

Secondary English Language Arts Curriculum Standards Guide:

Secondary Course Assigned Literature Book List Updated July 2023

This Literature Book List was first prepared by the High School Literature Committee during the school year 2008-2009. This list was revisited by some members of the 2023 ELA committee plus a number of other high school faculty members in the spring of 2023. Throughout the course of the 2022-2023 school year, the list will continue to be slightly revised with recommendations from the 2022-2023 committee. This revised list also includes Lexile scores for the books for which Lexile scores are available. Lexile scores help teachers, students, and parents ensure that a student is reading a text that is appropriate for their reading ability level.

The Secondary Book List is in alphabetical order with the grade indicated as a minimum class level for use: "F" indicates fiction; "NF" indicates non-fiction. Parents always have the prerogative to request a different selection should they have objections to the required selection. The Literature List will continue to be updated periodically.

Books	Author	Minimum Class Level	Lexile Score
12 Angry Men (F)	Rose, Reginald	9+	NP
1984 (F)	Orwell, George	10+	1090L
7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens (NF)	Covey, Sean	9+	870L
A Christmas Carol (F)	Charles Dickens	9+	900L
A Doll's House (NF)	Ibsen, Henrik	AP	NP
A Farewell To Arms (F)	Hemingway, Ernest	11+	730L
A Handful of Dust (F)	Waugh, Evelyn	12AP	
A House Made of Dawn	Momaday, N. Scott	11AP	970L
A Lesson Before Dying (F)	Gaines, Ernest	9+	750L
A Long Way Gone (NF)	Beah, Ishmael	9+	920L
A Man for All Seasons (F)	Bolt, Robert	12+	NP
A Midwife's Story (F)		10+	
A Night to Remember (NF)	Lord, Walter	9+	950L
A Noble Treason: The Story of Sophie Scholl	Hanser, Richard	12	
A Passage to India (F)	Forster, EM	12AP	830L
A Portrait of the Artist As A Young Man (F)	Joyce, James	12AP	1120L
A Raisin in the Sun (F)	Hansberry, Lorraine	11+	NP
A Separate Peace (F)	Knowles, John	9+	1110L
A Star Called Henry (F)	Doyle, Roddy	12+	
A Streetcar Named Desire (F)	Williams, Tennessee	11+	NP
A Tale of Two Cities (F)	Dickens, Charles	10H+	790L
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (F)	Smith, Betty	9H+	810L
Across the Nightingale Floor (F)	Hearn, Lian	11+	840L
All But My Life (NF)	Klein, Gerda	11+	780L
All Quiet on the Western Front (F)	Remarque, Erich Maria	10+	830L
And Then there were None (F)	Christie, Agatha	9+	570L
And You Are Christ's (NF)	Dubay, Thomas	11	
Animal Farm (F)	Orwell, George	9+	1170L
Antigone (F)	Sophocles	9H+	NP
Atonement (F)	McEwan, Ian	12+	
Becket (F)	Anouilh, Jean	12+	NP
Beowulf (F)		10+	NP
Bleachers (F)	Grisham, John	10+	
Blessed Mother Teresa: Her Journey to Your Heart	Mundakel, TT	9+	
Bound Feet and Western Dress (NF)	Chang, Pang-Mei Natasha	11	
Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest fo	Daniel James Brown	11+	1260L
Boy's Life	McCammon, Robert R	9+	780L
Brave New World (F)	Huxley, Aldous	12+	870L
Breakfast of Champions (F)	Vonnegut, Kurt	10+	930L

