

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."
— Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."
— Frederick Douglass

Raider Reading Directory

- The Raider Reading Requirement at Nathan Hale offers a broad range of books, commonly read and enjoyed by teenagers like you!
- The goal here, first, is to find literature of **personal interest** to **you**. That's why there are **categories** from which to choose your book.
- Additionally, the aim is to **support** a **building-wide culture** where reading and discussing literature is a **regular** practice that students and staff enjoy together.
- The Nathan Hale Language Arts Department, students **and** staff at our school have put together the following list of approved outside reading based on student interests and staff/faculty suggestions.

The qualifications of the books and authors on this list are as follows:

1. The book is of literary merit:
 - It is a challenging, thought-provoking piece of literature with a purpose that is not primarily entertainment
 - It provides opportunities for scholarly reflection
2. The literary work is appropriate for the Nathan Hale student body:
 - It relates to and/or evokes interests of teen readers
 - Its subject matter can generate scholarly discussion among staff and students
3. It may have won a major book award (i.e. Pulitzer, Nobel, Booker, Nebula, National Book Award, Alex, and Printz).

Need help deciding on a book?

- Ask your mentorship teacher, librarian or Language Arts teacher for recommendations from the list.
- Also, go to amazon.com for summaries and

HOW DO I USE THIS LIST?

- A) Choose a work from the list below (**books read in class don't count!**)
- B) Read and enjoy the book and consider which aspects of the book make for great discussion
- C) **Set up a book talk date** with any faculty or staff at least a week in advance. (9th graders make appointments with mentorship teacher.)
- D) Show up for your book talk on time **with the book** and with plenty of discussion prepared!
- E) Give a completed Book Talk form to your CURRENT LA teacher!

If you would like to add an author or a book to the approved list:

1. See 1, 2, & 3 (under "The qualifications...") above. If your book doesn't seem to "Pass" these criteria, it probably won't pass the next step.
2. See your Language Arts teacher for approval; we encourage it!
3. You'll be asked to bring the book in and defend it in writing based on the three qualifications above.

RAIDER READING REQUIREMENT

Choose any book from the following list to fulfill your Raider Reading Requirement. In addition, any book that has won the following awards is also acceptable: **Pulitzer, Nobel, Booker, Nebula, National Book Award, Alex, and Printz**).

Outside Reading Requirement Required Pages Per Semester

9th Grade: 300 pages (reg. credit)
600 pages (honors credit)
10th Grade: 400 pages (reg. credit)
800 pages (honors credit)

11th Grade: 600 pages (reg. credit)
800 pages (honors credit)
12th Grade: 600 pages (reg. credit)
800 pages (honors credit)

- The book talk is **oral**. The student's job is to knowledgeably and thoughtfully answer the questions and to convince the teacher that s/he read the book.
- Students **must** have the **book with them** when they do a book talk. No book= no conference.
- The deadline for all booktalks is **ONE FULL WEEK BEFORE THE END OF THE SEMESTER**. (This excludes freshmen).
- Students may take notes while they read and use those notes during the book conference.
- Teachers will only do one book conference per day per student – **students will NOT bring more than one book to a book conference**.
- Book conferences should **take 10+ minutes**.
- Outside Reading counts for 10% of students' grades with variable credit for more and fewer pages read than the required amount.
- **A book does not have to be completed** to receive credit for pages read. Students must read **at least 25 pages**.

Abuse and Recovery

Alexi, Sherman *Toughest Indian in the World*
Dorris, Michael *A Yellow Raft in Blue Water*
Sapphire *Push*

Adventure

Defoe, Daniel *Robinson Crusoe*
Krakauer, Jon *Into the Wild*
Into Thin Air
Martel, Yann *The Life of Pi*
McMurtry, Larry *Lonesome Dove*
Patchett, Ann *Bel Canto*
Stevenson, Robert Louis *Treasure Island*
Swift, Jonathan *Gulliver's Travels*
Van Der Post, Laurens *A Story Like the Wind*

