

Fifth Form: Recommended reading list

Level of difficulty	Action/Adventure	Classic/Historical	Comedy	Horror	Modern Fiction	Sci-Fi/Fantasy	World Lit
Recommended standard for this year-group...	Ian Fleming, <i>The Man with the Golden Gun</i> (last in series) Robert Harris, <i>Pompeii</i>	Charles Dickens, <i>A Tale of Two Cities</i> Albert Camus, <i>The Outsider</i>	P.G. Wodehouse, <i>Ukridge</i> Nick Hornby, <i>High Fidelity</i>	William Hope Hodgson, <i>The House on the Borderland</i> Stephen King, <i>Misery</i>	Melvyn Burgess, <i>Doing It</i> Margaret Atwood, <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>	Brian Aldiss <i>Hothouse</i> Fred Hoyle, <i>The Black Cloud</i>	Annie Proulx, <i>Brokeback Mountain</i> Harper Lee, <i>To Kill A Mockingbird</i>
More advanced...	Raymond Chandler, <i>The Long Goodbye</i> Jake Arnott, <i>The Long Firm</i> Alex Garland, <i>The Beach</i>	Thomas Hardy <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i> Christopher Isherwood, <i>Goodbye to Berlin</i>	Evelyn Waugh, <i>Scoop</i> George Macdonald Fraser, <i>Flashman</i>	Iain Banks, <i>The Wasp Factory</i> Daphne du Maurier, <i>Don't Look Now, The Birds and Other Stories</i>	Graham Swift, <i>Waterland</i> Sebastian Faulks, <i>Birdsong</i>	J.G. Ballard, <i>The Drowned World</i> Stephen King, <i>The Dark Tower</i> (series)	Philip Roth, <i>The Plot Against America</i> James Ellroy, <i>LA Confidential</i> F. Scott Fitzgerald, <i>The Great Gatsby</i>
Testing you...	Cormac McCarthy <i>All the Pretty Horses</i> Peter Carey, <i>True History of the Kelly Gang</i>	James Joyce, <i>Dubliners</i> George Eliot, <i>Middlemarch</i>	Donald Barthelme, <i>Forty Stories</i> Don DeLillo, <i>End Zone</i>	Thomas Harris, <i>Red Dragon/The Silence of the Lambs</i> John Fowles, <i>The Collector</i>	Umberto Eco, <i>The Name of the Rose</i> Barry Unsworth, <i>Sacred Hunger</i>	Philip K. Dick, <i>Ubik</i> Susanna Clarke, <i>Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell</i>	Herman Melville, <i>Moby Dick</i> Vladimir Nabokov, <i>Lolita</i>

Which have you read already? What would you recommend? What would you like in the library?

Do let your teacher know if you think the books listed here should be rated as easier or harder.

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