Brighton Rock (F)	Green, Graham	12AP	680L
Bury my Heart at Wounded Knee (NF)	Brown, Dee	11+	1080L
Called to Love (NF)	Anderson, Carl; Granados, Jose	11	
Candide (F)	Voltaire, Francois	12+	1110L
Cannery Row (F)	Steinbeck, John	11+	930L
Captains and Kings (F)	Caldwell, Taylor	11+	
Cat On a Hot Tin Roof (F)	Williams, Tennessee	11+	NP
Catch 22 (F)	Heller, Joseph	11H+	1140L
Cat's Cradle (F)	Vonnegut, Kurt	12+	790L
Chekhov's Plays (F)	Chekhov, Anton	12AP	NP
Christy (F)	Marshall, Catherine	9+	930L
Collaborator of Bethlehem (F)	Rees, Matt Beynon	11+	
Complete Stories	O'Connor, Flannery	12	890L
Conspiracy of Paper (F)	Liss, David	12H+	
Crime and Punishment (F)	Dostoevsky, Fyodor	10+	900L
Cry The Beloved Country (F)	Paton, Alan	10H+	860L
Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night (F)	Haddon, Mark	10+	1180L
Cyrano de Bergerac (F)	Rostand, Edmond	10	750L
Daisy Miller (F)	James, Henry	11AP+	850L
Dead Man Walking (NF)	Prejean, Helen	11+	1140L
Death be not Proud (NF)	Gunther, John	9+	1060L
Death Comes for The Archbishop (F)	Cather, Willa	9H+	1159L
Death Coming Up The Hill	Chris Crowe	9+	930L
Death of Ivan Ilych (F)	Tolstoy, Leo	10	1010L
Demian (F)	Hesse, Hermann	12+	1010L
Derby Girl (F)	Cross, Shauna	11+	930L
Different Seasons (F)	King, Stepehn	12AP	890L
Don Quixote (F)	de Cervantes, Miguel	10	1480L
Dr. Faustus (F)	Marlowe, Christopher	12AP	
Dr. Zhivago	Pasternak, Boris	10+	1010L
Dracula (F)	Stoker, Bram	12+	
Dubliners (F)	Joyce, James	10H+	910L
East of Eden (F)	Steinbeck, John	12AP	700L
Edmund Campion (NF)	Evelyn Waugh	10	
Eleanor and Franklin (NF)	Lash, Joseph	11+	1340L
Eleven Seconds (NF)	Roy, Travis	11+	
Emma (F)	Austen, Jane	12AP	990L
Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card		780L
Ethan Frome (F)	Wharton, Edith	11AP+	820L
Evangeline (F)	Longefellow, Henry Wadsworth	10H+	NP
Everlasting Man (NF)	Chesterton, GK	10	
Everybody See the Ants (F)	King, AS	9+	HL710L
Everyman (F)		9+	
Exodus (F)	Uris, Leon	11H+	920L
Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close (F)	Foer, Jonathan	9+	940L
Fahrenheit 451 (F)	Bradbury, Ray	9+	800L
Fast Food Nation (NF)	Edwards, Lynda	11+	360L
Father Elijah	O'Brien, Michael	9+	
Faust (F)	Wolfgang von Goethe, Johann	10	NP
Five Loaves and Two Fish (NF)	Nguyen Van Thuan, Francis Xavier	11	
Flight (F)	Alexie, Sherman	11+	550L
For One More Day (F)	Albom, Mitch	11+	
For Whom the Bell Tolls (F)	Hemingway, Ernest	10H+	840L
Forget Not Love (NF)	Frossard, Andre	10	
Fountainhead (F)	Rand, Ayn	11+	780L
Frankenstein (F)	Shelley, Mary	9+	1050L
Franny and Zooey (F)	Salinger, JD	12+	990L
Galapagos (F)	Vonnegut, Kurt	11+	
Gone with the Wind (F)	Mitchell, Margaret	9+	1100L

