

Text Information	Rationale	Awards	Course	Quantity
<p><i>The Road</i> by Cormac McCarthy</p> <p>Vintage, 2006</p> <p>ISBN: 978-0307387899</p>	<p>This novel demonstrably aligns with the College Board's AP Literature objectives, fostering critical thinking, analytical skills, and a deeper understanding of literary complexity. <i>The Road</i> is a powerful and thought-provoking novel that aligns perfectly with the AP Literature curriculum's focus on close reading, literary analysis, and critical thinking. It will challenge students, but it will also enrich their understanding of literature and the human condition.</p>	<p>Pulitzer Prize</p> <p>National Bestseller</p> <p>One of the 100 Best Books of the 21st Century – New York Times</p>	<p>AP Literature &amp; Composition</p>	<p>50</p>
<p><i>The Death of Ivan Ilyich and Other Stories</i> by Leo Tolstoy</p> <p>Penguin Classics, 2008</p> <p>ISBN: 978-0140449617</p>	<p>This collection offers a profound exploration of human existence, morality, and mortality, directly aligning with the College Board's AP Literature objectives. <i>The Death of Ivan Ilyich</i> employs a non-linear narrative structure, allowing students to analyze the impact of narrative choices on thematic development. The collection as a whole displays a diverse use of narrative techniques, from realism to allegory.</p>	<p>Leo Tolstoy is regarded as one of the most influential authors of all time, with nominations for the Nobel Prize in Literature &amp; The Nobel Peace Prize.</p>	<p>AP Literature &amp; Composition</p>	<p>50</p>
<p><i>Crying in H-Mart</i> by Michelle Zauner</p> <p>Vintage; Reprint edition 2023</p> <p>ISBN: 978-0525657743</p>	<p>This memoir offers a compelling exploration of grief, identity, and cultural heritage, providing rich opportunities for students to analyze rhetorical strategies and develop their own persuasive writing skills, aligning directly with the College Board's AP Language objectives—specifically, rhetorical analysis and narrative as argument.</p>	<p>American Book Award (2022)</p> <p>Independent Booksellers' Book Prize (Shortlist, Non-Fiction - 2022)</p> <p>BookTube Prize (Quarterfinalist, Nonfiction - 2022)</p> <p>Booklist Editors' Choice: Adult Audio (2021)</p> <p>The New York Times Notable Books of the Year (2021)</p> <p>San Francisco Chronicle Best Book of the Year (Memoir - 2021)</p>	<p>AP Language &amp; Composition</p>	<p>50</p>

		Time Magazine's Best Books of the Year (2021)		
<p><i>The Berry Pickers</i> by Amanda Peters</p> <p>Catapult, 2024</p> <p>ISBN: 978-1646221950</p>	<p>Junior English focuses on American Literature. <i>The Berry Pickers</i> engages with themes of cultural identity, immigration, and the search for belonging, which are central to American Literature and key elements to Unit 13 (“America through the Ages”). The novel provides a contemporary perspective on the experience of Indigenous communities in North America, expanding students' understanding of diverse voices in American Literature. The book can be used to discuss the history of the Wabanaki people, and their place in American literature and history.</p>	<p>Winner of the Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction 2024</p> <p>King Charles III Coronation Medal 2024</p> <p>Shortlisted for the Raddall Atlantic Fiction Award 2024</p> <p>Dartmouth Book Award Winner 2024</p> <p>Barnes and Noble Discovery Prize Winner 2023</p>	Junior English	50
<p><i>Snow Flower and the Secret Fan</i> by Lisa See</p> <p>Random House Trade Paperbacks; Reprint edition, 2009</p> <p>ISBN: 978-0812980356</p>	<p>Lisa See's "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" would be a fabulous addition to the Sophomore English curriculum. This novel offers a compelling exploration of historical fiction, cultural understanding, and complex relationships, providing rich opportunities for students to develop their reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. The book tightly aligns to Unit 7 [“The World &amp; Me”] essential skills and enduring understandings.</p>	<p>Best Selling Author, New York Times</p> <p>2001 “Woman of the Year” - The Organization of Chinese American Women</p> <p>Edgar Award Nominee (Best Book)</p>	Sophomore English	50
<p><i>The Art of War</i> by Sun Tzu</p> <p>Fingerprint Publishing, 2018</p> <p>ISBN: 978-9388369695</p>	<p>“The Art of War” is an ancient Chinese text that examines strategic planning, the use of intelligence and counterintelligence, and analyzing strengths and weaknesses within armies to achieve victory without prolonged conflict. The Art of War is recommended reading in many areas of modern life beyond military science, such as in business, politics, and sports, due its emphasis on applying strategic thinking toward overcoming obstacles and accomplishing goals.</p>	<p>Written in the 5th Century BC, The Art of War is considered to be a classic text on military strategy. It is listed on the US Marine Corps Professional Reading list, recommended reading for all United States Military Intelligence personnel, and is utilized at the United States Military Academy, West Point</p>	Military History	30