American Classic Literature

"American Classic Literature" can include thousands of literary works by American authors. This selection is a sampling of several styles, eras, and interests. Note: 1st Great Book of Course Descriptions has a self-designed course, Classics and Composition, that require the student to read 12 classics and write a two-page summary or report for each. Each paper should be dated, graded, and corrected for credit.

Anderson, Sherwood Winesburg, Ohio (on small town America)

Angelou, Maya I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Bradbury, Ray

Bennett and Gottesfeld

Buck, Pearl

Cather, Willa

Fahrenheit 451

Anne Frank and Me

The Good Earth

My Antonia

Cooper, James Fenimore The Last of the Mohicans

Crane, Stephen The Red Badge of Courage; The Open Boat

Dreiser, Theodore An American Tragedy; Sister Carrie

Ehle, John

The Journey of August King
Emerson, Ralph Waldo

Self Reliance; A Nation's Strength

Faulkner, William The Sound and the Fury; As I Lay Dying; Absalom, Absalom

Fox, Paula Slave Dancer

Fitzgerald, F. Scott The Great Gatsby (very readable)

Franklin, Benjamin

Forbes, Ester

Gunther, John

Poor Richard's Almanac
Johnny Tremaine
Death Be Not Proud

Hawthorne, Nathaniel The Scarlet Letter; The House of Seven Gables; Short Stories

Hemingway, Ernest The Old Man and the Sea: A Farewell to Arms: For Whom the Bell Tolls

Houston, James and Jeanne Farewell to Manzanar

James, Henry The Turn of the Screw; Daisy Miller

Keeler, Garrison Lake Woebegone Days

Kennedy, William *Ironweed*Kenney, Susan *Another Country*

Kesey, Ken One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

Kesselring, Joseph Arsenic and Old Lace Lee, Harper To Kill a Mockingbird

Lewis, Sinclair Main Street: Babbitt (on small town America)

London, Jack The Call of the Wild MacLeish, Archibald J.B. (take-off on Job)

Malamud, Bernard The Fixer

Melville, Herman Moby Dick; Billy Budd

Miller, Arthur
O'Henry
Orwell, George
Rawling, Marjorie Kinnan

The Crucible
Short Stories
Animal Farm
The Yearling

Poe Edgar Allan Short Stories; Poetry

Potok, Chiam The Chosen; The Promise; My Name is Asher Lev; David's Harp

Rand, Avn Atlas Shruqqed: Anthem: The Fountainhead

Remarque, Erich All Quiet on the Western Front

Richter, Conrad The Light in the Forest

Rolvaag, Ole Giants in the Earth (on pioneer America)

Steinbeck, John The Grapes of Wrath; East of Eden; Of Mice and Men; The Red Pony

Thoreau, Henry David Walden

Twain, Mark

Huckleberry Finn; Tom Sawyer
Tyler, Anne

Dinner at Homesick Restaurant

Wells, H. G. The Time Machine Wharton, Edith Ethan Frome

Wilder, Thornton Bridge of San Luis Rey; Our Town

Classic Christian Literature

Some old, some new, some theologically deep, but all have a common theme surrounding the world and work of Christ. Note: 1st Great Book of Course Descriptions has a self-designed course, Classics and Composition, that require the student to read 12 classics and write a two-page summary or report for each. Compositions should be dated, graded, and corrected for credit.

