

MCAS Suggested Reading List for Grades 9-12

In addition to the 5–8 Selections:

Traditional and Classical literature:

A higher level rereading of Greek mythology

Substantial selections from epic poetry: Homer’s *Odyssey* and *Iliad*; Virgil’s *Aeneid*

Classical Greek drama (Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides)

The Bible as literature:

Genesis, Ten Commandments, selected psalms and proverbs, *Job*,

Sermon on the Mount, selected parables

American Literature

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS OF LITERARY AND PHILOSOPHICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Abraham Lincoln’s Gettysburg address

The Declaration of Independence

Martin Luther King Jr.’s “Letter from Birmingham City Jail” or his “I Have a Dream” speech

John F. Kennedy’s inaugural speech

William Faulkner’s Nobel Prize Lecture

IMPORTANT WRITERS OF THE 18TH AND 19TH CENTURIES:

IMPORTANT WRITERS OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY:

James Fenimore Cooper

Stephen Crane

Emily Dickinson

Frederick Douglass

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Benjamin Franklin

Nathaniel Hawthorne

Henry James

Thomas Jefferson

Herman Melville

Edgar Allan Poe

Henry David Thoreau

Mark Twain

Phillis Wheatley

Walt Whitman

Henry Adams

James Baldwin

Arna Bontemps

Willa Cather

Kate Chopin

Countee Cullen

Ralph Ellison

William Faulkner

Jessie Fauset

F. Scott Fitzgerald

Charlotte Gilman

Ernest Hemingway

O. Henry

Langston Hughes

Zora Neale Hurston

Sarah Orne Jewett

James Weldon Johnson

Flannery O’Connor

Gertrude Stein

John Steinbeck

James Thurber

Jean Toomer

Booker T. Washington

Edith Wharton

Richard Wright