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Reading list for Y9 students

READING IS ESSENTIAL

“The more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

This is a famous quote by Dr Seuss. And it’s 100% accurate. Reading is fundamental in helping us find and convey information. It is an essential skill that we develop at a very young age and it lasts for a lifetime.

At Oxford High School we understand why reading is beneficial to all of us and we encourage our students to be passionate readers. The importance of reading comprehension is essential to understanding the world around us so whether you enjoy reading to relax and unwind, or to voraciously devour facts, figures and opinions, research shows that those who read for pleasure have advanced levels of text comprehension and have higher levels of achievement across the curriculum than those who do not. Being able to respond to literature of many kinds in creative and inspiring ways is helped enormously by reading a wide range of styles and genres for pleasure - people who read are better at writing.

The list below contains some great books which will provide a common foundation of literary experience on which you can continue to build. It contains a range of titles which are suitable for readers aged 13+.

It is grouped by category to help you choose - try to read with an open and questioning mind and stop to think more about what things mean. Here are some ideas of how engaged, active readers read:

- They can predict what will happen next in a story using clues they gain from reading
- They create questions about the main idea, message or plot
- They monitor understanding of the sequence, context or characters
- They stop to clarify parts of the text that have confused them
- They connect events in the text to prior knowledge or experience.

I hope you’ll find something here which inspires you - go beyond and try something different!

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- Around the World in 80 days – Jules Verne
- Brave New World – Aldous Huxley
- To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee
- Nineteen Eighty Four – George Orwell
- The Time Machine – H G Wells
- The Count of Monte Cristo - Alexandre Dumas
- The Remains of the Day - Kazuo Ishiguro
- Catch 22 – Joseph Heller
- Lord of the Flies – William Golding
- One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest – Ken Kesey
- Robinson Crusoe – Daniel Defoe
- Animal Farm – George Orwell
- The Catcher in the Rye – J D Salinger
- Treasure Island – Robert Louis Stevenson
- Fahrenheit 451 - Ray Bradbury
- The Road – Cormac McCarthy
- Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte
- His Dark Materials – Phillip Pullman
- Little Women – Louise May Alcott
- Emma – Jane Austen
- The Jewel – Amy Ewing
- The Hunger Games – Suzanne Collins
- Assassin's Apprentice – Robin Hobb
- Beautiful Creatures – Kami Garcia
- Gone – Michael Grant
- Lord of the Flies – William Golding
- More Than This – Patrick Ness
- Ranger's Apprentice – John Flanagan
- Fangirl – Rainbow Rowell
- Bodyguard – Chris Bradford
- Flawed – Cecelia Ahern
- All the Truths That's in Me – Julie Berry
- The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time – Mark Haddon
- The Fault in our Stars – John Green
- I am Number Four – Pittacus Lore
- Delirium – Lauren Oliver
- The Sun is Also a Star – Nicola Yoon
- The Lie Tree – Frances Hardinge
- Evermore – Alison Noel
- The Secrets Act - Alison Wetherby
- The Art of Being Normal - Lisa Williamson
- The Midwich Cuckoos - John Wyndham