

Why read the AP Novels?

The AP Novels are used on the AP test. If you are taking the test the more familiar you are with the novels that are most used the more likely you are to do well. Also most students in AP English classes plan to attend a 4 year university. English classes in universities assume that you will have read many novels that are on the AP reading list. Finally these novels are the traditional best books of literature. If you are familiar with them they will enhance your life and will show others that, yes, you are indeed an educated person.



Some Popular Contemporary AP Novels



21st Century Additions (continued)

- Maclean, Norman – *A River Runs Through It*
- Malamud, Bernard – *The Fixer*
- McEwan, Ian – *Atonement*
- Mistry, Rohinton – *A Fine Balance*
- Murakami, Haruki – *Kafka on the Shore*
- Naipaul, V. S. – *A Bend in the River*
- Naipaul, V. S. – *Middle Passage*
- Ng, Fae M. – *Bone: A Novel*
- O'Brien – *In the Lake of the Woods*
- O'Brien, Tim – *Going After Cacciato*
- O'Brien, Tim - *The Things They Carried*
- Oates, Joyce Carol – *We Were the Mulvaney's*
- Ondaatje, Michael – *Coming Through Slaughter*
- Petry, Ann – *The Street*
- Potok, Chaim – *My Name is Asher Lev*
- Potok, Chaim – *The Chosen*
- Rushdie, Salman - *The Moor's Last Sigh*
- Salinger, J. D. – *The Catcher in the Rye*
- Sapphire – *Push*
- Smiley, Jane – *A Thousand Acres*
- Solzhenitsyn, A. – *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*
- Tan, Amy – *The Bonesetter's Daughter*
- Villarreal, Jose, Antonio – *Pocho*
- Wideman, John Edgar – *Sent for You Yesterday*
- Wolff, Tobias – *Old School*

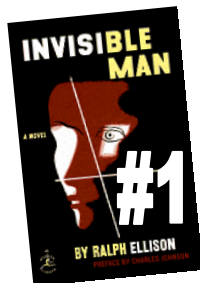


**AP Exam
Novel List
Prioritized by
the Number of
Times Used on
the AP Exam**



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(5+ Uses Only Included)



Invisible Man
by Ralph Ellison

Book Most Often Used on
the AP Exam

The searing story of a black
man's fervent quest for
personal identity



21 Times

Ellison, Ralph – Invisible Man

18 Times

Bronte, Emily – Wuthering Heights

15 Times

Dickens, Charles – Great Expectations

14 Times

Bronte, Charlotte – Jane Eyre
Melville, Herman – Moby Dick

13 Times

Dostoevsky, F. – Crime and Punishment

12 Times

Conrad, Joseph – Heart of Darkness

11 Times

Heller, Joseph – Catch-22
Melville, Herman – Billy Budd

10 Times

Chopin, Kate – The Awakening
Faulkner, William – A Light in August
Joyce, J. – Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man

9 Times

Hurston, Z. N. – Their Eyes Were Watching God
Silko, Leslie Marmon - Ceremony

8 Times

Anaya, Rudolfo – Bless Me Ultima
Faulkner, William – As I Lay Dying
Morrison, Toni – Song of Solomon

7 Times

Conrad, Joseph – Lord Jim
Forster, E. M. – A Passage to India
Hardy, Thomas – Jude the Obscure
Sinclair, Upton – The Jungle
Tolstoy, Leo – Anna Karenina
Walker, Alice – The Color Purple
Wright, Richard – Native Son

6 Times

Faulkner, William – The Sound and the Fury
Hemingway, Ernest – The Sun Also Rises
James, Henry – Portrait of a Lady
James, Henry – The Turn of the Screw
Kogawa – Obasan
Morrison, Toni – Beloved
Morrison, Toni - Sula
Paton – Cry the Beloved Country
Wharton, Edith – Ethan Frome

5 Times

Austen, Jane – Pride and Prejudice
Defoe, Daniel – Moll Flanders
Flaubert, Gustave – Madame Bovary
Hardy, Thomas – The Mayor of Casterbridge
Hardy, Thomas – Tess of the D'Urbervilles
Lee, Chang-Rae – Native Speaker
McCarthy, Cormac – All the Pretty Horses
Rhys, Jean – The Wide Sargasso Sea
Shelley, Mary – Frankenstein
Swift, Jonathan – Gulliver's Travels
Warren, Robert Penn – All the King's Men
Woolf, Virginia – Mrs. Dalloway



Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte

2nd Most Used Book on the AP
Exam

A Great Gothic Romance!



Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
3rd Most Used Book on the AP Exam

Jane Eyre by Bronte & Moby Dick by Melville
Tied for 4th Most Used Books on the AP Exam



21st Century Additions in AP Exams

Alexie, Sherman – *Reservation Blues*
Alvarez, Julia – *In the Time of Butterflies*
Atwood, Margaret – *Alias Grace*
Atwood, Margaret – *Surfacing*
Atwood, Margaret – *The Blind Assassin*
Atwood, Margaret – *The Handmaid's Tale*
Camus, Albert – *The Plague*
Cao, Lan – *Monkey Bridge*
Crane, Stephen – *The Red Badge of Courage*
Doctorow, E. O. – *Ragtime*
Erdrich, Louise – *Tracks*
Ford, Ford Maddox – *The Good Soldier*
Forster, E. M. – *A Room with a View*
Frazier, Charles – *Cold Mountain*
Gaines, Ernest – *A Gathering of Old Men*
Garcia, Cristina – *Dreaming in Cuban*
Guterson, David – *Snow Falling on Cedars*
Hosseini, khaled – *The Kite Runner*
Hughes, Richard – *A High Wind in Jamaica*
Ishiguro, Kazuo – *The Remains of the Day*
Jen, Gish – *Typical American*
Johnson, J. W. – *Autobio. of an Ex-Colored Man*
Kesey, Ken – *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*
Lee, Chang-Rae – *A Gesture Life*

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