Africa

Achebe, Chinua *Man of the People*
No Longer at Ease
Adichie, Chimamanda Ngozi *Half a Yellow Sun*
Courtenay, Bryce *The Power of One*
Gourevitch, Philip *We Wish to Inform You that Tomorrow We Will Be Killed with Our Families*
The Poisonwood Bible
Melville, Herman *Benito Sereno*
Smith, Alexander McCall *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*
Paton, Alan *Cry the Beloved Country*

African American

Angelou, Maya *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*
Baldwin, James *Go Tell It On the Mountain*
Bambara, Toni Cade *Gorilla, My Love*
Chestnut, Charles W. *The Marrow of Tradition*
Delany, Martin R. *Blake, or The Huts of America*
Ellison, Ralph *Invisible Man*
Gaines, Ernest J. *Gathering of Old Men*
A Lesson Before Dying
Hughes, Langston *Short Stories*
The Ways of White Folks
The Known World
Jones, Edward P. *Autobiography of Malcom X*
Malcom X, Attallah *The Color of Water*
Shabazz, Alex Haley *Jazz*
McBride, James *Love, A Novel*
Morrison, Toni *Song of Solomon*
Sula
Push
Puddin' Head Wilson
The Color Purple
Black Boy
Native Son

The Asian and Asian-American Experience

Buck, Pearl S. *The Good Earth*
Clavel, James *Shogun*
Fadiman, Ann *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*
The Glass Palace
Memoirs of a Geisha
Ghosh, Amitav *Typical American*
Golden, Arthur *Waiting*
Native Speaker

Lee, Helie
Mishima, Yukio
Tan, Amy

Sijie, Dai

Silko, Leslie Marmon
Watanabe, Sylvia

Still Life with Rice
The Sound of Waves
The Hundred Secret Senses
The Kitchen God's Wife
Balzac and the Little Chinese
Seamstress
Ceremony
Talking to the Dead

Dorris, Michael
Duncan, David James
Eugenides, Jeffrey
Finch, Janet
Goldberg, Myla
Haddon, Mark

Irving, John

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water
The Brothers K
Middlesex
White Oleander
Bee Season
The Curious Incident of the
Dog in the Night-time
Cider House Rules
A Prayer for Owen Meany
Hoop Dreams
The Secret Life of

Childhood Stories

Allison, Dorothy
Carolina
Lee, Harper
McCourt, Frank

Bastard Out of
To Kill a Mockingbird
Angela's Ashes

Joravsky, Ben
Kidd, Sue Monk
Bees
Lamb, Wally

Mahfuz, Najib
Martel, Yann
McBride, James
McCourt, Frank

I Know This Much Is True
She's Come Undone
Fountain and Tomb
The Life of Pi
The Color of Water
Angela's Ashes

Classic

Austen, Jane
Baldwin, James
Bronte, Charlotte
Bronte, Emily
Carroll, Lewis
Cervantes
Crane, Stephen
Courage
Fitzgerald, F. Scott
Hardy, Thomas
d'Urbervilles
Hemingway, Ernest
Kafka, Franz
Marquez, Gabriel Garcia
Solitude
Melville, Herman
Remarque, Erich Maria
Western Front
Swift, Jonathan
Twain, Mark
Verne, Jules
Days
Wharton, Edith
Wilde, Oscar

Emma
Pride and Prejudice
Go Tell It On the
Jane Eyre
Wuthering Heights
Alice's Adventures in
Through the Looking Glass
Don Quixote
The Red Badge of
Tender is the Night
Tess of the
The Sun Also Rises
The Trial
One Hundred Years of
Love in the Time of Cholera
Moby Dick
All Quiet on the
Gulliver's Travels
Puddin'head Wilson
Around the World in Eighty
The House of Mirth
The Picture of Dorian Gray

McEwan, Ian
Morrison, Toni
Salinger, JD
Sebald, Alice
Shriver, Lionel
Silko, Leslie Marmon
Smith, Betty
Steinbeck, John

'Tis
Atonement
Sula
Franny & Zooey
The Lovely Bones
We Need to Talk About Kevin
Ceremony
A Tree Grows In Brooklyn
East of Eden

