

ELA High School Supplemental Book List Revised, August 2023

Introduction and Background:

The High School Protected Book List was generated by previous teachers and committees to organize supplemental content for classroom instruction. Books on this list were compared to other districts and classrooms and were then classified for the appropriate age group. By doing so, English teachers ensured that a book more appropriate for high school students was not studied at the middle school level.

The ELA High School Supplemental Book List organizes the content by grade level in an easy to read format. The list was created through a review of the previous High School Protected Book List by English teachers, departments, and curriculum teams in order to precisely determine which books are being studied in ELA classrooms. This list will be reviewed by curriculum teams annually.

Any book not on this list is not part of the approved curriculum. Procedures to add new content to this list, to review a placement of a book from or to a particular grade level, and to review a book for instructional use are outlined on the last page of this document

Novels are organized into three categories: green (grade-level appropriate), yellow (special consideration - fill out novel proposal form and parent notification form - links located here and on novel list) It will take 4-6 weeks for this novel to be reviewed once the proposal form has been submitted; allow an additional 2 weeks after sending the parent notification form., red (not recommended for use). Novels denoted as: Course (C) are part of the SAVVAS myPerspectives curriculum; Teacher Selected (T) are on the approved list but may not be available at all high schools. Warehouse (W) can be ordered from the Warehouse.



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Course (C) Teacher Selected (T) Wareho use (W)	Title	Author	Novel Notes
Т	The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian Novel Proposal Form	Sherman Alexie Parent Notification Form	Concerns: Explicit language, reference to masturbation, references to alcohol abuse
Т	All But My Life	Gerda Weissmann Klein	
Т	All Quiet on the Western Front	Erich Maria Remarque	
Т	Anthem	Ayn Rand	
Т	Cannery Row	John Steinbeck	
Т	Cold Sassy Tree	Olive Ann Burns	
Т	The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime	Mark Haddon	Also on Grade 8 summer reading list.
Т	Double Helix	Nancy Werlin	Grades 9-10 Science
Т	Einstein's Dreams	Alan Lightman	
Т	Ender's Game	Orson Scott Card	
Т	Epic of Gilgamesh	Unknown	
С	The Fault in Our Stars Novel Proposal Form	John Green Parent Notification Form	myPerspectives Unit 4 Concerns: Mature themes; may be better suited for grade 11
С	Go Tell It on the Mountain Novel Proposal Form	James Baldwin Parent Notification Form	Concerns: God and religion, sin and morality
Т	Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	Grade 10 myPerspectives Unit 4
Т	Hard Times	Charles Dickens	
Т	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy	Douglas Adams	
Т	The Hobbit	J.R.R. Tolkien	Also listed on grade 8 Honors summer reading



			Grade 10 myPerspectives Unit 2
Т	I Heard the Owl Call My Name	Margaret Craven	
Т	An Iliad	Denis O'Hare and Lisa Peterson	
Т	LIfe of Pi	Yann Martel	
Т	Living Among the Dead	Adena Bernstein Astrowsky	Supports myPerspectives Unit 2
С	Lord of the Flies	William Golding	myPerspectives Unit 2
Т	Man's Search for Meaning	Viktor Frankl	
Т	Much Ado About Nothing	William Shakespeare	
С	My Antonia Novel Proposal Form	Willa Cather Parent Notification Form	myPerspectives Unit 1 Concerns: suicide/wolf attack
Т	The Mystery of Edwin Drood	Charles Dickens	
Т	Never Cry Wolf	Farley Mowat	
Т	Night	Elie Wiesel	
Т	The Odyssey	Homer	
Т	The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway	
Т	The Once and Future King	T.H. White	
С	Paradise Lost & Paradise Regained	John Milton	myPerspectives Unit 6 More appropriate for grades 11, 12, or AP
Т	Romeo and Juliet	William Shakespeare	
Т	A Separate Peace	John Knowles	Grade 11 myPerspectives Unit 3
Т	Silas Marner	George Eliot	
Т	Speak	Laurie Halse Anderson	
Т	The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness	Simon Wiesenthal	
Т	The Taming of the Shrew	William Shakespeare	Also listed for grades 6 and 11.
Т	The Three Musketeers	Alexandre Dumas	
С	To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	myPerspectives Unit 3
Т	The Yearling	Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	





