

**MSD of Wayne Township**  
**Designated Grade Level/Course Texts**  
**English Language Arts - Grades 7-12, revised May 2016**



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 or 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 grade levels or courses.

5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Core Texts
<u>Horizons</u>
<i>Sherlock Holmes: Hound of the Baskervilles</i> - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i> - Jules Verne
<i>Primrose Way</i> - Jackie French Koller
<i>Johnny Tremain</i> - Esther Forbes
<i>The Giver</i> - Lois Lowry
<i>Adventures of Robin Hood</i> - Roger Lancelyn Green
<i>Romeo &amp; Juliet</i> - William Shakespeare
<i>Wrinkle in Time</i> - Madeleine L'Engle
<i>Tom Sawyer</i> - Mark Twain
<i>House on Mango St.</i> - Sandra Cisneros
<i>The Book Thief</i> - Markus Zusak
<i>Tangerine</i> - Edward Bloor
<i>Stargirl</i> - Jerry Spinelli

7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> E/LA Core Texts	
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade English Language Arts	Honors
<i>145th Street Short Stories</i> - Walter Dean Myers	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade - A Monster Calls by Ness</b>
<i>The Book Thief</i> - Markus Zusak	<i>The Hobbit</i> - J.R.R Tolkien
<i>Bronx Masquerade</i> - Nikki Grimes	<i>Alice in Wonderland</i> - Lewis Carroll
<i>Diary of Anne Frank</i> - (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	<i>Taming of the Shrew</i> - William Shakespeare
<i>Diary of a Young Girl</i> - (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)	<i>Animal Farm</i> – George Orwell
<i>Fever: 1793</i> - Laurie Halse Anderson	<i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> - Robert Louis Stevenson
<i>Flowers for Algernon</i> – Daniel Keyes	<i>Uglies</i> – Scott Westerfield
<i>Forged By Fire</i> - Sharon M. Draper	<i>Hunger Games</i> – Suzanne Collins
<i>Freak the Mighty</i> - Rodman Philbrick	<i>Life of Pi</i> – Yann Martel
<i>The Outsiders</i> –S.E. Hinton (7 <sup>th</sup> grade)	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>
<i>Quicksilver</i> – Stephanie Spinner	<i>1984</i> - George Orwell
<i>Quiver</i> – Stephanie Spinner	<i>King Lear</i> - William Shakespeare
<i>Stargirl</i> - Jerry Spinelli	<i>Fahrenheit 451</i> - Ray Bradbury
<i>Stuck in Neutral</i> – Terry Trueman	<i>Pygmalion</i> - George Bernard Shaw
<i>Tangerine</i> - Edward Bloor	<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> - Oscar Wilde
<i>Tears of a Tiger</i> -Sharon M. Draper	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i> - Harper Lee
	<i>The Pearl</i> – John Steinbeck
	<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> - William Shakespeare

English 9 Core Texts

English 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 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>)</p>

English 10-12 Core Texts

English 10	English 10 Honors	English Lit.
<p><i>The House on Mango Street</i> – Sandra Cisneros  <i>The Perks of Being a Wallflower</i> – Stephen Chbosky  <i>AD: New Orleans After the Deluge</i> – Josh Neufield  <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> – J.D. Salinger</p>	<p><i>After the Quake</i> – Haruki Murakami  <i>Buried Child</i> – Sam Shepard  <i>Their Eyes Were Watching God</i> - Zora Neale Hurston  <i>The Alchemist</i> – Paulo Coelho  <i>Siddhartha</i> – Hermann Hesse  <i>Franny and Zooey</i> – J.D. Salinger  <i>Death of a Salesman</i>- Arthur Miller  <i>Endgame</i> – Samuel Beckett  <i>Self-Reliance</i>- Ralph Waldo Emerson  <i>Walden</i> (excerpts) – Henry David Thoreau</p>	<p><i>The Handmaid’s Tale</i> – Margaret Atwood  <i>The Alchemist</i> – Paulo Coelho  <i>Devil in the White City</i> – Erik Larson  <i>Beowulf</i>  <i>Anthem</i> – Ayn Rand</p>
American Lit.	AP Language	AP Lit/ Comp
<p><i>The Color of Water</i> – James McBride  <i>Welcome to the Monkey House</i> – Kurt Vonnegut  <i>Crucible</i>-Arthur Miller  <i>Of Mice and Men</i>- John Steinbeck  <i>The Things They Carried</i>- Tim O’Brien</p>	<p><i>Crucible</i>- Arthur Miller  <i>Great Gatsby</i>- F. Scott Fitzgerald  <i>The Things They Carried</i> – Tim O’Brien</p>	<p><i>A Doll’s House</i> – Henrik Ibsen  <i>Oedipus</i> -Sophocles  <i>Beowulf</i>  <i>Brave New World</i>- Aldous Huxley  <i>Canterbury Tales</i>- Geoffrey Chaucer  <i>Frankenstein</i>- Mary Shelley  <i>Macbeth</i>- William Shakespeare  <i>Pride and Prejudice</i>-Jane Austen</p> <p>Summer Reading: <i>Grendel</i>-John Gardner</p>
Themes	Novels	ACP
<p><i>Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes</i> – Edith Hamilton  <i>Persepolis</i> – Marjane Satropi  <i>Christmas Carol</i>- Charles Dickens</p>	<p><i>The Odessa File</i> – Frederick Forsyth  <i>Dune</i> – Frank Herbert  <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> – Jane Austen  <i>Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde</i> – Robert Louis Stevenson</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>

Commonly Used Texts by Grade - These texts are often used in the indicated grade level, but are not essential to the core curriculum	
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<p><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</p>	<p><u>9 Honors</u>  <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</p> <p><u>English 9</u>  <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>Speak</i>- Laurie Halse Anderson</p>

English 10-12 Commonly Used Text Lists		
English 10	English 10 Honors	English Lit.
<p><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</p>	<p><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</p>	<p><i>Lord of the Flies</i> - William Golding  <i>Macbeth</i> – William Shakespeare</p>
American Lit.	Novels	
<p><i>Glass Castle</i>- Jeanette Walls  <i>5 People You Meet in Heaven</i> – Mitch Albom</p>	<p><i>Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close</i>- Jonathan Safran Foer  <i>Midnight's Children</i>- Salman Rushdie  <i>Painted Bird</i>- Jerzy Kosinski</p>	

