

GCA / RLCA Diploma Program

Recommended Reading List

This list has been developed from recommended literature lists for students in grades nine through twelve, as well as *Sonlight* literature curriculum. This list will be updated and refreshed periodically. A student can choose from any of the grade levels listed. A student may read a book not on this list, if it has been pre-approved by their portfolio reviewer. The Well Trained Mind has supplied a list of Great Books for each year of study. The lists are primarily made up of books that date to each period under study in History. You may choose any of the high school level books on this list. <http://www.welltrainedmind.com/great-books/>. The Mystery of History curriculum also lists supplemental readings in their Companion Guides. You may choose any of those books, as well. Scholastic's website will give a book's grade level equivalent and a brief summary. <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>.

GRADE 9

- A Christmas Carol – Charles Dickens
- A Parcel of Patterns - Jill Paton Walsh
- A Proud Taste for Scarlet and Miniver - E.L. Konigsburg
- A Separate Peace – John Knowles
- Adam of the Road (Puffin Modern Classics) - Elizabeth Janet Gray
- All Quiet on the Western Front - Remarque
- Archimedes and the Door of Science (Living History Library) - Jeanne Bendick
- Augustus Caesar's World - Genevieve Foster
- Beyond the Desert Gate - Mary Ray
- Black Horses for the King (Magic Carpet Books) - Anne McCaffrey
- Black Like Me - Griffin
- Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee - Brown
- Catherine, Called Birdy (Trophy Newbery) Karen Cushman
- D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths - Ingri d'Aulaire
- Enchantress From the Stars - Sylvia Engdahl
- Favorite Poems Old and New: Selected For Boys and Girls - Helen Ferris Tibbets
- God King: A Story in the Days of King... - Joanne Williamson
- Going Solo – Roald Dahl
- Good Earth, The - Pearl Buck
- Great Expectations - Charles Dickens
- Great Tales and Poems of Edgar Allen Poe - Edgar Allen Poe
- Hittite Warrior (Living History Library) - Joanne Williamson
- Hound of the Baskervilles - Arthur Conan Doyle
- I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou
- Iliad - Homer
- Jane Eyre - Charlotte Bronte
- Lord of the Flies - Golding
- Mara, Daughter of the Nile (Puffin Story Books) - Eloise Jarvis McGraw
- Mary, Bloody Mary - Carolyn Meyer
- Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH – Robert C. O'Brien
- Nine Stories - J.D. Salinger
- Odyssey – Homer
- Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck
- Oliver Twist – Charles Dickens

GRADE 9 (cont'd)

- Outlaws of Sherwood – Robin McKinley
- Pictures of Hollis Wood – Patricia Reilly Giff
- Pilgrim's Progress In Today's English – John Bunyan
- Pontius Pilate – Paul L. Maier
- Robinson Crusoe – Daniel Defoe
- Romeo and Juliet – William Shakespeare
- Shadow of a Bull - Maia Wojciechowska
- Slaughterhouse Five - Kurt Vonnegut
- Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde – and Other Tales – Robert Louis Stevenson
- The Beduins' Gazelle (Harper Trophy Books) - Frances Temple
- The Best of Father Brown – Gilbert Keith Chesterton
- The Bronze Bow - Elizabeth George Speare
- The Gammage Cup – Carol Kendall
- The Golden Goblet (Newbery Library, Puffin) Eloise Jarvis McGraw
- The Heart is a Lonely Hunter - Carson McCullers
- The House on Mango Street - Sandra Cisneros
- The Ides of April (Ray, Mary, Roman Empire Sequence.) - Mary Ray
- The Last of the Mohicans – James Fenimore Cooper
- The Little Prince - Saint Exupery
- The Old Man and the Sea - Ernest Hemingway
- The Phantom Tollbooth - Norton Juster
- The Samurai's Tale - Erik C. Haugaard
- The Screwtape Letters – C.S. Lewis
- The Second Mrs. Gioconda - E.L. Konigsburg
- The Shakespeare Stealer - Gary Blackwood
- The Shining Company – Rosemary Sutcliff
- The Trojan War - Olivia E. Coolidge
- The Wise Woman and Other Stories – George MacDonald, Craig Yoe
- The World of Columbus and Sons - Genevieve Foster
- The Yearling, Rawlings
- Things Fall Apart: A Novel (African Trilogy) Chinua Achebe
- Till We Have Faces – C.S. Lewis
- To Kill A Mockingbird - Harper Lee
- Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
- Twelfth Night – Modern English Version Side-By-Side– William Shakespeare
- What Hearts – Bruce Brooks

