



THE KING'S ACADEMY

English Literature List 2025-2026

<u>Class</u>	<u>Text</u>
6th Grade	<i>The Wanderings of Odysseus</i> translated by Rosemary Sutcliff <i>Soul Surfer</i> by Bethany Hamilton <i>No Fear Shakespeare: Julius Caesar</i> by William Shakespeare Assorted Short Stories, Poems, and Nonfiction Selections from the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Literature Anthology: <i>Into Literature Level 6</i>
7th Grade	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> play adaptation by Charles Dickens <i>Inside Out and Back Again</i> by Thanhà Lai <i>The Light in Hidden Places</i> by Sharon Cameron <i>The Giver</i> by Lois Lowry Assorted Short Stories, Poems, and Nonfiction Selections from the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Literature Anthology: <i>Into Literature Level 7</i>
8th Grade	<i>Nothing But the Truth</i> by Avi <i>Trifles</i> by Susan Glaspell <i>Farewell to Manzanar</i> by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston <i>Great American Speeches: Various American voices through the decades</i> Assorted Short Stories, Poems, and Nonfiction Selections from the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Literature Anthology: <i>Into Literature Level 8</i>
English 9	<i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> by William Shakespeare <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jaqueline Woodson <i>Snow Falling in Spring: Coming of Age in China During the Cultural Revolution</i> by Moying Li Assorted Short Stories, Poems, and Nonfiction Selections from the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Literature Anthology: <i>Into Literature Level 9</i>
English 9H	<i>Snow Falling in Spring: Coming of Age in China During the Cultural Revolution</i> by Moying Li <i>Brown Girl Dreaming</i> by Jaqueline Woodson <i>Animal Farm</i> by George Orwell <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> by William Shakespeare <i>Everything Sad is Untrue</i> by Daniel Nayeri <i>Assorted Short Stories, Poems, and Nonfiction Selections</i>
English 10	<i>David & Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants</i> by Malcolm Gladwell <i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel <i>Othello</i> by William Shakespeare <i>Purple Hibiscus</i> by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie <i>Assorted Short Stories, Poems, and Nonfiction Selections</i>
English 10H	<i>David and Goliath: Underdogs, Misfits, and the Art of Battling Giants</i> by Malcolm Gladwell <i>Things Fall Apart</i> by Chinua Achebe <i>Othello</i> by William Shakespeare <i>Night</i> by Elie Wiesel <i>Assorted Short Stories, Poems, and Nonfiction Selections</i>
American Literature Option for 11th or 12th grade	<i>The Crucible</i> by Arthur Miller <i>Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass</i> by Frederick Douglass <i>Of Mice and Men</i> by John Steinbeck <i>The Great Gatsby</i> by F. Scott Fitzgerald

When the Emperor was Divine by Julie Otsuka

British Literature

Option for 11th or 12th grade

Beowulf translated as translated by Seamus Heaney

Tales of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table by Andrew Lang

Selected Canterbury Tales by Geoffrey Chaucer

Hamlet by William Shakespeare

Selections from Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Selected Modern British Poetry by Seamus Heaney, Jackie Kay, and others

Selections from Henry V & Much Ado About Nothing by William Shakespeare

Simply Said: How to Communicate Better at Work and Beyond by Jay Sullivan

Assorted Short Stories, Poems, and Nonfiction Selections

AP English Language

Option for 11th or 12th grade

Excerpts from the following:

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller

Republic by Plato

Nicomachean Ethics by Aristotle

Crazy Horse: A Life by Larry McMurtry

Everything's An Argument, eds. Lunsford & Ruskiewicz

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass by Frederick Douglass

Assorted Short Stories, Essays, Poems, and Nonfiction Selections

AP Literature and Composition

Option for 11th or 12th grade

Selections vary based on AP College Board recommendations and teacher insights; titles for this course have included but are not limited to:

How to Read Literature Like a Professor by Thomas Foster

The Illiad by Homer

Shakespeare's Tragedies: Hamlet, Lear, and/or MacBeth

Oedipus & Antigone by Sophocles

Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Interior China Town by Charles Yu

A Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry

Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller

Brave New World by Aldous Huxley

The Remains of the Day Kazuo Ishiguro

Oh Pioneers! by Willa Cather

Various poetry and selections from larger works

Free choice novel in verse

Free choice modern fiction text

JH Debate

Assorted speeches, short stories, dramas, and poems (from the National Speech and Debate League)

JH Speaking With Confidence

The Complete Book of Speech Communication (Meriwether Publishing)

HS Creative Writing

Selected Fiction and Nonfiction

HS Public Speaking & Debate

Various sources including: *Everything's an Argument* by Lunsford handbooks, *Speech* by Glencoe, and the League Policy Debate Handbook