

St. Gregory's Catholic High School



English Literature A Level Pre-Reading Suggestions

Modern Reads (Post WW2)		Classic English Literature Texts	
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	Emma	Jane Austen
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen
The Blind Assassin	Margaret Atwood	Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte
A Clockwork Orange	Anthony Burgess	Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte
Possession	A.S. Byatt	Collected Poems	Robert Browning
In Cold Blood	Truman Capote	The Heart of Darkness	Joseph Conrad
Oscar and Lucinda	Peter Carey	Bleak House	Charles Dickens
The Bloody Chamber	Angela Carter	Collected Poems	Emily Dickinson
The Collector	John Fowles	Songs and Sonnets	John Donne
The Magus	John Fowles	Middlemarch	George Eliot
Brighton Rock	Graham Greene	The Sound and the Fury	William Faulkner
Catch-22	Joseph Heller	The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald
High Fidelity	Nick Hornby	Howard's End	E.M. Forster
Remains of the Day	Kazuo Ishiguro	Tess of the D'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy
The World According to Garp	John Irving	Brave New World	Aldous Huxley
On the Road	Jack Kerouac	The Wings of the Dove	Henry James
If This is a Man	Primo Levi	A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man	James Joyce
All the Pretty Horses	Cormac McCarthy	Sons and Lovers	D.H. Lawrence
Enduring Love	Ian McEwan	Women in Love	D.H. Lawrence
Beloved	Toni Morrison	Dr Faustus	Christopher Marlow
Lolita	Vladimir Nabukov	The Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger
Midnight's Children	Salman Rushdie	Plays and Sonnets	William Shakespeare
Everything is Illuminated	Jonathan Safran	East of Eden	John Steinbeck
An Equal Music	Vikram Seth	The Grapes of Wrath	John Steinbeck
White Teeth	Zadie Smith	Dracula	Bram Stoker
The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie	Muriel Spark	Brideshead Revisited	Evelyn Waugh
Music and Silence	Rose Tremain	The Picture of Dorian Grey	Oscar Wilde
The Colour Purple	Alice Walker	Mrs Dalloway	Virginia Woolf
		Collected Poems	William Butler Yeats