2007 Reading List
(Authors listed chronologically by birthdate)

Geoffrey Chaucer: "Wife of Bath's Prologue," "Merchant's Tale," "Franklin's Tale"

Edmund Spenser: *Fairie Queene*, Book 1

Philip Sidney: *An Apology for Poetry*

William Shakespeare: Sonnets 18, 29, 30, 43, 55, 73, 116, 130; *Twelfth Night, Othello*


John Winthrop: "A Model of Christian Charity"

George Herbert: "The Collar," "Denial"

John Milton: *Paradise Lost*, Books I, II, IV, VIII, IX, X (lines 706-end), XII (466-end)

Andrew Marvell: "To His Coy Mistress"

Mary Rowlandson: *A Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration*

Jonathan Swift: *Gulliver's Travels*, Parts I, II, IV

Alexander Pope: *The Rape of the Lock*, "Epistle to Burlington"

Benjamin Franklin: *Autobiography*

Samuel Johnson: *Rasselas*, "Preface to Shakespeare"

Richard Brinsley Sheridan: *The Rivals*

Jane Austen: *Mansfield Park*

Catharine Maria Sedgwick: *Hope Leslie*


Percy Bysshe Shelley: *The Defense of Poetry*

Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Nature," "Self-Reliance"

Henry David Thoreau: *Walden*

Emily Bronte: *Wuthering Heights*

Frederick Douglass: *The Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*

Herman Melville: "Benito Cereno"


Matthew Arnold: "Dover Beach," "Isolation. To Marguerite," "To Maguerite-Continued"

Emily Dickinson:
"Undue Significance a starving man attaches"
"I dreaded that first Robin, so"
"I heard a Fly buzz-when I died-"
"This World is not Conclusion"
"I started Early-Took my Dog-"
"My Life had stood-a Loaded Gun-"
"Title divine-is mine!"
"Tell all the Truth, but tell it slant-"
"I taste a liquor never brewed-"
"I dwell in Possibility-"
"There's a certain Slant of light"
"Four Trees-upon a solitary Acre-"
"I had been hungry, all the Years-"
"I cannot live with You-"

Gerard Manley Hopkins: Terrible Sonnets ("To seem the stranger," "I wake and feel," "No worst, there is none," "No, I'll not, carrion comfort," "Patience, hard thing," "My own heart")

Henry James: "The Aspern Papers," "Daisy Miller"

Oscar Wilde: "The Ballad of Reading Gaol," "Impression du Matin," "The Harlot's House"


E. M. Forster: *Howards End*


Penelope Fitzgerald: *The Gate of Angels*

Iris Murdoch: *The Bell*
Philip Larkin: "On Church Going," "Aubade"

Flannery O'Connor: "A Good Man is Hard to Find," "The Life You Save May Be Your Own," "Good Country People"

Lorraine Hansberry: A Raisin in the Sun

Michael Frayn: Noises Off

David Lodge: Nice Work

Tom Stoppard: Arcadia

August Wilson: Fences