

KEY STAGE 4 RECOMMENDED READING LIST

This is a reading list for Key Stage 4 students who want to read more challenging books. These books will help to broaden your mindset, and develop your language, whilst engaging with various ideas and perspectives. Challenge yourselves to read at least one book from each of the categories by the time you reach the end of Key Stage 4.

<p><u>Classics</u> <i>Jane Eyre</i> – Charlotte Bronte <i>Little Women</i> – Louisa M. Alcott <i>Emma / Sense and Sensibility</i> – Jane Austen <i>A Room with a View</i> – E.M. Forster <i>Brighton Rock</i> – Graham Greene <i>The Great Gatsby</i> – F. Scott Fitzgerald <i>I Capture the Castle</i> – Dodie Smith <i>I'm the King of the Castle</i> – Susan Hill <i>Breakfast at Tiffany's</i> – Truman Capote <i>Treasure Island</i> – Robert Louis Stevenson <i>Lord of the Flies</i> – William Golding <i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> – JD Salinger <i>Animal Farm/1984</i> – George Orwell <i>The Time Machine</i> - H.G. Wells</p>	<p><u>Voices & Different Perspectives</u> <i>Any Woman's Blues (short stories by black women writers)</i> – M.H. Washington <i>The Color Purple</i> – Alice Walker <i>Beloved</i> – Toni Morrison <i>The Grapes of Wrath</i> – John Steinbeck <i>Wild Swans</i> – Jung Chang <i>East, West (short stories)</i> – Salman Rushdie <i>Midnight's Children</i> – Salman Rushdie <i>Purple Hibiscus</i> - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie <i>The Poisonwood Bible</i> – Barbara Kingsolver <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i> – Mildred D. Taylor <i>Small Island</i> – Andrea Levy <i>Sea Prayer / The Kite Runner / A Thousand Splendid Suns / And The Mountains Echoed</i> – Khaled Hosseini <i>Nervous Conditions / The Book of Not / This Mournable Body</i> – Tsitsi Dangarembga <i>Out of Shadows</i> – Jason Wallace <i>The Bookseller of Kabul</i> - Åsne Seierstad</p>	<p><u>Contemporary Fiction</u> <i>Lark</i> – Anthony McGowan <i>The Fault in Our Stars</i> – John Green <i>We Are All Made Of Molecules</i> – Susin Nielson <i>Junk</i> - Melvin Burgess <i>Speak</i> – Lauren Halse Anderson <i>Rose Sees Red</i> - Cecil Castellucci <i>Love After Love</i> - Ingrid Persaud <i>The Mermaid of Black Conch: A Love Story</i> - Monique Roffey <i>Chocolat</i> – Joanna Harris <i>Enduring Love / Atonement</i> – Ian McEwan <i>Sophie's World</i> – Jostein Gaarder <i>The Bronx Masquerade</i> – Nikki Grimes <i>The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time</i> – Mark Haddon <i>The Earth, My Butt, and Other Big Round Things</i> – Carolyn Mackler <i>My Sister's Keeper</i> – Jodi Picoult <i>The Outsiders</i> – S.E. Hinton <i>Someone like Summer</i> – M.E. Kerr</p>
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<p><u>Science Fiction and Fantasy</u> <i>Dune</i> – Frank Herbert <i>Flowers for Algernon</i> – Daniel Keyes <i>The Brief History of the Dead</i> – Kevin Brockmeier <i>Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy</i> – Douglas Adams <i>The Time Traveller’s Wife</i> – Audrey Niffenegger <i>War of the Worlds</i> – H.G. Wells <i>The Hobbit</i> – J.R.R. Tolkien <i>A Clockwork Orange</i> – Anthony Burgess <i>The Amber Spyclass</i> – Philip Pullman</p>	<p><u>Non-Fiction</u> <i>Speeches That Changed The World</i> – Simon Sebag Montefiore <i>The Idea of the Brain: A History</i> – Matthew Cobb <i>Black Spartacus: The Epic Life of Toussaint Louverture</i> – Sudhir Hazareesingh <i>Talking to Strangers</i> – Malcolm Gladwell <i>A Short History of Nearly Everything</i> – Bill Bryson <i>Just Mercy</i> – Bryan Stevenson <i>Long Walk to Freedom</i> – Nelson Mandela</p>	<p><u>Poetry</u> Poems by Douglas Dunn Poems by William Blake Poems by W.H. Auden Poems by Christina Rossetti Poems by Alfred Lord Tennyson <i>The Historians</i> - Eavan Boland <i>The Fat Black Women’s Poems</i> – Grace Nicholls <i>The Air Year</i> - Caroline Bird <i>I Want! I Want!</i> - Vicki Feayer <i>Shine, Darling</i> - Ella Frears <i>Rendang</i> – Will Harris <i>Magnolia</i> 木蘭– Nina Mingya Powles <i>Citadel</i> – Martha Sprackland</p>
<p><u>Horror, Crime, Thrillers</u> <i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> – Arthur Conan Doyle <i>The Moonstone</i> – Wilkie Collins <i>The Fall of the House of Usher</i> – Edgar Allan Poe <i>The Day of the Jackal</i> – Frederick Forsyth <i>#MurderTrending</i> – Gretchen McNeil <i>The Lovely Bones</i> – Alice Sebold <i>13 Minutes: A Novel</i> - Sarah Pinborough <i>EXTRAS</i> – Scott Westerfield <i>It</i> – Stephen King <i>Carrie</i> – Stephen King <i>The Ruby in the Smoke</i> – Philip Pullman <i>A Monster Calls</i> – Patrick Ness <i>American Gods</i> – Neil Gaiman</p>	<p><u>Drama</u> <i>Our Country’s Good</i> – Timberlake Wertenbeker <i>The Crucible</i> – Arthur Miller <i>In Search of Dragon’s Mountain</i> – Toeckey Jones <i>Blood Wedding</i> – Gabriel Garcia Lorca <i>Educating Rita</i> – Willy Russell <i>After Easter</i> – Ann Devlin <i>Cat on a Hot Tin Roof</i> – Tennessee Williams <i>Whose Life is it Anyway?</i> – Brian Clark <i>Faust</i> – Johann Goethe <i>The Importance of Being Ernest</i> – Oscar Wilde <i>Teachers</i> – John Godper <i>Top Girls</i> – Carol Churchill <i>Waiting for Godot</i> – Samuel Beckett <i>Look Back in Anger</i> – John Osbourne <i>Pygmalion</i> – George Bernard Shaw <i>A Raisin in the Sun</i> – Lorraine Hansberry</p>	<p><u>Conflict & War</u> <i>Birdsong</i> – Sebastian Faulkes <i>Charlotte Gray</i> – Sebastian Faulkes <i>Captain Corelli’s Mandolin</i> – Louis de Bernieres <i>Catch 22</i> – Joseph Heller <i>The Ghost Road</i> – Pat Barker <i>Empire of the Sun</i> – JG Ballard <i>The Remains of the Day</i> – Kazuo Ishiguro <i>Art</i> – Maus Spiegelman <i>A Separate Peace</i> – John Knowles <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i> – Erich Maria Remarque <i>Shindler’s Ark</i> – Thomas Keneally <i>Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy</i> – John le Carre</p>

