**READING LIST – AP LANGUAGE & AMERICAN LITERATURE**

**ERA 1: COLONIAL TO MID-19TH CENTURY**

(Colonial, Revolutionary, Romantics)

Cooper, James Fenimore – *The Last of the Mohicans*

Franklin, Benjamin – *Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*

Hawthorne, Nathaniel – *The House of Seven Gables*

*The Scarlet Letter*

Melville, Herman – *Moby Dick*

*Billy Budd*

Thoreau, Henry D. – *Walden*

**ERA 2: CIVIL WAR & 19TH CENTURY RACE RELATIONS**

Brown, Dee – *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*

Crane, Stephen – *The Red Badge of Courage*

Frazier, Charles – *Cold Mountain*

Haley, Alex – *Roots*

Morrison, Toni – *Beloved*

Shaara, Michael – *The Killer Angels*

Stowe, Harriet Beecher – *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*

Welch, James – *Fools Crow*

**ERA 3: LATER 19TH CENTURY**

(Post Civil War, Westward Movement, Industrial Age)

Ambrose, Stephen – *Undaunted Courage* (nonfiction)

Cather, Willa – *O Pioneers!*

*My Antonia*

Clark, Walter van Tilburg – *The Oxbow Incident*

Dreiser, Theodore – *Sister Carrie*

*An American Tragedy*

James, Henry – *Portrait of a Lady*

*Washington Square*

*The Ambassadors*

McMurty, Larry – *Lonesome Dove*

Twain, Mark – *A Connecticut Yankee in King*

*Arthur’s Court*

Wharton, Edith – *The House of Mirth*

*The Age of Innocence*

*Ethan Frome*

*Summer*

**ERA 4: EARLY 20TH CENTURY**

(Early Modernism, 1900 to WWII)

Baldwin, James – *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Doctorow, E.L. – *Ragtime*

Faulkner, William – *The Sound and the Fury*

*Absalom, Absalom*

*Light in August*

*As I Lay Dying*

Hemingway, Ernest – *The Sun Also Rises*

*For Whom the Bell Tolls*

*A Farewell to Arms*

Lewis, Sinclair – *Babbitt*

*Arrowsmith*

Morrison, Toni -- *The Bluest Eye*

*Jazz*

*Song of Solomon*

Norris, Frank – *McTeague*

*The Octopus*

Potok, Chaim – *The Chosen*

*My Name is Asher Lev*

Sinclair, Upton – *The Jungle*

Smith, Betty – *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

Stegner, Wallace -- *The Big Rock Candy Mountain*

*Joe Hill*

*Angle of Repose*

Steinbeck, John – *The Grapes of Wrath*

*Cannery Row*

Walker, Alice – *The Color Purple*

**ERA 5: WWII & Later 20TH CENTURY**

Branch, Taylor – *Pillar of Fire* (nonfiction, civil rights)

Collins & Lapierre – *Is Paris Burning?* (nonfiction, WWII)

Dillard, Annie – *An American Childhood*

Ellison, Ralph – *Invisible Man*

Gaines, Ernest -- *A Lesson Before Dying*

Guterson, David -- *Snow Falling on Cedars*

Haley, Alex -- *Autobiography of Malcom X*

Heller, Joseph – *Catch 22*

Keillor, Garrison – *Lake Woebegon Days*

Kesey, Ken – *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*

Knowles, John – *A Separate Peace*

Kogawa, Joy -- *Obasan* (Canadian)

Plath, Sylvia -- *The Bell Jar*

Puzo, Mario – *The Godfather*

Silko, Leslie Marmon – *Ceremony*

Villasenor, Victor – *Rain of Gold*

Warren, Robert Penn – *All the King’s Men*

Wouk, Herman – *Winds of War*

Wright, Richard – *Native Son*

**ERA 6: CONTEMPORARY, POST MODERN**

Boyle, TC -- *Tortilla Curtain*

Conroy, Pat – *Lords of Discipline*

Conway, Jill – *The Road from Coorain*

Jen, Gish – *Typical American*

Proulx, Annie – *Shipping News*

Quindlen, Anna -- *Blessings*

Reichl, Ruth – *Tender at the Bone*

Rodriguez, Richard, -- *Hunger of Memory* (autobio)

Smiley, Jane – *A Thousand Acres*

Wolff, Tobias – *This Boy’s Life*