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6th Form Recommended Reading List

Reading lists are always subjective. Below is a list which could serve as a starting point for expanding your reading. Now is the time for exploration and experimentation. Dip into some of these novels, and see what appeals. Try to get as broad an experience of English Literature as you possibly can: nothing will serve as better preparation.

Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen

North and South - Elizabeth Gaskell

Brave New World – Aldous Huxley

The God of Small Things – Arundhati Roy

Frankenstein – Mary Shelley

1984 – George Orwell

The English Patient – Michael Ondaatje

A Passage to India – E.M. Forster
On The Road – Jack Kerouac
Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte
The Age of Kali – William Dalrymple
The White Tiger – Aravind Adiga
Robinson Crusoe – Daniel Defoe
Great Expectations; Hard Times – Charles Dickens
Wuthering Heights – Emily Bronte
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn – Mark Twain
The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood
Jude the Obscure – Thomas Hardy
Silence and Music – Rose Tremain
The Colour Purple – Alice Walker
The Tree of Man – Patrick White
The Poisonwood Bible – Barbara Kingsolver
As I Lay Dying – William Faulkner
The Human Stain – Philip Roth
The Sea, The Sea – Iris Murdoch
Possession – A.S Byatt
The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck
Atonement – Ian McEwan
To The Lighthouse – Virginia Woolf

And to read around the subject:

How Novels Work by John Mullan
How Fiction Works by James Wood
The Art of Fiction by David Lodge