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### **Preliminary Remarks**

#### 1. The Module

This *Reading List* contains the material for the second part of the two-semester module *Literature in Context: History and Theory* (the first part being the lecture). Enlarging upon the material discussed in the lecture in the first semester, students spend the second semester reading a selection of texts they chose from the *Reading List*. The module concludes with a final oral exam at the end of the second semester.

For further information see:

https://www.es.uzh.ch/en/studies/bachelor/modulesalphabetical/literatureinxontexthistoryandtheory.html

### 2. Aims of the Reading List

This *Reading List* attempts to do the impossible: to represent the diversity and richness of literature in English. The list includes texts that we find both important and exciting. However, we are fully aware that many equally interesting and relevant texts are missing. Our aim, then, is not to establish a definitive canon. Instead, we want to provide you with a framework that allows you to independently explore a broader range of texts, periods and movements.

The final oral exam that concludes the *Literature in Context: History and Theory* module builds on your previous knowledge. The exam based on the lecture and reading list will give you the opportunity to display the critical skills and depth of historical understanding you have gained in the total course of your studies.

We would like to emphasize that the purpose of the reading list exam is not so much to test specificities such as dates, but to give you the chance to demonstrate your analytical abilities. It is expected that you will demonstrate close-reading skills, knowledge of appropriate critical terminology and an ability to position the texts in terms of genre and literary history.

### 3. Theoretical Background

The reading list is to be seen in the context of the B.A. curriculum as a whole. In your first year, the *Textual Analysis* module provides you with basic methodological tools for the analysis of literature. The module *Literature in Context: History and Theory*, which you ideally take either in your second or third year, together with the B.A. seminars of your choice, will help you refine your ability to analyse texts by placing them in larger thematic, theoretical and historical contexts. The following texts are useful to extend and reinforce your understanding of the theoretical approaches and concepts to which you have been introduced in both the *Textual Analysis* and the *Literature in Context* modules:

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- ▶ Peter Barry. *Beginning Theory: An Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory*. 4th ed. Manchester and New York: Manchester University Press, 2017. (ISBN 978-1526121790)
- ▶ Jonathan Culler. *Literary Theory: A Very Short Introduction*. 2nd ed. Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press, 2011. (ISBN 978-0199691340)

### 4. Reading Requirements

The texts in the reading list are divided into three generic categories. Your final selection must contain a certain number of items from each category, namely:

- ▶ <u>eight</u> items from the <u>prose</u> section, i.e., novels, non-fiction works, sets of short stories
- **▶** <u>eight</u> items from the <u>poetry</u> section, i.e., excerpts from epics, long poems, sets of short poems
- ▶ <u>four</u> items from the <u>drama</u> section: four plays, two of which must be by Shakespeare
- ► <u>twenty items all in all</u>

In the reading list, all periods are numbered. When making your selection, please note that each period from (1.) to (5.) needs to be represented by at least <u>two</u> items. You may freely combine British and North American texts, however, choosing your own emphasis:

British, Irish and other literatures in English	North American literature
(1.) Early modern period (late 15th to early 17th century)	(1. and 2.) Colonial period and revolutionary era (17th to late 18th century)
(2.) Long 18th century	
(3.) Long 19th century	(3.) Long 19th century
(4.) Modernism and after	(4.) Modernism and after
(5.) Contemporary period	(5.) Contemporary period

The basic textbooks are the 6-volume (or, 2-"package") editions of *The Norton Anthology of English Literature* and *The Norton Anthology of American Literature*, which first appeared in 2018 and 2017, respectively. However, most of the "Norton selections" of poetry or non-fiction prose mentioned below can also be found in earlier 2-volume editions of these anthologies. Of course, not all texts featured in the list are included in the anthologies: novels and plays, in particular, must be consulted separately. Please note that instructors may add further specifications and restrictions concerning your selection of texts.