Great Expectations (F)	Dickens, Charles	9+	1150L
Grendel (F)	Gardner, John	12	920L
Gulliver's Travels (F)	Harvey, Gill	10+	460L
Hamlet (F)	Shakespeare, William	10+	1390L
Hard Times (F)	Dickens, Charles	12	760L
Haroun and the Sea of Stories (F)	Rushdie, Salman	AP	940L
Have a Little Faith: A True Story	Albom, Mitch	10+	
Heart of Darkness (F)	Conrad, Joseph	12	1050L
Hedda Gabler	Henrik Ibsen		NP
Henry V (F)	Shakespeare, William	AP	NP
Hero with a Thousand Faces (NF)	Campbell, Joseph	AP	
Hound of the Baskervilles (F)	Doyle, Arthur Conan	10	980L
House at Riverton (F)	Morton, Kate	11+	
House of Mirth (F)	Wharton, Edith	11+	1230L
House of the Seven Gables (F)	Hawthorne, Nathaniel	11+	1320L
House on Mango Street (F)	Cisneros, Sandra	9+	870L
I am Malala	Yousafzai, Malala	10+	1000L
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (NF)	Angelou, Maya	For Mature Readers Only	1330L
Inherit the Wind (F)	Lawrence, Jerome	9+	850L
Into the Wild (NF)	Cohen, Della	11+	320L
Into Thin Air (NF)	Krakauer, Jon	10+	1320L
Introduction to the Devout Life (NF)	de Sales, Francis	11	
Intruder in the Dust (F)	Faulkner, William	10+	
Invisible Man (F)	Wells, HG	AP+	960L
Ishmael (F)	Quinn, Daniel	11H+	
Island of the World	O'Brien, Michael	9+	
Ivanhoe (F)	Scott, Walter	10+	1410L
Jamaica Inn (F)	du Maurier, Daphne	11+	1070L
Jane Eyre (F)	Bronte, Charlotte	9+	890L
Jasmine (F)		10+	
Joan of Arc (F)	Twain, Mark	10	720L
Journey to the Sun	Orfalea, Gregory		
Julius Caesar (F)	Shakespeare, William	10+	NP
Junipero Serra			
Just Mercy (NF)	Bryan Stevenson	11+	1130L
King Lear (F)	Shakespeare, William	AP	NP
Kisses From Katie (NF)	Davis, Katie	9+	
La Maravilla (F)	Vea, Alfredo	11+	
Lathe of Heaven	Le Guin, Ursula	AP	
Left to Tell (NF)	Ilibagiza, Immaculee	9+	
Lepanto (NF)	Chesterton, GK	10	
Life of Pi (F)	Martel, Yann	10+	830L
Light in August (F)	Faulkner, William	11+	
Lord of the Flies (F)	Golding, William	9+	770L
Macbeth (F)	Shakespeare, William	10+	NP
Man's Search for Meaning (NF)	Frankl, Viktor	10	
Marley and Me (NF)	Grogan, John	9	1050L
Me Talk Pretty One Day (NF)		12+	
Measure for Measure (F)	Shakespeare, William	AP	NP
Medea (F)	Euripides	9	1000L
Metamorphosis (F)	Kafka, Franz	10+	1340L
Midsummer Night's Dream (F)	Shakespeare, William	9	NP
Moby Dick (F)	Melville, Herman	AP+	1230L
Montana 1948 (F)	Watson, Larry	9H+	940L
Morte d'Arthur (F)	Malory, Thomas	12+	1200L
Mr. Blue (F)	Connolly, Myles	10	
Much Ado About Nothing (F)	Shakespeare, William	10+	NP
Murder in the Cathedral	Eliot, TS	12	NP