KEY STAGE 4 READING LIST ONLINE RESOURCES

This is a reading list for Key Stage 4 students with links to e-books or audio clips. The audiobooks list will be checked periodically to ensure that these are updated:

Novels

Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1260/1260-h/1260-h.htm>

Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/1342/1342-h/1342-h.htm>

Northanger Abbey – Jane Austen

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/121>

Emma – Jane Austen

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/19839>

Sense and Sensibility – Jane Austen

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/161/old/sense11p.pdf>

Far From the Madding Crowd – Thomas Hardy

<https://www.readingsanctuary.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Far-from-the-Madding-Crowd.pdf>

The Woman in White – Wilkie Collins

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/583/583-h/583-h.htm>

Frankenstein – Mary Shelley

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/84/84-h/84-h.htm>

Dracula – Bram Stoker

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/345/345-h/345-h.htm>

Mrs Dalloway in Bond Street – Virginia Woolf

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/63107/63107-h/63107-h.htm>

Two Stories – Virginia Woolf & Leonard Woolf

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/63230/63230-h/63230-h.htm>

Ulysses – James Joyce

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/4300/4300-h/4300-h.htm>

The Picture of Dorian Gray – Oscar Wilde

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/26740>

Lord Arthur Savile's Crime And Other Stories – Oscar Wilde

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/773>

Anthology of Historical fiction by the winners of the Young Walter Scott Prize:

<https://www.walterscottprize.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/YWSP-Pages-2019-V2.pdf>

Poetry

Beowulf: An Anglo-Saxon Poem - Beowulf

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/9700>

Paradise Lost – John Milton

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/20>

Poems by William Blake

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/574>

Lamia – John Keats

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/2490>

Endymion – John Keats

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/24280>

Lays of Ancient Rome – Thomas Babington Macaulay

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/847/847-h/847-h.htm>

Lyrical Ballads, With a Few Other Poems – Coleridge & Wordsworth

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/9622>

The Complete Works of Percy Bysshe Shelley

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/4800>

The Waste Land – T.S. Eliot

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1321>

Leaves of Grass - Walt Whitman

<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1322>

Alcyon – Archibald Lampman

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/22833/22833-h/22833-h.htm>

Audible

Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B01COOZ5C2?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-0

The Screwtape Letters – C.S. Lewis

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002V8DJ16?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-1

The Canterbury Tales – Geoffrey Chaucer

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002V5IZHW?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-9

The Age of Innocence – Edith Wharton

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002UZNCOE?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-18

The Picture of Dorian Gray – Oscar Wilde

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002VAEOY0?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-16

The Souls of Black Folk - W. E. B. Du Bois

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B0047WU6B0?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-1

Uncle Tom's Cabin – Harriet Beecher Stowe

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002VAAA6G?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-1

Persuasion – Jane Austen

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002V0LT7K?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-19

In Praise of Difficult Women – Karen Karbo, Cheryl Strayed

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/198260039X?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-16

Robinson Crusoe – Daniel Defoe

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002UZLIN6?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-11

Frankenstein – Mary Shelley

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B00FQRCM9O?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-3

Graphic Novels

Persepolis – Marjane Satrapi

<https://readgraphicnovels.blogspot.com/2017/06/read-marjane-satrapi-persepolis-1-page-0.html>

Beautiful Darkness - Fabien Vehlmann and Marie Pommepuy

<https://readgraphicnovels.blogspot.com/2016/09/read-beautiful-darkness-cover.html>

Anya's Ghost – Vera Brosgol

<https://readgraphicnovels.blogspot.com/2017/11/read-anya-s-ghost-graphic-novel-cover.html>

Palestine – Joe Sacco

<https://readgraphicnovels.blogspot.com/2017/11/cover-1-joe-sacco-palestine-online.html>

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol – adapted by Stephen L. Stern

<https://readgraphicnovels.blogspot.com/2017/12/cover-a-christmas-carol-graphic-novel.html>

Frankenstein – Bernie Wrightson

<https://readgraphicnovels.blogspot.com/2016/09/read-bernie-wrightsons-frankenstein-page-1.html>