

MSD of Wayne Township
Designated Grade Level/Course Texts
English Language Arts - grades 7-12, revised May 2018



The texts included on this list are part of the English core curriculum for each of the specific grade level courses. These texts are central to the curriculum and read by all (or most) students in that grade level. They should not be included as texts in other grade levels of courses. This list is reviewed, revised, and shared annually. Teachers that choose not to abide by the list jeopardize the guaranteed and viable curriculum Wayne has committed to for each student.

The second part of the list includes texts that may be included as a choice for students to read in the particular grade level or course. This list is provided as a reference only. These texts may be used in other grades levels or courses.

5th and 6th Grade Core Texts - Horizons

5th Grade

- Island of the Blue Dolphins* - Scott O'Dell
- Thunder Rolling in the Mountains* - Scott O'Dell
- Johnny Tremain* - Esther Forbes
- The Giver* - Lois Lowry
- My Brother Sam is Dead* - C. Collier and J.L. Collier
- Nothing But the Truth* - Avi

6th Grade

- Sherlock Holmes: Hound of the Baskervilles* - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood* - Howard Pyle
- A Wrinkle in Time* - Madeline L'Engle
- The House on Mango Street* - Sandra Cisneros
- The Book Thief* - Markus Zusak
- The Odyssey* - Barbara Leonie Picard

7th and 8th Grade E/LA Core Texts

7th and 8th Grade English Language Arts	7th and 8th Grade Honors/Horizons
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>145th Street Short Stories</i> - Walter Dean Myers <i>The Book Thief</i> - Markus Zusak <i>Bronx Masquerade</i> - Nikki Grimes <i>The Diary of a Young Girl</i> - Anne Frank (8th grade) <i>Fever: 1793</i> - Laurie Halse Anderson <i>Forged by Fire</i> - Sharon M. Draper <i>Freak the Mighty</i> - Rodman Philbrick <i>The Outsiders</i> - S. E. Hinton (7th grade) <i>Quicksilver</i> - Stephanie Spinner <i>Quiver</i> - Stephanie Spinner <i>Stargirl</i> - Jerry Spinelli <i>Tangerine</i> - Edward Bloor <i>Tears of a Tiger</i> - Sharon M. Draper 	<p>7th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>A Monster Calls</i> - Patrick Ness <i>Alice in Wonderland</i> - Lewis Carroll <i>And Then There Were None</i> - Agatha Christie <i>Animal Farm</i> - George Orwell <i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> - Robert Louis Stevenson <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> - Agatha Christie <i>Piecing Me Together</i> - Renee Watson <i>Uglies</i> - Scott Westerfield <p>8th Grade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>King Lear</i> - William Shakespeare <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> - Ray Bradbury <i>Pygmalion</i> - George Bernard Shaw <i>Something In Between</i> - Melissa de la Cruz <i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> - Oscar Wilde <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> - Harper Lee

English 9 Core Texts

English 9	9 Honors
<p><i>Romeo and Juliet</i> - William Shakespeare <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> - Harper Lee</p>	<p><i>Hamlet</i> - William Shakespeare <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> - Maya Angelou <i>Lord of the Flies</i> - William Golding <i>Night</i> - Elie Wiesel <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> - Lorraine Hansberry <i>Things Fall Apart</i> - Chinua Achebe</p> <p><i>Catcher in the Rye</i> - J. D. Salinger (summer reading)</p>

English 10-12 Core Texts

English 10	English 10 Honors	American Lit.
<p><i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i> - Stephen Chbosky <i>The Glass Castle</i> - Jeannette Walls <i>A Long Way Gone</i> - Ishmael Beah <i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> - Khaled Hosseini</p>	<p><i>The Diving Pool</i> - Yoko Ogawa <i>Another Brooklyn</i> - Jacqueline Woodson <i>Death of a Salesman</i> - Arthur Miller <i>Franny and Zooey</i> - J.D. Salinger</p>	<p><i>Of Mice and Men</i> - John Steinbeck <i>The Crucible</i> - Arthur Miller <i>The Things They Carried</i> - Tim O'Brien <i>The Color of Water</i> - James McBride</p>
English Lit.	AP Language	AP Lit./Comp.
<p><i>The Alchemist</i> - Paulo Coelho <i>Winter's Bone</i> - Daniel Woodrell <i>Fences</i> - August Wilson <i>The Devil in the White City</i> - Erik Larson</p>	<p><i>The Great Gatsby</i> - F. Scott Fitzgerald <i>The Crucible</i> - Arthur Miller</p>	<p><i>The Joy Luck Club</i> - Amy Tan <i>The Prince of Los Cocuyos</i> - Richard Blanco <i>Frankenstein</i> - Mary Shelley <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i> - Margaret Atwood</p>
Themes	Novels	ACP
<p><i>The Original Folk and Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm</i> <i>Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes</i> - Edith Hamilton</p>	<p><i>The Odessa File</i> - Frederick Forsyth <i>Good Omens</i> - Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett</p>	<p><i>The Kite Runner</i> - Khaled Hosseini <i>On the Road</i> - Jack Kerouac <i>White Noise</i> - Don DeLillo <i>Life of Pi</i> - Yann Martel <i>Train Dreams</i> - Denis Johnson <i>Ceremony</i> - Leslie Marmon Silko <i>Of Love and Other Demons</i> - Gabriel Garcia Marquez</p>
Ethnic Lit	VU Literature 100	
<p><i>Between the World and Me</i> - Ta-Nehisi Coates <i>Exit West</i> - Mohsin Hamid</p>	<p><i>The Color Purple</i> - Alice Walker <i>Fences</i> - August Wilson</p>	