CLASSIC CHRISTIAN FICTION AND RECOGNIZED FICTION

Blamires, Harry The Trilogy: (The Devil's Hunting Ground, Cold War in Hell, Highway to Heaven)

Buechner, Frederick Godric

Bunyan, John Pilgrim's Progress; The Holy War

Chesterton, G.K. Father Brown Mysteries; The Man Who Was Thursday

Dillard, Annie The Holy Firm; Pilgrim at Tinker Hill

Defoe, Daniel Roxanna; Robinson Crusoe

Dostoevsky, Fyodor Crime and Punishment; The Brothers Karamazov; The Idiot

Elliot, Elisabeth No Graven Image

Endo, Shusaku Silence, When I Whistle; Wonderful Fool

Fickett, Harold Mrs. Sunday's Problem and other stories; Holy Fool

Greene, Graham The End of the Affair; The Heart of the Matter; Honorary Consul

Hartman, Olov Marching Orders; Holy Masquerade

Lagerkvist, Per. Barabbas

L'Engle, Madeline A Wrinkle in Time; The Wind in the Door

Lewis, C.S. Till We Have Faces; The Chronicles of Narnia; The Great Divorce;

The Screwtape Letters

MacDonald, George The Gifts of the Child-Christ; Lilith; Phantastes
Mauriac, Francois Viper's Tangle; Woman of the Pharisees; Therese

O'Connor, Flannery Three; Everything That Rises Must Converge; The Complete Stories

Paton, Alan Cry; The Beloved Country; Too Late The Phalarope; Tales from a Troubled Land;

Ah, But Your Land is Beautiful

Sayers, Dorothy Assorted mystery novels (Peter Wimsey series)

Siegel, Robert Alpha Centauri; Whalesong

Solzhenitsyn, Alexander One Day In the Life of Denisovich; First Circle; Cancer Ward; The Gulag Archipelago

Tolkien, J.R.R. The Trilogy of the Ring

Turner, Charles Celebrant

VanAuken, Sheldon Gateway to Heaven; A Severe Mercy; Under the Mercy

Nelson, Shirley The Last Year of the War

Wangerin, Walter The Orphan Passages; Ragman and Other Cries of Faith; The Book of the Dun Cow

Williams, Charles Decent Into Hell; All Hallows Eve; War in Heaven

CLASSIC CHRISTIAN DRAMA

Eliot, T.S. The Cocktail Party; Murder in the Cathedral; The Confidential Clerk; Family Reunion

Hartman, Olov Three Church Dramas

Milton, John Paradise Lost; Paradise Regained; Samson Agonistes

Sayers, Dorothy Man Born to be King; Emperor Constantine

CLASSIC CHRISTIAN POETRY AND POETS

Auden, W.H. The Age of Anxiety: The Dog Beneath the Skin

Donne, John Death Be Not Proud; The Canonization

Eliot, T.S. The Wasteland; The Hollow Man (preconversion);

The Four Quartets (postconversion)

Hopkins, Gerard Manley

L'Engle, Madeline

MacDonald, George

The Wreck of the Deutschland

The Weather of the Heart

The Diary of An Old Soul

Merton, Thomas Strange Islands

Milton, John Paradise Lost; Paradise Regained

Lewis, C.S. Poems

Shaw, Luci Listen to the Green

Classic Christian Literature continued

CHRISTIAN NON-FICTION

Augustine The Confessions; City of God
Anselm Cur Deus Homo (Why the God Man)

Athanasius Delncarnacione (The Incarnation; note forward by C.S.Lewis)

Baxter, Sidlow J Awake My Heart
Blamires, Harry The Christian Mind
Bonhoeffer, Dietrich The Cost of Discipleship

Bunyan, John Grace Abounding (spiritual autobiography)
Carmichael, Amy Edges of His Ways; Rose From Briar (India)
The Institutes (Fort Lewis Battles edition)

Campbell, Will Brother to a Dragonfly

Charnock, Steven The Existence and Attributes of God Chesterton, G.K. Orthodoxy; the Everlasting Man

Elliot, Elisabeth These Strange Ashes; Passion and Purity; A Slow & Certain Light

Ellul, Jaccques Propaganda; Money
Forsythe, P.T. The Soul of Prayer
Frankl, Victor Man's Search for Meaning

Gundrry, Stanley Love Them In (the theology of Dwight L. Moody)

Laurence, Brother The Practice of the Presence of God

Lewis, C.S. The Problem of Pain; The Four Loves; Mere Christianity; A Grief Observed Lloyd-Jones, Martin Of Preaching and Preachers; Spiritual Depression; Sermon on the Mount