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С	All the Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr	myPerspectives Unit 6
Т	Anil's Ghost	Michael Ondaatje	
Т	Antigone	Sophocles	
С	Beloved Novel Proposal Form	Toni Morrison Parent Notification Form	myPerspectives Unit 3 Concerns: Mature themes; better suited for AP Lit.
Т	Bless Me, Ultima	Rudolfo Anaya	
Т	Catcher in the Rye	J.D. Salinger	Grade 9 myPerspectives Unit 5
Т	A Comedy of Errors	William Shakespeare	
Т	The Complete Persepolis	Marjane Satrapi	
С	The Count of Monte Cristo	Alexandre Dumas	myPerspectives Unit 5
Т	Cry, the Beloved Country	Alan Paton	
Т	The Death of Ivan Ilyich	Leo Tolstoy	
Т	Double Helix	Nancy Werlin	Grades 9-10 Science
Т	The Elegance of a Hedgehog	Muriel Barbery	
Т	Ella Minnow Pea	Mark Dunn	
С	Frankenstein	Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley	myPerspectives Unit 1
С	The Haunting of Hill House	Shirley Jackson	myPerspectives Unit 1 Concerns: Bullying, suicide
Т	The Hound of the Baskervilles	Arthur Conan Doyle	
W	House on Mango Street	Sandra Cisneros	
т	How to Read Literature Like a Professor	Thomas C. Foster	



Т	Hullabaloo in the Guava Orchard	Kiran Desai	
Т	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	
Т	The Iliad	Homer	
С	Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl	Harriet Jacobs	myPerspectives Unit 3
Т	In the Time of Butterflies	Julia Alvarez	
Т	Into the Woods	Stephen Sondheim	
Т	The Joy Luck Club	Amy Tan	Grade 9 myPerspectives Unit 1
Т	Julius Caesar	William Shakespeare	Grade 12 myPerspectives Unit 3
Т	The Kite Runner	Khalid Hosseini	
Т	Like Water for Chocolate	Laura Esquivel	
W	Long Walk to Freedom	Nelson Mandela	
Т	The Man in the Iron Mask	Alexandre Dumas	
Т	Metamorphosis	Franz Kafka	
Т	A Midsummer Night's Dream	William Shakespeare	Also listed for grade 8.
С	Moby Dick	Herman Melville	myPerspectives Unit 5
Т	Mythology	Edith Hamilton, Ed.	
Т	Nectar in a Sieve	Kamala Markandaya	
Т	Oedipus Rex	Sophocles	
Т	One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich	Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn	
Т	Oryx and Crake	Margaret Atwood	
Т	Othello	William Shakespeare	
Т	The Prince	Niccolo Machiavelli	
Т	The Power of One	Bryce Courtenay	
Т	The Republic	Plato	
Т	The Taming of the Shrew	William Shakespeare	Also on grade 6 and 9 lists.
Т	The Tempest	William Shakespeare	





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С	Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	myPerspectives Unit 3
Т	Think Like a Freak	Stephen J. Dubner & Steven Levitt	
Т	A Thousand Splendid Suns	Khalid Hosseini	
Т	Weep Not, Child	Ngugi wa Thiong'o	
Т	The Woman Warrior	Maxine Hong Kingston	
Т	Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte	Grade 9 myPerspectives Unit 4 Grade 12 myPerspectives Unit 6



Course Adopted Textbook: My Perspectives, SAVVAS Learning Company, © 2022			
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Т	Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	
Т	The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Mark Twain	Also list for grade 7 summer reading and grade 8 StudySync Unit 4
Т	All the King's Men	Robert Penn Warren	
W	All the Pretty Horses	Cormac McCarthy	
Т	The Art of Racing in the Rain	Garth Stein	
Т	As I Lay Dying	William Faulkner	
Т	Atlas Shrugged	Ayn Rand	
Т	The Awakening	Kate Chopin	
Т	Band of Brothers	Stephen E. Ambrose	
Т	The Bean Trees	Barbara Kingslover	
Т	The Bell Jar	Sylvia Plath	
С	Black Boy	Richard Wright	myPerspectives Unit 3
Т	Black Like Me	John Griffen	
Т	Chronicle of a Death Foretold	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	
Т	Code Talker	Joseph Bruchac	Also on grade 8 reading list.