#### 5. The Exam

The oral exam will take place towards the end of the spring semester (the second semester of the module). During the exam, a second instructor will be present as a *Beisitz*.

	BRITISH LITERATURE	
(1.) Early Modern Period:		
	Late 15th to Early 17th Century	y .
Prose	Drama	Poetry
Sir Thomas Malory ► Morte Darthur (1485), Norton selection	Anonymous ► Everyman (after 1485)	Sir Thomas Wyatt the Elder (1503-42)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection
Sir Thomas More ► <i>Utopia</i> (1516)	Thomas Kyd (c. 1558-94)  ► The Spanish Tragedy	Henry Howard, Earl of Surrey (1517-47)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection
Sir Philip Sidney  ► "The Defense of Poesy" (c. 1579/95), Norton selection	Christopher Marlowe (1564-93)  ► Doctor Faustus  ► The Jew of Malta	Sir Philip Sidney  ▶ 4 sonnets from <i>Astrophil and Stella</i> (1591)
Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626)  ▶ 4 essays from the Norton selection	William Shakespeare (1564-1616)  ▶ 1 tragedy or history  ▶ 1 comedy or romance	Edmund Spenser  ▶ 4 sonnets from <i>Amoretti</i> (1595)  ▶ "A Letter of the Authors" and 2 cantos from <i>The Faerie Queene</i> (1590/96)
	Ben Jonson  ► Volpone (1605)  ► The Alchemist (1610)	William Shakespeare ► 4 poems from <i>Sonnets</i> (1609)
	Thomas Middleton ► The Revenger's Tragedy (1606)	John Donne (1572-1631)  ► "A Valediction: Forbidding Mourning" (written c. 1611-12), "The Canonization"
	John Webster  ► The Duchess of Malfi (1613)	(published 1633) and 1 other poem  Lady Mary Wroth  ▶ 4 sonnets from Pamphilia to Amphilanthus (1621)

	BRITISH LITERATURE	
(2.) Long Eighteenth Century: Restoration and Enlightenment		
Prose	Drama	Poetry
John Bunyan	William Wycherley	John Milton
► The Pilgrim's Progress (1678)	► The Country Wife (1675)	► "Lycidas" (written 1637) and 2 other shorter poems
Aphra Behn	Aphra Behn	▶ 2 books from <i>Paradise Lost</i> (1667/74)
► Oroonoko: or, the Royal Slave (1688)	► The Rover (1677)	
, ,		Margaret Cavendish
Daniel Defoe	John Dryden	► "The Poetess's Hasty Resolution" and
► Robinson Crusoe (1719)	► All for Love (1677)	"The Hunting of the Hare" (from <i>Poems</i>
► Moll Flanders (1722)		and Fancies, 1653)
( , , _ , )	William Congreve	
Jonathan Swift	► The Way of the World (1700)	Andrew Marvell (1621-78)
► Gulliver's Travels (1726)	The way of the worth (1700)	► "The Garden" and "To His Coy Mis-
Guillet 5 Travels (1720)	John Gay	tress" (first published 1681)
Samuel Richardson	► The Beggar's Opera (1728)	tress (mst published 1001)
► Pamela (1740)	The Beggui 3 Opera (1720)	Alexander Pope
1 umeta (1740)		► The Rape of the Lock (1712)
Henry Fielding		The Rape of the Lock (1/12)
► Joseph Andrews (1742)		
► Tom Jones (1749)		
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Charlotte Lennox		
► The Female Quixote (1752)		
The Female Quixole (1732)		
Edmund Burke		
► A Philosophical Enquiry into the Origin		
of Our Ideas of the Sublime and Beautiful		
(1757)		
Samuel Johnson		
The History of Rasselas, Prince of Abis-		
sinia (1759)		
Laurence Sterne		
Tristram Shandy (1759-67)		
► A Sentimental Journey Through France		
and Italy (1768)		