Female Protagonist

Allison, Dorothy
Carolina
Atwood, Margaret

Alvarez, Julia

Bambara, Toni Cade
Austin, Jane

Chopin, Kate
Diamant, Anita
Esquivel, Laura
Chocolate
Finch, Janet
Golden, Arthur
Hemingway, Ernest
Kingston, Maxine Hong
Kincaid, Jamaica

Kidd, Sue Monk
Bees
Lamb, Wally

Lee, Helie
Markandaya, Kamala
Morrison, Toni
Robbins, Tom
Sapphire
Sebald, Alice
Smith, Betty
Tan, Amy
Walker, Alice

Bastard Out of
The Blind Assassin
The Handmaid's Tale
How the Garcia Girls Lost
Their Accents
Gorilla, My Love
Emma
Pride and Prejudice
The Awakening
The Red Tent
Like Water for
White Oleander
Memoirs of a Geisha
A Farewell to Arms
Woman Warrior
Annie John
Lucy
The Secret Life of
I Know This Much Is True
She's Come Undone
Still Life with Rice
Nectar in a Sieve
Sula
Even Cowgirls Get the Blues
Push
The Lovely Bones
A Tree Grows In Brooklyn
The Hundred Secret Senses
The Color Purple

Coming of Age OR Smells Like Teen

Angst

Allison, Dorothy
Carolina
Alvarez, Julia

Anderson, Sherwood
Carroll, Jim
Chabon, Michael

Coelo, Paulo
Courtenay, Bryce

Bastard Out of
How the Garcia Girls Lost
Their Accents
Winesburg, Ohio
Basketball Diaries
The Amazing Adventures of
Kavalier & Clay
The Alchemist
The Power of One

Wharton, Edith

The House of Mirth

Robbins, Tom

Even Cowgirls Get the Blues

Historical Novels

Alvarez, Julia

In the Time of the Butterflies

Chabon, Michael

The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay

Chestnut, Charles W.