Т	The Color Purple	Alice Walker	
Т	Columbine	Dave Cullen	Concerns: (graphic description of school shooting)
Т	The Crucible	Arthur Miller	
Т	Death of a Salesman	Arthur Miller	
С	The Devil in the White City	Erik Larson	myPerspectives Unit 5
Т	Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?	Philip K. Dick	
Т	Doubt: A Parable	John Patrick Shanley	Concerns: Issues with content discussing sexuality and abuse
С	Dubliners	James Joyce	myPerspectives Unit 4
Т	East of Eden	John Steinbeck	
Т	Educated	Tara Westover	AP Language & Composition ONLY
С	Ethan Frome	Edith Wharton	myPerspectives Unit 2
Т	A Farewell to Arms	Ernest Hemingway	
T	Fallen Angels	Walter Dean Myers	
С	The Federalist Papers	James Madison	myPerspectives Unit 1
T	The Fountainhead	Ayn Rand	
T	A Good Man is Hard to Find	Flannery O'Connor	
Т	The Glass Castle Novel Proposal Form	Jeanette Walls Parent Notification Form	AP Language & Composition ONLY Concerns: Descriptions of physical & emotional abuse; explicit language
Т	The Glass Menagerie	Tennessee Williams	
С	Grapes of Wrath	John Steinbeck	myPerspectives Unit 4
T	The Grass Dancer	Susan Power	
W	The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	
Т	A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius	Dave Eggers	
С	The Help Novel Proposal Form	Kathryn Stockett Parent Notification Form	myPerspectives Unit 6 Concerns: Use of the "N" word,



			descriptions of domestic violence, naked man
Т	Hiroshima	John Hersey	
Т	How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents	Julia Alvarez	
Т	How to Hide an Empire	Daniel Immerwahr	AP U.S. History ONLY
Т	I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings	Maya Angelou	
Т	In the Lake of the Woods	Tim O'Brien	
Т	Invisible Man	Ralph Ellison	Also listed grade 12. Grade 10 myPerspectives Unit 1
Т	Into the Wild	Jon Krakauer	Grade 12 myPerspectives Unit 5
Т	Jake, Reinvented	Gordon Korman	
Т	Johnny Got His Gun	Dalton Trumbo	
Т	Joe Turner's Come and Gone	August Wilson	
С	The Jungle	Upton Sinclair	myPerspectives Unit 2
Т	Jurassic Park	Michael Crichton	
Т	Just Mercy	Bryan Stevenson	AP Language & Composition ONLY
Т	The Kitchen God's Wife	Amy Tan	
С	The Legend of Sleepy Hollow & Other Stories	Washington Irving	myPerspectives Unit 1
Т	A Lesson Before Dying	Ernest J. Grimes	
Т	The Lost City of the Monkey God	Douglas Preston	AP Language & Composition ONLY
Т	The Martian Chronicles	Ray Bradbury	
Т	The Moon is Down	John Steinbeck	
Т	Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave	Frederick Douglass	
Т	Native Son	Richard Wright	
Т	Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America	Barbara Ehrenreich	
С	Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	myPerspectives Unit 6



W	The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway	Also on grade 9 reading list.
Т	On the Road	Jack Kerouac	
С	On the Duty of Civil Disobedience	Henry David Thoreau	myPerspectives Unit 2
Т	One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest	Ken Kessey	
Т	Only One Earth	Rene Dubos & Barbara Ward	
Т	The Other West Moore	Wes Moore	AP Language & Composition ONLY
Т	Outliers	Malcolm Gladwell	
Т	The Perks of Being a Wallflower	Stephen Chbosky	Concerns: sexuality, substance abuse, physical abuse, suicide, depression, self-harm
Т	Persepolis	Marjane Satrapi	
Т	A Prayer for Owen Meany	John Irving	
Т	A Raisin in the Sun	Lorraine Hansberry	
С	The Red Badge of Courage	Stephen Crane	myPerspectives Unit 5
Т	The Scarlet Letter	Nathaniel Hawthorne	Grade 10 myPerspectives Unit 2
Т	Secret Life of Bees	Sue Monk Kidd	
С	The Secret Sharer	Joseph Conrad	myPerspectives Unit 5
Т	Silent Spring	Rachel Carson	
Т	Six Degrees of Separation	John Guare	
Т	Snow Falling on Cedars	David Guterson	
Т	The Sound and the Fury	William Faulkner	
Т	The Sound of Waves	Yukio Mishima	
Т	A Stillness at Appomattox	Bruce Catton	
Т	Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	Robert Louis Stevenson	
Т	A Streetcar Named Desire	Tennessee Williams	
Т	Slaughterhouse Five	Kurt Vonnegut	
Т	The Sun Also Rises	Ernest Hemingway	



