

How to put together the reading list (MA)

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1. The reading list exam is oral.
2. The reading list exam must be taken together with an exam on a lecture.
3. Email me your reading list **before** the due date.
4. The literary works that are required for the lecture must be integrated into the reading list.
5. The reading list must be structured according to the official reading list of the Department. You may substitute titles on the official reading list for other ones of your choice, except the ones in bold letters.
6. When it says "From: ..." (e.g. From: *Moby Dick*): Several chapters of your choice or from an anthology.
7. Please consult *The Heath Anthology* or *The Norton Anthology* for individual choice of poems.

Make sure to present your reading list to me as early as possible.

8. Individual sections of the reading list:

1. Colonial Period

- 1.a 2 Native American pieces
all the titles in bold letters
+ at least 1 of the other works listed
- 1.b 5 pieces altogether, including the ones in bold letters

2. 19th Century

- 2.a 1 early novel (Cooper or C.B. Brown)
all titles in bold letters
Hawthorne: at least 1 short story in addition to *The Scarlet Letter*
Emerson: 1 essay of your choice
Poe: 1 short story, 3 (5) poems, "The Philosophy of Composition"
Melville: "Bartleby" + from *Moby Dick*
2 more works on the reading list
- 2.b 10 – 12 titles altogether, including the ones in bold letters

3. 20th Century: Before 1945

- Fiction: All titles in bold letters
+ 1 short story each by Fitzgerald and Hemingway
+ 2 other works
- Poetry: 3 poets (choose any three from the official reading list)
- Drama: 4 plays by different authors (authors in bold letters)

4. 20th Century after 1945

- Prose 4 novels + 4 short stories by different authors (the ones in bold letters to be included)
- Poetry: 3 poets (choose any three from the official reading list)
- Drama: 5 plays by different authors (authors in bold letters)

Ethnic Voices: 2 novels + 2 short stories by different authors from different ethnic backgrounds
(including titles in bold letters)

Cultural Studies: Any topic: a topic is, for example, C2 or A1, etc.
1 book + 2 articles