

KEY STAGE 5 RECOMMENDED READING LIST

This is a reading list for Key Stage 5 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 5.

<u>Classics</u>	<u>Contemporary Fiction</u>	<u>Voices & Different Perspectives</u>
<i>Jane Eyre</i> – Charlotte Bronte	<i>Shuggie Bain</i> – Douglas Stuart	<i>Lonely Londoners</i> – Sam Selvon
<i>Little Women</i> – Louisa M. Alcott	<i>The New Wilderness</i> – Diane Cook	<i>Mimic Men</i> – V.S. Naipaul
<i>Northanger Abbey / Persuasion</i> – Jane Austen	<i>Hamnet</i> – Maggie O’Farrell	<i>Any Woman’s Blues (short stories by black women writers)</i> – M.H. Washington
<i>A Passage to India / A Room With A View</i> - E.M. Forster	<i>Brick Lane</i> – Monica Ali	<i>The Color Purple</i> – Alice Walker
<i>The Great Gatsby</i> – F. Scott Fitzgerald	<i>The Black Album / Buddha of Suburbia</i> – Hanif Kureishi	<i>Beloved</i> – Toni Morrison
<i>The Age of Innocence</i> – Edith Wharton	<i>Life isn’t all Ha Ha He He</i> – Meera Syal	<i>Wild Swans</i> – Jung Chang
<i>Breakfast at Tiffany’s / In True Blood</i> – Truman Capote	<i>White Teeth</i> – Zadie Smith	<i>East, West (short stories) / Midnight’s Children</i> – Salman Rushdie
<i>Treasure Island</i> – Robert Louis Stevenson	<i>Sea Prayer / The Kite Runner / A Thousand Splendid Suns / And The Mountains Echoed</i> – Khaled Hosseini	<i>Half of A Yellow Sun</i> - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> – JD Salinger	<i>The Poisonwood Bible / Prodigal Summer</i> – Barbara Kingslover	<i>Death is Hard Work</i> - Khaled Khalifa
<i>Animal Farm / 1984</i> – George Orwell	<i>Mary Reilly</i> - Valerie Martin	<i>Nervous Conditions / The Book of Not / This Mournable Body</i> – Tsitsi Dangarembga
<i>The Time Machine</i> - H.G. Wells	<i>Oryx and Crake / The Year of the Flood / The Blind Assassin</i> – Margaret Atwood	<i>Out of Shadows</i> – Jason Wallace
<i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i> – Oscar Wilde		<i>The Bookseller of Kabul</i> - Åsne Seierstad
<i>Moby Dick</i> – Herman Melville		<i>The Shadow King</i> – Maaza Mengiste
<i>To The Lighthouse</i> – Virginia Woolf		<i>My Name is Red</i> – Orhan Pamouk
<i>Dracula</i> – Bram Stoker		
<i>The Lord of the Rings</i> – J.R.R. Tolkien		
<i>Ulysses</i> – James Joyce		

Novels in Translation

The Shadow of the Wind – Carlos Ruiz Zafon
Madame Bovary – Flaubert
Crime and Punishment – Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Anna Karenina – Leo Tolstoy
Therese Raquin – Emile Zola
Perfume: The Story of a Murderer – Patrick Suskind
Convenience Store Woman – Sayaka Murata
Snow Country – Yasunari Kawabata
Classical Poems by Arab Women: A Bilingual Anthology – Abdullah al-Udhari
Yalo – Elias Khoury
Stone Upon Stone - Wiesław Myśliwski

Historical Fiction

Fingersmith / Night Watch / Tipping the Velvet – Sarah Waters
The Other Boleyn Girl / The Queen’s Fool / The Boleyn Inheritance – Philippa Gregory
War And Peace – Leo Tolstoy
The Outlander – Diana Gabaldon
The Mirror And The Light – Hilary Mantel
Birdsong – Sebastian Faulks
The Regeneration Trilogy – Pat Barker
All The Light We Cannot See – Anthony Doerr
The March – E.L. Doctorow
The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck
Things Fall Apart / No Longer At Ease / Arrow of God – Chinua Achebe
War Trash – Ha Jin
Thebes At War – Naguib Mahfouz

Non-Fiction

Speeches That Changed The World – Simon Sebag Montefiore
Notes From a Small Island / A Short History of Nearly Everything – Bill Bryson
The Idea of the Brain: A History – Matthew Cobb
Shakespeare: Invention of the Human – Harold Bloom
Black Spartacus: The Epic Life of Toussaint Louverture – Sudhir Hazareesingh
Talking to Strangers – Malcolm Gladwell
Just Mercy – Bryan Stevenson
Long Walk to Freedom – Nelson Mandela
Country of My Skull – Antjie Krog
Falling Leaves – Adeline Yen-Mah
The Reckoning – Charles Nicholl
Reading Lolita in Tehran – Azar Nafisi

Drama

Our Country’s Good – Timberlake Wertenbaker
The Crucible – Arthur Miller
In Search of Dragon’s Mountain – Toeckey Jones
Blood Wedding – Gabriel Garcia Lorca
Educating Rita – Willy Russell
After Easter – Ann Devlin
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof – Tennessee Williams
Whose Life is it Anyway? – Brian Clark
Faust – Johann Goethe
The Importance of Being Ernest – Oscar Wilde
Teachers – John Godper
Top Girls – Carol Churchill
Waiting for Godot – Samuel Beckett
Look Back in Anger – John Osbourne
Pygmalion – George Bernard Shaw

Poetry

Poems by Douglas Dunn
Poems by William Blake
Poems by W.H. Auden
Poems by Christina Rossetti
Poems by Alfred Lord Tennyson
Tickling the Dragon – Jocelyn Simms
Heft – David Costello
The Woman with an Owl Tattoo – Anne Walsh Donnelly
The Historians - Eavan Boland
Citadel – Martha Sprackland
Are Women People? A Book of Rhymes for Suffrage Times – Alice Duer Miller

KEY STAGE 5 READING LIST ONLINE RESOURCES

This is a reading list for Key Stage 5 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>

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

War and Peace – Leo Tolstoy

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002V0PVJC?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-6

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 Metamorphosis – Franz Kafka

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B004Y0K5V6?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-14

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

The Three Documents That Made America – Sam Fink

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002UP1LTM?ref=adbl_ent_anon_ds_pdp_pc_pg-1-cntr-0-9