

Core Literature – English Department

11th Grade

POETRY:

At least one poem from each of the following authors:

- any Native-American author,
- Edgar Allan Poe,
- Emily Dickinson,
- Walt Whitman, and
- Robert Frost

SHORT STORIES:

Choose one (1) short story from each of the following authors:

- Nathaniel Hawthorne,
- Washington Irving, and
- Mark Twain, and
- Edgar Allan Poe

NONFICTION:

All of the following pieces of American Literature:

- Jonathan Edwards: “Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God”
- Thomas Jefferson: “The Declaration of Independence”
- Sojourner Truth: “Ain’t I a Woman?”
- Frederick Douglass: “What the Black Man Wants”
- Dekanawidah: “The Iroquois Constitution” OR Chief Seattle: “This Sacred Soil”
- One selection by Ralph Waldo Emerson
- One selection by Henry David Thoreau
- Abraham Lincoln: “Gettysberg Address”

DRAMA:

A play by one of the following authors (not one each):

- Arthur Miller,
- Eugene O’Neill, or
- Tennessee Williams

Core Literature FOR THE ENTIRE SEMESTER

By the end of the semester, all students will be exposed to a minimum of four poems, six short stories and one novel. The individual titles are chosen by the teacher but must be written by the following American authors.

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| ▪ Angelou, Maya | ▪ Millay, Edna St. Vincent |
| ▪ Cather, Willa | ▪ Morrison, Toni |
| ▪ Chopin, Kate | ▪ O’Connor, Flannery |
| ▪ Crane, Stephen | ▪ Plath, Sylvia |
| ▪ Dunbar, Paul Lawrence | ▪ Robinson, Edwin Arlington |
| ▪ Faulkner, William | ▪ Sexton, Anne |
| ▪ Fitzgerald, F. Scott | ▪ Steinbeck, John |
| ▪ Hemingway, Ernest | ▪ Tan, Amy |
| ▪ Hughes, Langston | ▪ Walker, Alice |
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| ▪ Hurston, Zora Neale | ▪ Wright, Richard |

Additionally, all students will be exposed to at least one (1) speech or excerpt by the following author:

- Martin Luther King, Jr.: “I Have a Dream” OR “Letters from a Birmingham Jail”