MODERN BRITISH AND AMERICAN LITERATURE
Minimum Reading List (Updated 2021)

James Agee
*Let Us Now Praise Famous Men*

Sherwood Anderson
*Winesburg, Ohio*

W.H. Auden
*Selected Poems*

Djuna Barnes
*Nightwood*

Samuel Beckett
*Waiting for Godot*
*Endgame*
*Murphy*

Willa Cather
*My Antonia*

Joseph Conrad
*Lord Jim* or *The Secret Agent*
*Heart of Darkness*

Hart Crane
*The Bridge*

Countee Cullen
*Selected Poems*

John Dos Passos
*Manhattan Transfer*

H.D.
*Selected Poems*

Theodore Dreiser
*Sister Carrie* or *An American Tragedy*

T.S. Eliot
*Complete Poems*
*Essays: “Tradition and the Individual Talent” and “Ulysses, Order and Myth”*

Ralph Ellison
*Invisible Man*
William Faulkner
The Sound and the Fury
Absalom, Absalom!

F. Scott Fitzgerald
The Great Gatsby

Ford Madox Ford
The Good Soldier

E. M. Forster
A Passage to India

Robert Frost
Selected Poems

Graham Greene
The Power and the Glory, Brighton Rock, The Honorary Consul, or The Heart of the Matter

Thomas Hardy
Selected Poems

Ernest Hemingway
The Sun Also Rises
In Our Time

Langston Hughes
Selected Poems

Zora Neale Hurston
Their Eyes Were Watching God

Aldous Huxley
Brave New World

Henry James
The Ambassadors

Randall Jarrell
Selected Poems

Robinson Jeffers
Selected Poems
James Weldon Johnson  
*The Autobiography of an Ex-Colored Man*

James Joyce  
*A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*  
*Ulysses*

Nella Larsen  
*Passing*

D.H. Lawrence  
*Sons and Lovers*  
*Women in Love*

Sinclair Lewis  
*Babbit or Main Street*

Wyndham Lewis  
*Tarr*

Claude McKay  
*Selected Poems*

Edgar Lee Masters  
*Selected Poems*

Henry Miller  
*Tropic of Cancer*

Marianne Moore  
*Selected Poems*

Flann O’Brien  
*At Swim-Two-Birds*

Eugene O’Neill  
*A Long Day’s Journey Into Night*  
*The Iceman Cometh*

George Orwell  
*Selected Essays*

Wilfred Owen  
*Selected Poems*

Katherine Ann Porter  
*Selected Short Fiction*
Ezra Pound
Selected Poems (including selected Cantos)
Selected Essays

John Crowe Ransom
Selected Poems

Jean Rhys
Good Morning, Midnight

Edwin Arlington Robinson
Selected Poem

Henry Roth
Call it Sleep

George Bernard Shaw
Man and Superman

Gertrude Stein
Three Lives, The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas, or Tender Buttons

John Steinbeck
The Grapes of Wrath

Wallace Stevens
Selected Poems

John M. Synge
The Playboy of the Western World

Dylan Thomas
Selected Poems

Jean Toomer
Cane

Evelyn Waugh
Vile Bodies

Eudora Welty
A Curtain of Green

Edith Wharton
The Age of Innocence or The House of Mirth

William Carlos Williams
Selected Poems
Virginia Woolf
To the Lighthouse
Mrs. Dalloway
The Waves or Between the Acts
A Room of One's Own
Selected Essays

Richard Wright
Native Son

W.B. Yeats
Complete Poems
one play

Louis Zukofsky
Selected Poems

Relevant secondary works (critical, theoretical, historical, biographical, generic, etc.) are not listed here. Students should discuss this matter with the appropriate professors and develop their own list of suggested texts.