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Representative Authors

There is no recommended or required reading list for the AP English Language and Composition course. The following authors are provided simply to suggest the range and quality of reading expected in the course. Teachers may select authors from the names below or may choose others of comparable quality and complexity.

Autobiographers and Diarists

Maya Angelou, James Boswell, Judith Ortiz Cofer, Charles Dana, Thomas De Quincey, Frederick Douglass, Benjamin Franklin, Lillian Hellman, Helen Keller, Maxine Hong Kingston, T. E. Lawrence, John Henry Newman, Samuel Pepys, Richard Rodriguez, Richard Wright, Malcolm X, Anzia Yezierska

Biographers and History Writers

Walter Jackson Bate, James Boswell, Thomas Carlyle, Winston Churchill, Vine Deloria, Jr., Leon Edel, Richard Ellmann, Shelby Foote, John Hope Franklin, Antonia Fraser, Edward Gibbon, Richard Holmes, Gerda Lerner, Thomas Macaulay, Samuel Eliot Morison, Francis Parkman, Arnold Rampersad, Simon Schama, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Ronald Takaki, George Trevelyan, Barbara Tuchman

Critics

Paula Gunn Allen, Gloria Anzaldua, Michael Arlen, Matthew Arnold, Kenneth Clark, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Arlene Croce, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Louis Gates, Jr., William Hazlitt, bell hooks, Samuel Johnson, Pauline Kael, Joyce Carol Oates, Walter Pater, John Ruskin, George Santayana, George Bernard Shaw, Susan Sontag, Cornel West, Oscar Wilde, Edmund Wilson

Essayists and Fiction Writers

Joseph Addison, James Agee, Margaret Atwood, Francis Bacon, James Baldwin, G. K. Chesterton, Joan Didion, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Paul Fussell, Mavis Gallant, Nadine Gordimer, Edward Hoagland, Zora Neale Hurston, Jamaica Kincaid, Charles Lamb, Norman Mailer, Nancy Mairs, Mary McCarthy, N. Scott Momaday, Michel de Montaigne, V. S. Naipaul,

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Tillie Olsen, George Orwell, Cynthia Ozick, Ishmael Reed, Adrienne Rich, Mordecai Richler, Sharman Apt Russell, Scott Russell Sanders, Richard Selzer, Richard Steele, Shelby Steele, Henry David Thoreau, John Updike, Alice Walker, Eudora Welty, E. B. White, Terry Tempest Williams, Virginia Woolf

Journalists

Roger Angell, Maureen Dowd, Elizabeth Drew, Nora Ephron, M. F. K. Fisher, Frances Fitzgerald, Janet Flanner (Genêt), Ellen Goodman, David Halberstam, Andy Logan, John McPhee, H. L. Mencken, Jan Morris, David Remnick, Red Smith, Lincoln Steffens, Paul Theroux, Calvin Trillin, Tom Wolfe

Political Writers

Hannah Arendt, Simone de Beauvoir, William F. Buckley, Jean de Crèvecoeur, W. E. B. DuBois, Margaret Fuller, John Kenneth Galbraith, Charlotte Perkins Gilman, Thomas Hobbes, Thomas Jefferson, George Kennan, Martin Luther King, Jr., Lewis H. Lapham, John Locke, Niccolò Machiavelli, John Stuart Mill, John Milton, Thomas More, Thomas Paine, Olive Schreiner, Jonathan Swift, Alexis de Tocqueville, Gore Vidal, George Will, Garry Wills, Mary Wollstonecraft

Science and Nature Writers

Edward Abbey, Wendell Berry, Jacob Bronowski, Rachel Carson, Charles Darwin, Annie Dillard, Gretel Ehrlich, Loren Eiseley, Stephen Jay Gould, Evelyn Fox Keller, Barry Lopez, Peter Matthiessen, Margaret Mead, John Muir, David Quammen, Carl Sagan, Lewis Thomas, Jonathan Weiner