Murder on the Orient Express (F)	Christie, Agatha	9+	640L
Murders in the Rue Morgue (F)	Poe, Edgar Allen	9+	750L
My Antonia (F)	Cather, Willa	9+	1010L
My Sister's Keeper (F)	Picoult, Jodi	11+	840L
Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (NF)	Douglass, Frederick	11+	1040L
Native Son (F)	Wright, Richard	11H+	700L
Nectar in a Sieve (F)	Markandaya, Kamala	9H+	900L
Never Cry Wolf (NF)	Mowat, Farley	10+	1330L
Never Let Me Go (F)	Ishiguro, Kazuo	12+	
Nowhere	Gaiman, Neil	12	760L
Night (NF)	Wiesel, Elie	9+	570L
Nine Coaches Waiting (F)	Stewart, Mary	10+	890L
Nineteen Minutes (F)	Picoult, Jodi	11+	890L
Nisei Daughter	Monica Sone		
Nothing But the Truth	Avi		NP
Oedipus the King (F)	Sophocles	9+	NP
Of Love and Other Demons (F)	Garcia Marquez, Gabriel	AP	
Of Mice and Men (F)	Steinbeck, John	9H+	630L
Old Man and The Sea (F)	Hemingway, Ernest	10+	940L
Oliver Twist (F)	Dickens, Charles	10+	1000L
On Writing (NF)	Stephen King	9+	1130L
Once and Future King (F)	White, TH	AP	1080L
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (F)	Kesey, Ken	11+	1110L
One Hundred Years of Solitude (F)	Garcia Marquez, Gabriel	AP	1410L
Ordinary People	Guest, Judith	12	600L
Othello (F)	Shakespeare, William	10H+	NP
Our Town (F)	Wilder, Thornton	AP+	NP
Outliers (NF)	Malcolm Gladwell	10+	1080L
Paradise Lost (F)	Milton, John	11	NP
Persuasion (F)	Austen, Jane	AP	1120L
Poetics (F)	Aristotle	11	1410L
Pride and Prejudice (F)	Austen, Jane	10+	1100L
Profiles in Courage (NF)	Kennedy, John F	12+	1410L
Pygmalion (F)	Shaw, Bernard	9H+	NP
Quiet Strength (NF)	Dungy, Tony	11+	1010L
Quo Vadis	Sienkiewicz, Henryk		850L
Rebecca (F)	du Maurier, Daphne	10+	880L
Return of the Native	Hardy, Thomas	9+	1040L
Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming	Nouwen, Henri	10+	
Richard III (F)	Shakespeare, William	AP	NP
Robinson Crusoe (F)	Defoe, Daniel	10+	1320L
Romeo and Juliet (F)	Shakespeare, William	9+	NP
Saint John Paul the Great: His Five Loves (NF)	Evert, Jason	9	
Seabiscuit: An American Legend (NF)	Hillenbrand, Laura	AP+	990L
Seize the Day (F)	Bellow, Saul	AP	
She Plays With The Darkness (F)		AP	
Shoeless Joe (F)	Kinsella, WP	9	1020L
Siddhartha (F)	Hesse, Hermann	AP	1010L
Silas Marner (F)	Eliot, George	9H+	1310L
Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (F)	Morpurgo, Michael	10	1050L
Slaughterhouse Five (F)	Vonnegut, Kurt	11+	850L
Snow Country (F)	Kawabata, Yasunari	10+	820L
Song for Nagasaki (NF)	Glynn, Paul	10	
Song of Bernadette	Werfel, Franz	9+	
Song of Roland (NF)	Tuold	10	
Sophia House	O'Brien, Michael	9+	
Sorta Like a Rock Star (F)	Quick, Matthew	9+	1030L
Speak (F)		9+	
Sula (F)	Morrison, Toni	AP	1050L

