

**Oakland Unified School District
Core and Extended Literature List
Grades 9-12**

Core list – Grade 9

Animal Farm (Orwell)
Black Boy (Wright)
Farewell to Manzanar (Houston)
House on Mango Street (Cisneros)
I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings (Angelou)
Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare)
Miracle Worker (Gibson)
Odyssey (Homer)
Of Mice and Men (Steinbeck)
Romeo and Juliet (Shakespeare)
Thousand Pieces of Gold (McCunn)
To Kill a Mockingbird (Lee)
Twelfth Night (Shakespeare)
Witch of Goingsnake and Other Stories (Conley)

Core list – Grade 10

Ake (Soyinka)
Bless Me Ultima (Anaya)
Color Purple (Walker)
Cry, The Beloved Country (Paton)
David Copperfield (Dickens)
Great Expectations (Dickens)
Jasmine (Mukherjee)
Julius Caesar (Shakespeare)
Kitchen God's Wife (Tan)
Like Water for Chocolate (Esquivel)
Merchant of Venice (Shakespeare)
Night (Wiesel)
Somehow Tenderness Survives: Stories of Southern Africa (Rochman, editor)
Tale of Two Cities (Dickens)
Taming of the Shrew (Shakespeare)
Things Fall Apart (Achebe)
Yellow Raft in Blue Water (Dorris)

Core list – Grade 11

..And the Earth Did Not Devour Him (Rivera)
Autobiography of Malcolm X (Haley)
Beloved (Morrison)
Catcher in the Rye (Salinger)
Ceremony (Silko)
Crucible (Miller)
Fences (Wilson)
Grapes of Wrath (Steinbeck)
Great Gatsby (Fitzgerald)
Joy Luck Club (Tan)
Rain God (Islas)
Raisin in the Sun (Hansberry)
Scarlet Letter (Hawthorne)
So Far From God (Castillo)
Song of Solomon (Morrison)
Their Eyes Were Watching God (Hurstun)
Woman Warrior (Kingston)

Core list – Grade 12

Hamlet (Shakespeare)
Handmaid's Tale (Atwood)
House of Spirits (Allende)
July's People (Gordimer)
Kaffir Boy (Mathabane)
Macbeth (Shakespeare)
Metamorphosis (Kafka)
Native Son (Wright)
Othello (Shakespeare)
Tempest (Shakespeare)
Theban Plays (Sophocles)
Three Tragedies (Lorca)
When Heaven & Earth Changed Places (Hayslip)
Walk in the Night and Other Stories (La Guma)
When Rain Clouds Gather (Head)

Extended list – Grade 9

Adventures of Tom Sawyer (Twain)
Baseball in April (Soto)
Best Stories of Jack London (London)
Betsy Brown (Shange)
Black Folktales (Lester)
Illiad (Homer)
Inland Whale (Kroeber)
Lesson Before Dying (Gaines)
Martian Chronicles (Bradbury)
Mythology (Hamilton)
Parable of the Sower (Butler)
Parrot in the Oven (Martinez)
Patch of Blue (Kata)
Piano Lesson (Wilson)
Shadow of the Dragon (Garland)
Sula (Morrison)
Treasure Island (Stevenson)
Wild Seed (Butler)

Extended list – Grade 10

Always Running (L. Rodriguez)
Bluest Eye (Morrison)
Bride Price (Buchi)
Christmas Carol (Dickens)
Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich (Solzhenitsyn)
Fahrenheit 451 (Bradbury)
First Indians on the Moon
Jane Eyre (Brontë)
Joys of Motherhood (Buchi)
Lord of the Flies (Golding)
Miguel Street (Naipaul)
Song of the Hummingbird (Limón)
Sundiata: An Epic of Old Mali (Niane)

Extended list – Grade 11

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (Twain)
Choice of Weapons (Parks)
Death of a Salesman (Miller)
Dessa Rose (Williams)
Down These Mean Streets (Thomas)
Family (Cooper)
Farewell to Arms (Hemingway)
For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf (Shange)
Go Tell It On the Mountain (Baldwin)
Hunger for Memory (R. Rodriguez)
Invisible Man (Ellison)
Life on the Mississippi (Twain)
Macho (Villasenor)
Narrative of the Life of Fredrick Douglas (Douglas)
Our Nig (Wilson)
Picture Bride (Uchida)
Puddin' Head Wilson (Twain)

Extended list – Grade 12

Artist of the Floating World (Ishiguro)
Bacchae (Soyinka)
Civil Action (Harr)
Crime and Punishment (Dostoevsky)
Death of Ivan Illyich (Tolstoy)
Enemy of the People (Ibsen)
Frankenstein (Shelley)
Houseboy (Oyono)
I, Tituba, Black Witch of Salem Village (Conde)
Importance of Being Earnest (Wilde)
Lord Jim (Conrad)
Love in the Time of Cholera (Marquez)
Nectar in the Sieve (Markandaya)
Nervous Conditions (Dangarembga)
Odyssey: A Stage Version (Walcott)
One Hundred Years of Solitude (Marquez)
Picture of Dorian Gray (Wilde)
Pride and Prejudice (Austen)
Rashoman (Akutagawa)

Extended list – Grade 12 (continued)

Return of the Native (Hardy)

Segu (Conde)

So Long a Letter (Ba)

Song of Lawino, Song of Ocol (p'Bitek)

Stranger (Camus)

West With the Night (Markham)

Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China (Chang)

Wuthering Heights (Brontë)