Commonly Used Texts by Grade - These texts are often used in the indicated grade level, but are not essential to the core curriculum	
7th and 8th Grade	9th Grade
<i>After the War</i> - Carol Matas <i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i> - Lewis Carroll <i>Brian's Song</i> - William Blinn <i>Crash</i> - Jerry Spinelli <i>Crazy Lady!</i> - Jane Leslie Conly <i>Don't Look Behind You</i> - Lois Duncan <i>Emma</i> - Jane Austen <i>Eragon</i> - Christopher Paolini <i>Esperanza Rising</i> - Pam Munoz Ryan <i>Heat</i> - Mike Lupica <i>A Hero Ain't Nothin' But a Sandwich</i> - Alice Childress <i>Homeless Bird</i> - Gloria Whelan <i>Hush</i> - Eishes Chayil and Judy Brown <i>I Am the Cheese</i> - Robert Cormier <i>I Never Saw Another Butterfly</i> - Hanna Volavkova <i>In My Hands: Memoirs of a Holocaust</i> - Irene Opdyke <i>Kira-Kira</i> - Cynthia Kadohata <i>A Long Way From Chicago</i> - Richard Peck <i>Milkweed</i> - Jerry Spinelli <i>Murder on the Orient Express</i> - Agatha Christie <i>Pigman</i> - Paul Zindel <i>The Pushcart War</i> - Jean Merrill <i>Romiette and Julio</i> - Sharon Draper <i>Scorpions</i> - Walter Dean Myers <i>A Solitary Blue</i> - Cynthia Voigt <i>Someone Like You</i> - Sarah Dessen <i>Summerland</i> - Michael Chabon <i>The Young Landlords</i> - Walter Dean Myers <i>Walk Two Moons</i> - Sharon Creech <i>We Beat the Street</i> - various authors <i>When She Was Good</i> - Norma Fox Mazer <i>White Fang</i> - Jack London	9 Honors <i>The Bean Trees</i> - Barbara Kingsolver <i>Bless Me, Ultima</i> - Rudolfo Anaya <i>The Chosen</i> - Chaim Potok <i>Ethan Frome</i> - Edith Wharton <i>Grapes of Wrath</i> - John Steinbeck <i>Go Tell It On the Mountain</i> - James Baldwin <i>My Sister's Keeper</i> - Jodi Picoult <i>Othello</i> - William Shakespeare <i>Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead</i> - William Shakespeare English 9 <i>Animal Farm</i> - George Orwell <i>Bad Boy: A Memoir</i> - Walter Dean Myers <i>Bronx Masquerade</i> - Nikki Grimes <i>Define Normal</i> - Julie Anne Peters <i>Great Expectations</i> - Charles Dickens <i>Gym Candy</i> - Carl Deuker <i>Monster</i> - Walter Dean Myers <i>No Easy Answers</i> - Rob Merritt and Brooks Brown <i>The Odyssey</i> - Homer <i>The Pact</i> - Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, Rameck Hunt, and Lisa Frazier Page <i>Small Great Things</i> - Jodi Picoult <i>Speak</i> - Laurie Halse Anderson <i>Tuesdays with Morrie</i> - Mitch Albom

English 10-12 Commonly Used Text Lists		
English 10	English 10 Honors	American Lit.
<i>Antigone</i> - Sophocles <i>Death of a Salesman</i> - Arthur Miller <i>Piano Lesson</i> - August Wilson <i>Raisin in the Sun</i> - Lorraine Hansberry <i>Maus</i> - Art Spiegelman <i>Night</i> - Elie Wiesel	<i>Sula</i> - Toni Morrison <i>Scarlet Letter</i> - Nathaniel Hawthorne <i>As I Lay Dying</i> - William Faulkner <i>Obasan</i> - Joy Kogawa <i>Antigone</i> - Sophocles <i>Julius Caesar</i> - William Shakespeare	<i>Five People You Meet in Heaven</i> - Mitch Albom
English Lit.	Novels	
<i>Lord of the Flies</i> - William Golding <i>Macbeth</i> - William Shakespeare	<i>Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close</i> - Jonathan Safran Foer <i>Midnight's Children</i> - Salman Rushdie <i>Painted Bird</i> - Jerzy Kosinski	