



## Sample Reading List — Indiana

**Note: The only way to determine the rigor of academic expectations for literacy and informational text is to be explicit about the quality and complexity of the work students are asked to read and analyze. The following reading lists were developed by ADP partner states Indiana and Massachusetts and are included here so that readers can refer to these authors and titles when designing curricula to help students meet the ADP benchmarks.**

### Level 4 Grades 9–12

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* – Brontë, 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, Aldous  
*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, Padraic (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



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“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* – Dreiser,  
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’Connor,  
Flannery

“The Lottery” – Jackson, Shirley

“The Red Convertible” – Erdich, Louise

“The Richer, the Poorer” – West, Dorothy

Selections from *Short Stories* – Chekhov, 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.

“The 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**

*The 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* – Eiseley, 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



## Sample Reading List — Indiana

### 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  
*Maria Tallchief: 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 World Factbook*  
([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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