Luther, Martin Three Treatises

Muggeridge, Malcolm Christ and the Media; Jesus Rediscovered;

Trumpeter for God; Something Beautiful for God (on Sister Theresa of India);

Chronicles of Wasted Time (Spiritual Autobiography)

Nouwen, Henry Genessee Diary

O'Connor, Flannery The Habit of Being (her collected letters):

Mystery and Manners (lectures on writing--where Christianity fits in)

Packer, J. I. Fundamentalism and the Word of God; Knowing God

Pike, Kenneth With Heart and Mind Roseveare, Helen Living Sacrifice Holiness

Sayers, Dorothy The Mind Of the Maker; Are Women Human

Stott, John R. Your Mind Matters
Schaeffer, Francis The Christian Manifesto

Tozer, A.W. The Pursuit of God; The Knowledge of the Holy

Weil, Simone Waiting on God

Wiersbe, Warren Treasury of the World's Great Sermons

Classic Foreign Literature

"Foreign Literature" can include significantly older works by non-American authors. This selection is a sampling of several styles, eras, and interests. Note: 1st Great Book of Course Descriptions has a self-designed course, Classics and Composition, that require the student to read 12 classics and write a two-page summary or report for each. Compositions should be dated, graded, and corrected for credit.

ENGLISH CLASSIC LITERATURE

Pride and Prejudice; Sense and Sensibility Austen, Jane

Bronte, Charlotte Jane Evre

Bronte, Emily Wuthering Heights

Carroll, Lewis Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

Chaucer Canterbury Tales

Conrad, Joseph Lord Jim; The Secret Sharer; The Heart of Darkness

Dickens, Charles David Copperfield; Oliver Twist; A Tale of Two Cities; Great Expectations

Dumas, Alexander The Count of Monte Cristo

Eliot, George Middlemarch: The Mill on the Floss: Silas Marner

Fielding, Henry Tom Jones

Frank, Anne Diary of a Young Girl

Hardy, Thomas Tess of D'Ubervilles; Return of the Native

Huxly, Aldous Brave New World The Jungle Books Kipling, Rudyard

Maugham, Somerset Rain; Of Human Bondage; The Razor's Edge

More, Sir Thomas Utopia

Orwell, George 1984: Animal Farm

Scott, Sir Walter Ivanhoe

Shakespeare, William MacBeth; Hamlet; King Lear; Romeo and Juliet; Merchant of Venice

Saint Joan; Pygmalion; Man and Superman Shaw, George Bernard

Swift, Jonathan Gulliver's Travels Thackeray, William Vanity Fair

Verne, Jules 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea

FOREIGN CLASSIC LITERATURE (World Literature)

Aeschyles Tragedies

Camus, Albert The Plague; The Stranger (French)

Cervantes, Miguel de Don Quixote (Spanish) The Inferno (Italian) Dante

Euripides Tragedies

Flaubert, Gustav Madame Bovary (French) The Iliad; The Odyssey (Greek) Homer

Hunchback of Notre Dame; Les Miserables (French) Hugo, Victor

The Doll's House; An Enemy of the People (Scandinavian dramatist) Ibsen

Kafka, Franz The Castle (German)

Koestler. Arthur Darkness at Noon: dramatist .Russian Revolution. (English) Mann, Thomas The Magic Mountain; Tonio Kroger; A Death in Venice (German)

Ovid Metamorphosis Pasternak, Boris Dr. Zhivago (Russian) Plato

The Republic

Sarte, Jean Paul Nausea; The Wall (French)

Anna Karenina; War and Peace (Russian) Tolstoy, Leo

The Aeneid (Latin Italian) Virgil Voltaire

Candide (French) Night; Dawn; A Beggar in Jerusalem Wiesel. Elie

The Song of Roland Unknown Author Unknown Author El Cid (Spain)

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