Sunrise Over Fallujah	Myers, Walter Dean	9+	780L
Survival in Auschwitz (NF)	Levi, Primo	AP	
Swallows and Amazons (F)	Ransome, Arthur	9	800L
Taming of the Shrew (F)	Shakespeare, William	10+	NP
Tess of the D'Urbervilles (F)	Hardy, Thomas	AP	1110L
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (F)	Twain, Mark	10+	980L
The Aeneid (F)	Virgil	10H+	NP
The Alchemist (F)	Coelho, Paulo	9+	910L
The Annotated Mona Lisa (F)		AP	
The Attack (F)	Khadra, Yasmine	AP	
The Bean Trees (F)	Kingsolver, Barbara	9+	900L
The Bluest Eye (F)	Morrison, Toni	10+	920L
The Book of Evidence	Banville, John	AP	
The Book Thief (F)	Zusak, Markus	9+	730L
The Brothers Karamazov	Dostoevsky, Fyodor	9+	1150L
The Canterbury Tales (F)	Chaucer, Geoffrey	10+	NP
The Catcher in the Rye (F)	Salinger, JD	11+	790L
The Cellist of Sarajevo (F)	Steven Galloway	9+	470L
The Chosen (F)	Potok, Chaim	9	900L
The Chronicle of a Death Foretold	Garcia Marquez, Gabriel	AP	1270L
The Citadel (F)	Cronin, AJ	10H+	
The Collector (F)	Fowles, John	12+	670L
The Confessions (NF)	Augustine of Hippo	9	1270L
The Count of Monte Cristo (F)	Dumas, Alexandre	9+	1080L
The Crucible (F)	Miller, Arthur	11+	NP
The Dark Frigate (F)	Hawes, Charles	9	1160L
The Death of a Salesman (F)	Miller, Arthur	11+	NP
The Divine Comedy: (F)	Alighieri, Dante	10+	1220L
The Entitled (NF)	Deford, Frank	11+	
The Fellowship of the Ring (F)	Tolkien, JRR	9	860L
The Five People you Meet in Heaven (F)	Albom, Mitch	9+	780L
The Girl with a Pearl Earring (F)	Chevalier, Tracy	10+	770L
The Glass Castle (NF)	Walls, Jeannette	12+	1010L
The Glass Menagerie (F)	Williams, Tennessee	9+	NP
The Grapes of Wrath (F)	Steinbeck, John	11+	680L
The Great Divorce (F)	Lewis, CS	10	
The Great Gatsby (F)	Fitzgerald, F. Scott	11+	1070L
The Hidden Wound (NF)	Berry, Wendell	11+	
The Hiding Place (NF)	Boom, Corrie Ten	9+	900L
The Hobbit (F)	Tolkien, JRR	9H+	1030L
The Hot Zone (NF)	Preston, Richard	11	1030L
The Hunchback of Notre Dame (F)	Hugo, Victor	9H+	1340L
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks	Skloot, Rebecca	10+	1140L
The Importance of Being Earnest (F)	Wilde, Oscar	10+	NP
The Innocent Man (NF)	Grisham, John	11+	
The Jeweler's Shop (NF)	Pope John Paul II	11	NP
The Journey of Our Love: The Letters of Saint Gianna Beretta and Pietro Molla (NF)	Beretta, Gianna; Molla, Pietro	11	
The Jungle (F)	Sinclair, Upton	11+	1170L
The King Must Die (F)	Renault, Mary	9H+	730L
The Kitchen Boy (F)	Alexander, Robert	9+	
The Kite Runner (F)	Hosseini, Khaled	10+, Mature	840L
The Last Lecture (NF)	Pausch, Randy	9	
The Last of the Mohicans (F)	Cooper, James Fenimore	11+	1270L
The Last Unicorn (F)	Beagle, Peter	10+	GN570L
The Learning Tree (F)	Parks, Gordon	9+	860L
The Left Hand of Darkness	Le Guin, Ursula	AP	970L
The Life and Times of Michael K (F)	Coetzee, JM	12AP	940L
The Life of St. Teresa of Avila	St. Teresa of Avila		