The Marrow of Tradition

Crane, Stephen
Courage

The Red Badge of

Esquivel, Laura
Chocolate

Like Water for

Frazier, Charles

Cold Mountain

Ghosh, Amitav

The Glass Palace

Hegi, Ursula

Stones from the River

Hemingway, Ernest

A Farewell to Arms

The Sun Also Rises

The Old Man and the Sea

Waiting

Jin, Ha

The Poisonwood Bible

Kinsolver, Barbara

Lonesome Dove

McMurtry, Larry

Killer Angels

Shaara, Michael

Latino/Chicano and Latin American

Experience

Allende, Isabele
Spirits

The House of the

Eva Luna

Alvarez, Julia

How the Garcia Girls Lost

Their Accents

Anaya, Rudolfo

Bless Me, Ultima

Esquivel, Laura

Like Water for

Chocolate

Marquez, Gabriel Garcia

One Hundred Years of

Solitude

Love in the Time of Cholera

LOVE

Alexie, Sherman

Reservation Blues

The Toughest Indian in the

World

Alvarez, Julia

How the Garcia Girls Lost

Their Accents

Atwood, Margaret

The Blind Assassin

Austen, Jane

Emma

Pride and Prejudice

Bronte, Charlotte

Jane Eyre

Bronte, Emily

Wuthering Heights

Esquivel, Laura

Like Water for

Chocolate

Cold Mountain

Frazier, Charles

The Five Quarters of the

Orange

Helprin, Mark

Winter's Tale

Hemingway, Ernest

The Sun Also Rises

Irving, John

Cider House Rules

Krauss, Nicole

The History of Love

McBride, James

The Color of Water

McMurtry, Larry

Lonesome Dove

Morrison, Toni

Sula

Mishima, Yukio

The Sound of Waves

Patchett, Ann

Bel Canto

Male Protagonist

Anaya, Rudolfo

Bless Me, Ultima

Boyden, Joseph

Three Day Road

Carroll, Jim

Basketball Diaries

Chabon, Michael

The Amazing Adventures of

Kavalier & Clay

Dickey, James

Deliverance

Duncan, David James

The Brothers K

Gaiman, Neil

American Gods

Kesey, Ken

One Flew over the Cuckoo's

Nest

Sometimes a Great Notion

Joravsky, Ben

Hoop Dreams

L'Amour, Louis

The Lonesome Gods

Lethem, Jonathan

The Walking Drum

McCarthy, Cormac

Motherless Brooklyn

Obama, Barak

The Road

Puzo, Mario

Dreams of My Father

Roth, Phillip

The Godfather

Solzhenitsyn, Aleksandr

The Plot Against Amerca

One Day in the Life of Ivan

Denisovich

Steinbeck, John

East of Eden

The Pearl

Tortilla Flat

Middle East and Indian

Lapierre, Dominique

The City of Joy

Lahiri, Jhumpa

The Interpreter of

Maladies

Mahfuz, Najib

Fountain and Tomb

Markandaya, Kamala

Nectar in a Sieve

Roy, Arundhati

The God of Small Things

Rushdie, Salman

Midnight's Children

Suli, Manil

The Death of Vishnu

Mystery

Haddon, Mark

The Curious Incident of the

Dog in the Night-time

Lethem, Jonathan

Motherless Brooklyn

Native American Lit.

Alexie, Sherman

Reservation Blues

The Toughest Indian in the

World

Boyden, Joseph

Three Day Road

Dorris, Michael

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water

Erdrich, Louise

Love Medicine

Tracks

Silko, Leslie Marmon

Ceremony

Science Fiction and Fantasy

Adams, Richard

Watership Down

Asimov, Isaac

Foundation

Atwood, Margaret

The Handmaid's Tale

Bradbury, Ray

Oryx and Crake

Fahrenheit 451

Burgess, Anthony
Card, Orson Scott
Carroll, Lewis
Wonderland

Cervantes
Clarke, Arthur C.
Odyssey

DeLillo, Don
Dick, Philip

Gibson, William
Heinlein, Robert
Helprin, Mark
Herbert, Frank
LeGuinn, Ursula
Darkness

Maguire, Gregory

McCarthy, Cormac
Niven, Larry
Orwell, George
Rand, Ayn
Russel, Mary Doria
Tolkein, JRR

Vonnegut, Kurt
Wells, H.G.

White, T.H.

Zimmer Bradley, Marion

A Clockwork Orange
Enders Game
Alice's Adventures in

Through the Looking Glass
Don Quixote
2001 A Space

Childhood's End
White Noise
Do Androids Dream of
Electric Sheep?

Neuromancer
Starship Troopers
Winter's Tale
Dune

The Left Hand of

Wicked: The Life and Times of
the Wicked Witch of the West

The Road
Ringworld
1984

Anthem

The Sparrow
The Fellowship of the Ring
Two Towers
The Return of the King

Slaughterhouse 5

The Island of Dr. Moreau
The Time Machine

The Sword in the Stone

The Mists of Avalon

Joravsky, Ben
Krakauer, Jon

Malcom X, Attallah
Shabazz, Alex Haley
McBride, James
Obama, Barak
Plotkin, Mark
Apprentice
Saks, Oliver

Wife

Turkel, Studs
History of

Hoop Dreams
Into the Wild
Into Thin Air
Autobiography of Malcom X

The Color of Water
Dreams of My Father
Tales of a Shaman's

Awakenings
The Man who Mistook His

for a Hat
Uncle Tungsten
The Good War: An Oral

World War Two

Thriller/Macabre/Monsters

Burgess, Anthony *A Clockwork Orange*
Stoker, Bram *Dracula*
Wilde, Oscar *The Picture of Dorian Gray*

War

Bowden, Mark *Blackhawk Down*
Boyden, Joseph *Three Day Road*
Frazier, Charles *Cold Mountain*
Gourevitchk, Philip *We Wish to Inform You that*
Tomorrow We Will Be Killed
with Our Families

Hegi, Ursulu *Stones from the River*
Remarque, Erich Maria *All Quiet on the*
Western Front

Shaara, Michael *Killer Angels*
Turkel, Studs *The Good War: An Oral*
History of World War Two

Non-Fiction

Bowden, Mark *Blackhawk Down*
Carroll, Jim *Basketball Diaries*
Fadiman, Ann *The Spirit Catches You and*
You Fall Down
Gourevitchk, Philip *We Wish to Inform You that*
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