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# AP English Literature and Composition

## Summer Reading 2018

### ***Most Frequently Cited Books in AP Lit Exam 1970-2014***

***We encourage you to peruse the list and highlight the works you have read and can recall and discuss. You may want to reread your favorites and/or select a few new titles and read them over the summer! The numbers preceding each title are the number of times the book has appeared on the AP Lit exams since 1970. We will be reading a few of them in class this year, but a second reading is always better than just one! Enjoy!***

26 *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison  
20 *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte  
18 *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens  
17 *King Lear* by William Shakespeare  
16 *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky  
16 *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad  
16 *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
15 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain  
15 *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville

14 *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce  
13 *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne  
13 *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston  
12 *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin  
12 *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller  
12 *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
11 *Billy Budd* by Herman Melville  
11 *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko

11 *Light in August* by William Faulkner  
10 *Antigone* by Sophocles  
10 *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner  
10 *Beloved* by Toni Morrison  
10 *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker  
10 *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams  
10 *Native Son* by Richard Wright  
10 *Othello* by William Shakespeare  
10 *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison  
10 *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams  
9 *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller  
9 *A Passage to India* by E. M. Forster  
9 *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry  
8 *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy  
8 *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy  
8 *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya  
8 *Candide* by Voltaire  
8 *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller  
8 *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck  
8 *Jude the Obscure* by Thomas Hardy  
8 *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair  
8 *Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James  
8 *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* by Tom Stoppard  
8 *Sula* by Toni Morrison  
8 *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Beckett  
7 *All the King's Men* by Robert Penn Warren  
7 *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton  
7 *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton  
7 *Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad  
7 *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert  
7 *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by Thomas Hardy  
7 *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles  
7 *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

**Shakespeare - All Plays Total = 80**

2 *Anthony and Cleopatra*  
4 *As You Like It*  
5 *Hamlet*  
3 *Henry IV, Parts I and II*  
1 *Henry V*  
4 *Julius Caesar*  
17 *King Lear*  
5 *Macbeth*

7 *The Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner  
7 *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway  
7 *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare  
7 *Tess of the D'Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy  
7 *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe  
6 *Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton  
6 *A Doll's House* by Henrik Ibsen  
6 *An Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen  
6 *Equus* by Peter Shaffer  
6 *Gulliver's Travels* by Jonathan Swift  
6 *Hedda Gabler* by Henrik Ibsen  
6 *Major Barbara* by George Bernard Shaw  
6 *Medea* by Euripides  
6 *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare  
6 *Moll Flanders* by Daniel Defoe  
6 *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf  
6 *Murder in the Cathedral* by T. S. Eliot  
6 *Obasan* by Joy Kogawa  
6 *The Piano Lesson* by August Wilson  
6 *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James  
6 *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* by Edward Albee  
5 *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens  
5 *The Cherry Orchard* by Anton Chekhov  
5 *Doctor Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe  
5 *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley  
5 *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin  
5 *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare  
5 *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare  
5 *Mrs. Warren's Profession* by George Bernard Shaw  
5 *Sister Carrie* by Theodore Dreiser  
5 *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens  
5 *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys  
5 *Wise Blood* by Flannery O'Connor

6 *Merchant of Venice*  
2 *A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
2 *Much Ado About Nothing*  
9 *Othello*  
1 *Richard III*  
4 *Romeo and Juliet*  
7 *The Tempest*  
4 *Twelfth Night*  
4 *Winter's Tale*

**Classical Greek & Roman Literature = 30**

1 *The Aeneid* by Virgil

10 *Antigone* by Sophocles

1 *The Eumenides* by Aeschylus

1 *The Iliad* by Homer

1 *Lysistrata* by Aristophanes

6 *Medea* by Euripides

3 *The Odyssey* by Homer

6 *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles

1 *The Orestia* by Aeschylus