

English 1 Reading List

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

The Haunting of Hill House by Shirley Jackson - a suspenseful, subtle horror novel

Kaffir Boy by Mark Mathabane - The true story of a young black youth's coming of age in apartheid South Africa

The Kitchen God's Wife by Amy Tan - The story of a woman's struggle for survival in the harsh world of China before and during World War II.

O Pioneers by Willa Cather - After her father dies, Alexandra inherits the family farm - over the protests of her brothers. She struggles to overcome tragedy and hardship to keep her family together and forge a living on the hard Nebraska prairie.

Blue Highways : A Journey into America - The author sets out to discover small-town America by exploring its back roads and talking to the people he meets along the way.

That Was Then, This Is Now by S. E. Hinton - This novel provides insight into the changing relationship between two friends who were once inseparable.

A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith - A young girl comes of age in early 20th century Brooklyn.

Animal Farm by George Orwell - After realizing their desire for freedom, the Animals of Manor Farm chase Mr. Jones off his property and take control.

The Birds by Daphne Du Maurier

The Call of the Wild by Jack London - The story of Buck, a domesticated dog stolen from his home and made to work as a sled dog during the Alaskan gold rush.

Farewell to Manzanar by Yoshiko Uchida

How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents by Julia Alvarez - After the Garcia girls leave the Dominican Republic, they eagerly embrace American culture, often to the dismay of their old-war parents.

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water by Michael Dorris - A novel about three generations of Native American women.

This Boy's Life by Tobias Wolff - Wolff recounts growing up in the 1950's with the mother he loved and the stepfather he hated.

The House on Mango Street by Sandra Cisneros -

And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie - A mystery story of ten

strangers lured to an island from which there is no escape.

The Blessing Way by Tony Hillerman - Navaho detective Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn follows the trail of a killer who some claim is not human.

Mary Reilly by Valerie Martin - The retelling of the classic Jekyll and Hyde story from the point of view of the doctor's young housemaid.

The Daughter of Time by Josephine Tey - in this popular mystery novel, Inspector Alan Grant of Scotland Yard uses historical clues to investigate Richard III's supposed murder of his own nephews.

1984 by George Orwell - The chilling vision of a future totalitarian society, a world where government can control individual thought and even reality itself. This novel stirs the imagination while asking fascinating questions about human nature.

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens - In this Victorian novel, set against the violent upheaval of the French Revolution, love and self-sacrifice prove to be the virtues of a true hero. The action of the story alternates between England and France. As with his other novels, Dickens includes vivid characters from every rung of the social ladder.