Vladimir Nabokov
Pocho by Jose Antonio Villarreal
The Poisonwood Bible by Barbara Kingsolver
Portrait of a Lady by Henry James
Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man by James Joyce
The Power and the Glory by Graham Greene
The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay
Praisesong for the Widow by Paule Marshall
A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

R

Ragtime by E. L. Doctorow
The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro
Reservation Blues by Sherman Alexie
The Return of the Native by Thomas Hardy
A River Runs Through It by Norman Maclean
The Road by Cormac McCarthy
Robinson Crusoe by Daniel Defoe
A Room with a View by E. M. Forster
The Round House by Louise Erdrich

S

Saturday by Ian McEwan
The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd
Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
The Shipping News by E. Annie Proulx
Silas Marner by George Eliot
Sing, Unburied, Sing: A Novel by Jesmyn Ward
Sister Carrie by Theodore Dreiser
Sister of My Heart by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
Slaughterhouse Five by Kurt Vonnegut
Snow by Orhan Pamuk
Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
Sophie's Choice by William Styron
The Sorrows of Young Werther by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
The Sound and the Fury by William Faulkner
Southernmost by Silas House
The Stone Angel by Margaret Laurence
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski
The Street by Ann Petry
Sula by Toni Morrison
Surfacing by Margaret Atwood
The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway

T

A Tale for the Time Being by Ruth Ozeki
The Tenant of Wildfell Hall by Anne Bronte
Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston
There There by Tommy Orange
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien
A Thousand Acres by Jane Smiley
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
To the Lighthouse by Virginia Woolf
Tom Jones by Henry Fielding

U

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe

V

Vanity Fair by William Makepeace Thackeray

W

Washington Black by Esi Edugyan

We Were the Mulvaneys by Joyce Carol Oates

When the Emperor Was Divine by Julie Otsuka

The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga

Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston

The Women of Brewster Place by Gloria Naylor

Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

Y

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water by Michael Dorris

Z

Zoot Suit by Luis Valdez

Pulitzer Prize, Fiction: <https://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/219>

National Book Award, Fiction:

<https://www.nationalbook.org/national-book-awards/search/?type=category&search=fiction>

The International Booker Prize: <https://thebookerprizes.com/the-booker-prize>