

The New Lifetime Reading Plan

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Ancient and Medieval

*Means would need parental editing

Anonymous	The Epic of Gilgamesh
Homer	The Iliad, The Odyssey
Confucius	The Analects
Aeschylus	The Oresteia
*Sophocles	Oedipus Rex, Oedipus at Colonus, Antigone
*Euripedes	Alcestis; Medea; Hippolytus; The Trojan Women; Electra; The Bacchae
Herodotus	The Histories
Thucydides	The History of the Peloponnesian War
Sun-Tzu	The Art of War
Plato	Selected Works
Aristotle	Ethics; Politics; Poetics
Mencius	The Book of Mencius
Attributed to Valmiki	The Ramayana
Attributed to Vyasa	The Mahabharata
Anonymous	The Bhagavad Gita
Su-ma Ch'ien	Records of the Grand Historian
Lucretius	On the Nature of Things
Virgil	The Aeneid
Marcus Aurelius	Meditations

Saint Augustine	The Confessions
Kalidasa	The Cloud Messenger and Sakuntala
Revealed to Muhammad	The Koran
Hui-neng	The Platform Sutra of the Sixth Patriarch
Firdausi	Shah Nameh
Omar Khayyarn	The Rubaiyat
Dante Alighieri	The Divine Comedy
Luo Kuan-chung	The Romance of the Three Kingdoms
*Geoffrey Chaucer	The Canterbury Tales
Anonymous	The Thousand and One Nights
	16 th and 17 th Centuries
Niccolo Machiavelli	The Prince
Francois Rabelais	Gargantua and Pantagruel
Attr to Wu Ch'eng-en	Journey to the West
Michel Eyquem de Montaigne	Selected Essays
Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra	Don Quixote
William Shakespeare	Complete Works
John Donne	Selected Works
Anonymous	The Plum in the Golden Vase
Galileo Galilei	Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems
Thomas Hobbes	Leviathan
Rene Descartes	Discourse on Method
John Milton	Paradise Lost; Lycidas; On the Morning of Christ's Nativity; Sonnets; Areopagitica

Moliere	Selected Plays
Blaise Pascal	Thoughts
John Bunyan	Pilgrim's Progress
John Locke	Second Treatise on Government
Matsuo Basho	The Narrow Road to the Deep North
18 th and 19 th Centuries	
Daniel Defoe	Robinson Crusoe
Jonathan Swift	Gulliver's Travels
Voltaire	Candide
David Hume	An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding
Henry Fielding	Tom Jones
Ts'ao Hsueh-ch'in	The Dream of the Red Chamber
Jean-Jacques Rousseau	Confessions
Laurence Sterne	Tristram Shandy
James Boswell	The Life of Samuel Johnson
Thomas Jefferson and others	Basic Documents in American History
Hamilton, Madison, and Jay	The Federalist Papers
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe	Faust
William Blake	Selected Works
*William Wordsworth	The Prelude; Selected Shorter Poems; Preface to Lyrical Ballads
*Samuel Taylor Coleridge	The Rime of the Ancient Mariner; Christabel; Kubla Khan; Biographia Literaria; Writings on Shakespeare
Jane Austen	Pride and Prejudice; Emma
Stendhal	The Red and The Black

*Honore de Balzac	Pere Goriot; Eugene Grandet
Ralph Waldo Emerson	Selected Works
Nathaniel Hawthorne	The Scarlet Letter; Selected Tales
Alexis de Tocquerville	Democracy in America
John Stuart Mill	On Liberty; The Subjection of Women
*Charles Darwin	The Voyage of the Beagle; The Origin of Species
Nikolai Vasilievich Gogol	Dead Souls
Edgar Allan Poe	Short Stories and Other Works
William Makepeace Thackeray	Vanity Fair
*Charles Dickens	Pickwick Papers; David Copperfield; Great Expectations; Hard Times; Our Mutual Friend; The Old Curiosity Shop; Little Dorrit
*Anthony Trollope	The Warden; The Last Chronicle of Barset; The Eustace Diamonds; The Way We Live Now; Autobiography
Charlotte Bronte	Jane Eyre
Emily Bronte	Wuthering Heights
Henry David Thoreau	Walden; Civil Disobedience
Ivan Sergeyeovich Turgenev	Fathers and Sons
Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels	The Communist Manifesto
Herman Melville	Moby Dick; Bartleby the Scrivener
George Eliot	The Mill on the Floss; Middlemarch
*Walt Whitman	Selected Poems; Democratic Vistas; Preface to the first issue of Leaves of Grass; A Backward Glance O'er Travelled Roads
Feodor Mikhailovich Dostoyevsky	Crime and Punishment; The Brothers Karamazov
*Leo Nikolayevich Tolstoy	War and Peace
Henrick Ibsen	Selected Plays

Emily Dickinson	Collected Poems
Lewis Carroll	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland; Through the Looking Glass
Mark Twain	Huckleberry Finn
20 th Century	
Henry Adams	The Education of Henry Adams
Thomas Hardy	The Mayor of Casterbridge
William James	The Principles of Psychology; Pragmatism; Four Essays from The Meaning of Truth; The Varieties of Religious Experience
Henry James	The Ambassadors
*Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche	Thus Spake Zarathustra; The Genealogy of Morals; Beyond Good and Evil; other works
*Sigmund Freud	Selected works, including The Interpretation of Dreams; Three Essays on the Theory of Sexuality; Civilization and Its Discontents
George Bernard Shaw	Selected Plays and Prefaces
Joseph Conrad	Nostromo
Anton Chekhov	Uncle Vanya; Three Sisters; The Cherry Orchard; Selected Short Stories
Edith Wharton	The Custom of the Country; The Age of Innocence
William Butler Yeats	Collected Poems; Collected Plays; Autobiography
Natsume Soseki	Kokoro
Marcel Proust	Remembrance of Things Past
Robert Frost	Collected Poems
*Thomas Mann	The Magic Mountain
E.M. Forster	A Passage to India
Lu Hsun	Collected Short Stories
*James Joyce	Ulysses

Virginia Woolf	Mrs. Dalloway; To the Lighthouse; Orlando; The Waves
Franz Kafka	The Trial; The Castle; Selected Short stories
Tanizaki Junichiro	The Makioka Sisters
*Eugene O'Neill	Mourning Becomes Electra; The Iceman Cometh; Long Day's Journey into Night
*T.S. Eliot	Collected Poems, Collected Plays
*Aldous Huxley	Brave New World
*William Faulkner	The Sound and the Fury; As I Lay Dying
Ernest Hemingway	Short Stories
*Kawabata Yasunari	Beauty and Sadness
*Jorge Luis Borges	Labyrinths; Dreamtigers
*George Orwell	Animal Farm; 1984; Burmese Days
R.K. Narayan	The English Teacher; The Vendor of Sweets
*Samuel Beckett	Waiting for Godot; Endgame; Krapp's Last Tape
W.H. Auden	Collected Poems
*Albert Camus	The Plague; The Stranger
*Saul Bellow	The Adventures of Augie March; Herzog; Humboldt's Gift
Aksander Solzhenitsyn	The First Circle
Thomas Kuhn	The Structure of Scientific Revolutions
*Mishima Yukio	Confessions of a Mask; The Temple of the Golden Pavilion
Gabriel Garcia Marquez	One Hundred Years of Solitude
*Chinua Achebe	Things Fall Apart

