

KS4 Stretch and Challenge Reading List

TITLE	AUTHOR	
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	A story about the tragic fall of Okonkwo and the Igbo culture
The Hitch-hiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams	Earth is to be abolished and replaced by a hyperspace bypass.
Brick Lane	Monica Ali	A Bangladeshi immigrant marries a man years her senior in a loveless arranged marriage.
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	Autobiography of a precocious but insecure black girl in the American South.
The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood	Men rule over women in this dangerous dystopian world.
Empire of the Sun	J G Ballard	A story of a British boy's four-year ordeal in a Japanese prison.
The Wasp Factory	Iain Banks	A bizarre, imaginative and disturbing look into the mind of a child psychopath.
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	A discovery of a terrible secret forces Jane to make a decision.
Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte	An orphan is raised in a ancient manor filled with love and hatred.
A Clockwork Orange	Anthony Burgess	In a future England, Alex and his 'Droogs' spend their nights getting high.
The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Stephen Chbosky	A coming-of-age epistolary novel about growing up.
The Woman in White	Wilkie Collins	Art teacher meets a woman who has just escaped from a lunatic asylum.
The Hound of the Baskervilles	Arthur Conan Doyle	A man dies on the moor under suspicious circumstances.
Heart of Darkness	Joseph Conrad	Marlow tells the story of the time he journeyed up the Congo river in a steamboat.
Jurassic Park	Michael Crichton	Tragedy strikes when a worker in Jurassic Park is killed by a velociraptor.
Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	A young orphan learns that a patron wishes to make him a gentleman.
The Siege of Krishnapur	J G Farrell	Siege of a fictional Indian town is narrated from the viewpoint of British residents.
Birdsong	Sebastian Faulks	A novel about WWI and its effects on the protagonist and his granddaughter.
The Great Gatsby	F Scott Fitzgerald	A story of grandeur, love and lavish parties in 1920s America.
A Passage to India	E M Forster	Aziz's trial brings to a boil the racial tensions between Indians and the British Empire.
The Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank	Diary of a young Jewish girl hiding for 2 years from Nazis.
American Gods	Neil Gaiman	A blend of Americana, fantasy and various strands of ancient and modern mythology.
Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Boys stranded on a desert island resort to savagery.
Brighton Rock	Graham Greene	A gang war rages through Brighton's underworld.
Water for Elephants	Sara Gruen	A vet student falls for a married performer on their circus travels.
Catch 22	Joseph Heller	A WW2 bombardier seeks to protect his own life by fleeing to a hospital.
The Woman in Black	Susan Hill	A young man is haunted by a ghost in a deserted house.
The Kite Runner	Khalid Hosseini	A young Sunni Muslim struggles to find his place in the world.

Never Let Me Go	Kazuo Ishiguro	Set in a dystopian world where human clones are created to donate their organs.
One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Ken Kesey	Randle is transferred for evaluation from prison to a mental institution.
Flowers for Algernon	Daniel Keyes	An individual is given genius levels of intelligence as an experiment.
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	A young girl witnesses the trial of an accused African-American.
Cider with Rosie	Laurie Lee	Funny autobiography of a boy growing up after WWI.
Every Day	David Levithan	A captivating story that present the complexities of life and love.
Atonement	Ian McEwan	A young couple is torn apart by a lie constructed by a jealous younger sister.
Beloved	Toni Morrison	Inspired by an African-American slave who escaped slavery by fleeing to a free state.
More Than This	Patrick Ness	Seth, desperate and alone, drowns. But then he wakes: alive.
1984	George Orwell	Winston is controlled under the watchful eye of Big Brother.
The Catcher in the Rye	J D Salinger	Holden narrates his story after being expelled from prep. school.
Lovely Bones	Alice Sebold	After being brutally murdered, 14-year-old Alice watches over her grief-stricken family.
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	A man-monster is created and inflicts murder upon humankind.
I Capture the Castle	Dodie Smith	American heirs arrive at the castle and Cassandra falls in love.
White Teeth	Zadie Smith	Bangladeshi Samad and Englishman Archie are wartime friends living in London.
Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	George and Lennie have nothing in the world except each other.
Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	A London lawyer investigates strange occurrences.
Dracula	Bram Stoker	Vampire Count Dracula attempts to spread the undead curse.
Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	An adventure story involving several voyages of Lemuel Gulliver.
The Lord of the Rings	J R R Tolkien	Frodo Baggins adventures into dark and dangerous Middle Earth.
The Time Machine	H G Wells	A Victorian scientist propels himself into the year 802,701 AD.
The Picture of Dorian Gray	Oscar Wilde	Dorian meets a painter who becomes enthralled with him.
Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit	Jeanette Winterson	Girl's strong will allows her to rebel against her fanatical life.
I Am Malala	Malala Yousafzi	Autobiography of the girl who stood up to the Taliban.

Enjoy!