Т	Thank You for Arguing	Jay Heinrichs	AP Language & Composition ONLY Concerns: Sexual references/innuendo, socially/politically charged
Т	Their Eyes Were Watching God	Zora Neale Hurston	
Т	The Things They Carried	Tim O'Brien	
Т	This Changes Everything	Naomi Klein	
Т	Through the Looking Glass	Lewis Carroll	
Т	Tipping Point	Malcolm Gladwell	
Т	Trevor Noah: Born a Crime	Trevor Noah	AP Language & Composition ONLY (young adult version)
С	Uncle Tom's Cabin Novel Proposal Form	Harriet Beecher Stowe Parent Notification Form	myPerspectives Unit 1 Concerns: "N" word frequently used by both slave owners and slaves; treatment of female slaves - not explicit but implied; violence - beating of slaves; Cassy kills her baby so that it won't grow up in slavery; Biblical quotes/prayers/sermons
Т	Walden	Henry David Thoreau	
Т	Where Men Win Glory	John Krakauer	
Т	The Women of Brewster Place	Gloria Naylor	
Т	The Yellow Wallpaper and Other Writings	Charlotte Perkins Gilman	
Т	Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance	Robert M. Pirsig	



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С	1984	George Orwell	myPerspectives Unit 5
Т	About a Boy	Nick Hornby	
Т	Alice in Wonderland	Lewis Carroll	
Т	Amadeus	Peter Shaffer	
т	Angela's Ashes	Frank McCourt	
Т	As You Like It	William Shakespeare	
т	Beowulf	Unknown	
Т	The Bluest Eye	Toni Morrison	
С	Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	myPerspectives Unit 5
Т	Candide	Voltaire	
Т	The Canterbury Tales	Geoffrey Chaucer	
Т	Cat's Cradle	Kurt Vonnegut	
Т	Columbine	Dave Cullen	Concerns: Strikes too close to home - Uvalde or other gun related events in our country.
С	A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court	Mark Twain	myPerspectives Unit 2
С	Crime and Punishment	Fyodor Dostoyevsky	myPerspectives Unit 4
Т	The Divine Comedy	Alighieri Dante	
Т	A Doll's House	Henrik Ibsen	
С	Don Quixote	Miguel de Cervantes	myPerspectives Unit 1
Т	Dracula	Bram Stoker	Grade 10 myPerspectives Unit
Т	Emma	Jane Austen	



С	Flatland: A Romance of Many Dimensions	Edwin A. Abbott	myPerspectives Unit 1
Т	The Fire Next Time	James Baldwin	
Т	The Glass Cage: Where Automation Is Taking Us	Nicholas Carr	
Т	Grendel	John Gardner	
Т	Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	Also listed as grade 8 Honors summer reading.
Т	Hamlet	William Shakespeare	Grade 10 myPerspectives Unit 5
Т	Heart of Darkness	Joseph Conrad	
Т	Henry IV, Part I	William Shakespeare	
Т	The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood	
Т	A Holocaust Memoir of Love & Resilience: Mama's Survival from Lithuania to America	Etti Zilber	Grades 10-12 Holocaust/Genocide Class ONLY
С	The House of the Seven Gables	Nathaniel Hawthorne	myPerspectives Unit 6 More appropriate for grade 11, AP, or IB
Т	The House of the Spirits	Isabel Allende	
С	The Importance of Being Earnest	Oscar Wilde	myPerspectives Unit 2
Т	In Cold Blood	Truman Capote	
Т	Invisible Man	Ralph Ellison	Also listed on grade 11.
Т	Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	
С	Jude the Obscure	Thomas Hardy	myPerspectives Unit 4 Concerns: murder/suicide, incest
Т	The Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling	
С	King Lear	William Shakespeare	myPerspectives Unit 3 Grade 10 myPerspectives Unit 6
Т	Kiss Every Step	Doris Martin	Grades 10-12 Holocaust/Genocide Class ONLY
Т	Love in the Time of Cholera	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	
Т	Macbeth	William Shakespeare	



