

## English Language Arts Literature Suggestions

The list of book titles that follows was compiled from the results of an informal survey conducted by the State Department of Education and distributed by the New York State English Council and New York State Reading Association. This list is not inclusive, nor is it intended as a recommended reading list; rather it is a list of books that English Language Arts teachers in New York State suggest have literary merit. These books are representative of the genres and are being read by students in today's classrooms.

### Fiction and Nonfiction

*Days of Grace*  
*Growing Up*  
*Forbidden City*  
*Shogun*  
*Prince of Tides*  
*After the First Death*  
*Maggie: Girl of the Streets*  
*The Red Badge of Courage*  
*Crime and Punishment*  
*The Portable Emerson*  
*Waiting for the Rain*  
*Roots*  
*Tess of the d'Urbervilles*  
*Pentimento*  
*The Snows of Kilimanjaro*  
*Les Miserables*  
*A Time to Speak*  
*Profiles in Courage*  
*Ironweed*  
*Stride Toward Freedom*  
*Dark Child*  
*Ninety-Five Theses*  
*The Prince*  
*A Death in Venice*  
*Nicholas and Alexandra*  
*Moby Dick*  
*Blue Highways*  
*The Power of Myth*  
*Cry the Beloved Country*  
*A Day No Pigs Would Die*  
*My Day*  
*A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*  
*One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*  
*Hard Times*  
*Walden*  
*The Guns of August*  
*Rabbit, Run*  
*Exodus*  
*Slaughterhouse Five*  
*The Color Purple*  
*Briar Rose*  
*We*

*Ashe, Arthur*  
*Baker, Russell*  
*Bell, William*  
*Clavel, James*  
*Conroy, Pat*  
*Cormier, Robert*  
*Crane, Stephen*  
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*Dostoyevsky, Fyodor*  
*Emerson, Ralph Waldo*  
*Gordon, Sheila*  
*Haley, Alex*  
*Hardy, Thomas*  
*Hellman, Lillian*  
*Hemingway, Ernest*  
*Hugo, Victor*  
*Jackson, Jesse*  
*Kennedy, John F.*  
*Kennedy, William*  
*King, Martin Luther*  
*Laye, Camara*  
*Luther, Martin*  
*Machiavelli, Niccolo*  
*Mann, Thomas*  
*Massie, Robert*  
*Melville, Herman*  
*Moon, William Least Heat*  
*Moyers, Bill*  
*Paton, Alan*  
*Peck, Robert Newton*  
*Roosevelt, Eleanor*  
*Smith, Betty*  
*Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr*  
*Terkel, Studs*  
*Thoreau, Henry David*  
*Tuchman, Barbara W.*  
*Updike, John*  
*Uris, Leon*  
*Vonnegut, Kurt*  
*Walker, Alice*  
*Yolen, Jane*  
*Zarnation, Eugene*

### Fantasy and Science Fiction

*Watership Down*  
*The Handmaid's Tale*  
*I, Robot*  
*The Illustrated Man*  
*Jurassic Park*  
*The Princess Bride*  
*Stranger in a Strange Land*  
*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*  
*Sirens of Titan*  
*The Time Machine*

*Adams, Richard*  
*Atwood, Margaret*  
*Asimov, Isaac*  
*Bradbury, Ray*  
*Crichton, Michael*  
*Goldman, William*  
*Heinlein, Robert A*  
*Twain, Mark*  
*Vonnegut, Kurt*  
*Wells, H.G.*

### Drama

*Becket*  
*Waiting for Godot*  
*Medea*

*Anouilh, Jean*  
*Beckett, Samuel*  
*Euripides*