GRADE 10

- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn - Mark Twain
- Alas, Babylon – Pat Frank
- Autobiography - Benjamin Franklin
- Bless Me, Ultima - Rudolpho Anaya
- Brave New World – Aldous Huxley
- Catcher in the Rye - J.D. Salinger
- Children of the River – Linda Crew
- Cry, the Beloved Country – Alan Paton
- Death of a Salesman - Arthur Miller
- Darkness at Noon – Arthur Krestler
- Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury
- For Whom The Bell Tolls - Ernest Hemingway
- Grapes of Wrath - John Steinbeck
- Heart of Darkness – Joseph Conrad
- Hope Was Here – Joan Bauer
- Julius Caesar – William Shakespeare
- Kon Tiki – Thor Heyerdahl
- Macbeth – William Shakespeare
- Moby Dick - Herman Melville
- My Antonia - Willa Cather
- Murder on the Orient Express – Agatha Christie
- My Father’s Daughter – E.L. Konigsburg
- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass - Frederick Douglass
- Of Mice and Men - John Steinbeck
- Our Town - Thornton Wilder
- Parallel Journeys –Eleanor H. Ayer, Helen Waterford, Alfons Heck
- Robert Frost’s Poems – Robert Frost
- The Contender – Robert Lipsyte
- The Crucible - Arthur Miller
- The Great Brain – John D. Fitzgerald
- The Great Gatsby - F. Scott Fitzgerald
- The Great Gilly Hopkins – Katherine Paterson
- The Metamorphosis – Frank Kafka
- The Moves Make the Man – Bruce Brooks
- The Old Man and the Sea – Ernest Hemingway
- The Red Badge of Courage - Stephen Crane
- The Scarlet Letter - Nathaniel Hawthorne
- The Tempest – William Shakespeare
- The Wave – Todd Strasser
- Waiting for Godot – Samuel Beckett
- Walden – Henry David Thoreau
- Walk Two Moons – Sharon Creech

GRADE 11

- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn – Betty Smith
- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn- Mark Twain
- Animal Farm - George Orwell
- Belle Prater’s Boy – Rut White
- Best Short Stories of O. Henry – O Henry
- Brave New World - Aldous Huxley
- Bud, Not Buddy – Christopher Paul Curtis
- Canterbury Tales - Geoffrey Chaucer
- Crazy Lady - Jane Leslie Conly
- Gulliver's Travels - Jonathan Swift
- Heart of Darkness - Joseph Conrad
- Jacob Have I Loved – Katherine Paterson
- Jane Eyre - Charlotte Bronte
- Lord Jim - Joseph Conrad
- Julie of the Wolves – Jean Craighead George
- 1984 - George Orwell
- Moby Dick – Herman Melville
- My Antonia – Willa Cather
- Our Town – Thornton Wilder
- Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen
- Return of the Native Thomas Hardy
- Saint Joan - George Bernard Shaw
- Silas Marner - George Eliot
- Tale of Two Cities - Charles Dickens
- The Chosen – Chaim Potok
- The Crucible – Arthur Miller
- The Day They Came to Arrest the Book – Nat Hentoff
- The Giver – Lois Lowry
- The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck
- The Outsiders – S.E. Hinton
- The Portable Poe – Edgar Allan Poe, Philip Van Doren Stern
- The Scarlett Letter – Nathaniel Hawthorne, Thomas E. Connolly
- The View From Saturday – E.L. Kinigsburg
- Turn of the Screw - Henry James
- Walden and Civil Disobedience - Henry David Thoreau

GRADE 12

- A Passage to India – E.A. Forster
- A Severe Mercy With 18 Letters by C.S. Lewis - Sheldon Vanauken
- A Tale of Two Cities – Charles Dickens
- Aeneid, The – Vergil
- Alice’s Adventures Through the Looking-Glass – Lewis Carroll
- Anna Karenina - Leo Tolstoy
- Beowolf - Seamus Heaney (Editor)
- Canterbury Quintet- The General Prologue & Four Tales: A Reader-Friendly Edition - Geoffrey Chaucer
- Chekhov: The Major Plays - Anton Chekhov
- Candide - Voltaire
- Crime and Punishment - Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- Cry, the Beloved Country - Paton
- Cyrano de Bergerac – Rostand
- A Doll's House - Henrik Ibsen
- Don Quixote – Cervantes
- Dubliners – James Joyce
- Emma – Jane Austen
- Frankenstein – Mary Shelley
- Ghandi: His Life and Message to the World – Fischer
- Gulliver’s Travels – Jonathan Swift
- Hamlet – William Shakespeare
- Lord of the Flies - William Golding
- Madame Bovary - Gustave Flaubert
- Oedipus - Sophocles
- One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich – Solzhenitsyn
- Paradise Lost - John Milton, John Leonard
- Peter Pan – J.M. Barrie
- Plato's Dialogues – Plato
- Pygmalion - George Bernard Shaw
- Right Ho, Jeeves - P.G. Wodehouse
- Sir Gawain and the Green Knight – Simon Armitage
- Sound and Sense 13th Edition - Thomas R. Arp, Greg Johnson
- Stranger, The - Albert Camus
- The Adventures and the Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes - Arthur Conan Doyle, Ed Glinert
- The Great Divorce – C.S. Lewis
- The Importance of Being Ernest - Oscar Wilde
- The Rime of the Ancient Mariner - Samuel Taylor Coleridge
- The Secret Sharer and Other Stories – Joseph Conrad
- Three Men in a Boat and Three Men on the Bummel - Jerome K. Jerome, Jeremy Lewis
- Wuthering Heights - Elizabeth Bronte