The Lion in Winter (F)	Goldman, James	12+	NP
The Little Prince (F)	Saint-Exupery, Antoine de	10+	710L
The Long Walk (NF)	Rawicz, Slavomir	10	NP
The Martian Chronicles (F)	Bradbury, Ray	9+	740L
The Master and Margarita (F)	Bulgakov, Mikhail	12+	
The Merchant of Venice (F)	Shakespeare, William	12AP	NP
The Mysterious Stranger (F)	Twain, Mark	AP+	
The Natural (F)	Malamud, Bernard	9+	1060L
The Odyssey (F)	Homer	9+	1200L
The Paper Lion (NF)	Plimpton, George	12+	
The Pearl (F)	Steinbeck, John	9+	1000L
The Picture of Dorian Gray (F)	Wilde, Oscar	12+	970L
The Poisonwood Bible	Kingsolver, Barbara	12	960L
The Pope and the CEO (NF)	Widmer, Andreas	11	
The Power and the Glory (F)	Greene, Graham	12+	710L
The Power of One (F)	Courtenay, Bryce	11+	940L
The Princess Bride (F)	Goldman, William	9	870L
The Red Badge of Courage (F)	Crane, Stephen	10	900L
The Red Tent (F)	Diamant, Anita	11+	1010L
The River Between (F)	Thiong'o, Ngugi Wa	10+	
The Road (F)		AP	
The Scarlet Letter (F)	Hawthorne, Nathaniel	11	1340L
The Scarlet Pimpernel	Orczy, Baroness	9+	1140L
The Screwtape Letters	Lewis, CS	10+	1250L
The Secret Life of Bees (F)	Kidd, Sue Monk	9+	840L
The Shield Ring (F)	Sutcliff, Rosemary	9	
The Soloist (NF)		9+	
The Sonnets (F)	Shakespeare, William	9+	NP
The Sound and The Fury (F)	Faulkner, William	11+	870L
The Story of A Soul	St. Therese of Lisieux		
The Story of King Arthur and His Knights (F)	Pyle, Howard	9	910L
The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde (F)	Robert Lous Stevenson	9+	930L
The Stranger (F)		12+	
The Sun Also Rises (F)	Hemingway, Ernest	11+	610L
The Sunflower (F)		9+	
The Tempest (F)	Shakespeare, William	12AP	NP
The Things They Carried (F)	O'Brien, Tim	11+	880L
The Way of Perfection	St. Teresa of Avila		
The Wide Sargass Sea (F)	Rhys, Jeanne	10H+	
The Winthrop Woman (F)	Seton, Anya	11H+	
The Woman Who Walked Into Doors (F)	Doyle, Roddy	AP	360L
Their Eyes Were Watching God (F)	Hurston, Zora Neale	10+	1080L
These is My Words (F)	Turner, Nancy	11+	1110L
They Poured Fire On Us From The Sky (NF)	Ajak, Benjamin	9+	
Things Fall Apart (F)	Achebe, Chinua	10+	890L
Thirteen Reasons Why (F)	Asher, Jay	9+	HL550L
To Kill A Mockingbird (F)	Lee, Harper	9+	790L
To The Lighthouse	Woolf, Virginia	AP	960L
Touching the Void (NF)	Simpson, Joe	11+	470L
Treasure Island (F)	Stevenson, Robert Louis	10+	1070L
Trifles (F)	Glaspell, Susan	9+	NP
Trumpeter of Krakow (F)	Kelly, Eric	9	1200L
Tuesdays with Morrie	Albom, Mitch	9+	830L
Turn of the Screw (F)	Henry, James	12H+	1140L
Twelfth Night (F)	Shakespeare, William	10	780L
Twelve Years a Slave	Northup, Solomon	11+	1200L
Unbroken (NF)	Laura Hillenbrand	11+	1010L
Utopia (F)	More, Thomas	12+	1390L
Vanishing Acts (F)	Picoult, Jodi	11+	830L

Walden (F)	Thoreau, Henry	11+	1420L
War of the the Worlds (F)	Wells, HG	11+	1040L
War Trash (F)	Jin, Ha	AP	
Watership Down (F)	Adams, Richard	12+	880L
West With The Night (NF)	Markham, Beryl	10+	1200L
When Legends Die (F)	Borland, Hal	9+	850L
Where Men Win Glory: The Odyssey of Pat Tilman (NF)	Jon Krakauer	11+	1300L
Winesburg, Ohio (F)	Anderson, Sherwood	11+	1050L
Wuthering Heights (F)	Bronte, Emily	10+	880L
Zorro (F)	Allende, Isabel	11+	1170L