Т	Madame Bovary	Gustave Flaubert	
Т	The Mayor of Casterbridge	Thomas Hardy	
Т	Les Miserables	Victor Hugo	
Т	A Modest Proposal	Jonathan Swift	
Т	Money Changes Everything	Lawrence Weinstein	
Т	Morning in the Burned House	Margaret Atwood	
Т	My Life and Hard Times	James Thurber	
С	Narrative of Sojourner Truth	Sojourner Truth	myPerspectives Unit 1
Т	No Exit	Jean Paul Sartre	
Т	The Omnivore's Dilemma	Michael Pollan	
Т	On Writing Well	William Zinsser	Grade 12 & Dual Enrollment
Т	One Hundred Years of Solitude	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	
Т	Persuasion	Jane Austen	
Т	Picture of Dorian Gray	Oscar Wilde	
Т	The Poisonwood Bible	Barbara Kingslover	
С	Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	myPerspectives Unit 2
Т	Purple Hibiscus	Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie	
Т	Pygmalion	George Bernard Shaw	
Т	Reservation Blues	Sherman Alexie	
Т	Return of the Native	Thomas Hardy	
Т	Richard, III	William Shakespeare	
Т	The Road	Cormac McCarthy	
Т	Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead	Tom Stoppard	
Т	Siddhartha	Hermann Hesse	
Т	Sophie's World	Jostein Gaarder	
Т	The Stranger	Albert Camus	



Т	A Supposedly Fun Thing I'll Never Do Again	David Foster Wallace	
Т	A Tale of Two Cities	Charles Dickens	Grade 11 myPerspectives Unit 4
Т	Tess of the d'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	
Т	To the Lighthouse	Virginia Woolf	
С	Travels with Charley	John Steinbeck	myPerspectives Unit 6 Concerns: regional biases, stereotypes, derogatory terms
Т	The Trial	Franz Kafka	
Т	The Unbearable Lightness of Being	Milan Kundera	For IB
Т	V for Vendetta	Alan Moore	For IB
Т	A Yellow Raft in Blue Water	Michael Dorris	



Secondary Novel Review Committee:

The Secondary Novel Review Committee has been formed to facilitate book proposals and/or book reviews to the currently adopted curriculum. This committee is composed of ELA teachers, administrators, district personnel, and parents; there is at least one representative from each high school campus. If anyone would like to join this committee, please click on this link: https://www.susd.org/Committees.

This committee meets on an as needed basis, especially when:

- A teacher would like to suggest a new book to be added to the curriculum.
- A review is suggested of a current book that is part of the already approved curriculum.

Process to Propose a New Book to the Curriculum:

- A teacher who wishes to propose a new book to be added to the curriculum completes a <u>proposal form</u> that details the summary, instructional purpose, and content concerns.
- The teacher submits the form to the Secondary Novel Review Committee for evaluation.
- The Secondary Novel Review Committee reads and evaluates the book using a rubric. This rubric is used to focus the discussion of the committee and formulate a recommendation.
- The Committee would then come to a consensus regarding a recommendation.
- Recommendations are taken to the Governing Board for final approval.
- If approved, the recommendation would be to add the title to the Supplemental Book List.

Process to Change a Level of a Book:

- A teacher who wishes to request that a book be moved from one grade level to another submits the request to the campus's curriculum team representative.
 - The suggestion of the grade level change of a book is added to the agenda of the upcoming curriculum team meeting.
 - The curriculum team discusses the merits of changing the level of the book and makes a recommendation.
 - If the curriculum team cannot come to a consensus with a decision, the suggestion of the grade level change would be added to the agenda of the Secondary Novel Review Committee.
 - The Secondary Novel Review Committee discusses the merits of the grade level change of the book and makes its recommendation, which would then be reflected on the ELA High School Supplemental Book List.

Process to Suggest a Review of a Book:

- A community member suggests a review of a book that is already approved for instructional use.
- The community member discusses his or her concerns with a teacher, a media specialist, or an administrator regarding the book's placement.
- The community member fills out a form outlining his or her concerns and submits the form to the Secondary Novel Review Committee.
- The Secondary Novel Review Committee reads and evaluates the book using a rubric. This rubric is to focus the discussion of the committee.
- The Committee makes its recommendation to either keep or remove the book for classroom use. The committee may also suggest a different grade level placement of the book.