Horace Walpole	
► The Castle of Otranto (1764)	
Frances Burney	
► Evelina, or, The History of a Young	
Lady's Entrance into the World (1778)	

NORTH AMERICAN LITERATURE (1. and 2.) Colonial Period and Revolutionary Era:		E
Prose	Drama	Poetry
John Smith (1580-1631)	Royall Tyler	Anne Bradstreet (1612-72)
► Norton selection from <i>The General History of Virginia</i> (1624) and other writings	► <i>The Contrast</i> (1787)*	▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection
	William Dunlap	Philip Freneau (1752-1832)
William Bradford (1590-1657)  ► Of Plymouth Plantation, Norton selection	► The Father; or, American Shandyism (1789) or André (1798)* or The Italian	▶ 4 poems from the Norton Selection
	Father (1799)	Phillis Wheatley (1753-84)
Mary Rowlandson	(1/2)	► 4 poems from the Norton selection
► A Narrative of the Captivity and Restora-	[* included in the Penguin anthology	. posmo from the fronton selection
tion of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson (1682)	Early American Drama, edited by Jeffrey	
G 3.5 d (1.662-1.720)	H. Richards]	
Cotton Mather (1663-1728)		
► Norton selection from Magnalia Christi		
Americana and other writings		
J. Hector St. John de Crèvecoeur		
► Letters from an American Farmer (1782),		
Norton selection		
Thomas Paine		
► The Age of Reason (1794-95/1807),		
Norton selection		
Charles Brockden Brown		
► Wieland; or, The Transformation: An		
American Tale (1798)		

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BRITISH LITERATURE  (3.) Long Nineteenth Century  (Romanticism; Georgian, Victorian and Edwardian Periods)		
Prose	Drama	Poetry
Ann Radcliffe  ► The Romance of the Forest (1791) or The Mysteries of Udolpho (1794)	Oscar Wilde ► The Importance of Being Earnest (1895)	William Blake ▶ 4 poems from Songs of Innocence and of Experience (1789/94)
Mary Wollstonecraft  ► A Vindication of the Rights of Woman (1792), Norton selection  Maria Edgeworth	George Bernard Shaw  ► Man and Superman (1903) or Pygmalion (1913)  John Millington Synge	William Wordsworth (1770-1850)  ▶ 2 books from <i>The Prelude, or Growth of a Poet's Mind</i> ▶ 4 shorter poems
► Castle Rackrent (1800)  Jane Austen (1775-1817)  ► Any novel (to be selected in consultation	► The Playboy of the Western World (1907)	Dorothy Wordsworth (1771-1855)  ► The Grasmere Journals, Norton selection, and 2 poems
with your examiner)  Sir Walter Scott  * Waverley (1814)		Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834)  ► "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" and 2 other poems
► Ivanhoe (1820)  Mary Shelley		Lord Byron  ► Manfred: A Dramatic Poem (1817)  ► 2 cantos from Don Juan (1819-24)
► Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus (1818)  James Hogg		Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822)  ▶ 3 poems
► The Private Memoirs and Confessions of a Justified Sinner (1824)		John Keats (1795-1821)  ▶ 4 poems, including at least 1 ode
		Felicia Hemans (1793-1835)  ► Norton selection of poems

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Thomas Carlyle

► Norton selection from *Sartor Resartus* (1836) and *Past and Present* (1843)

Charlotte Brontë

► Jane Eyre (1847)

Emily Brontë

► Wuthering Heights (1847)

W. M. Thackeray

► Vanity Fair (1848)

Elizabeth Gaskell

► Cranford (1853) or North and South (1855)

Anthony Trollope

► The Warden (1855) or The Way We Live Now (1875)

Wilkie Collins

► The Woman in White (1859) or The Moonstone (1868)

George Eliot

► The Mill on the Floss (1860)

► *Middlemarch* (1871-72)

Charles Dickens

► Great Expectations (1861)

► Any other novel (to be selected in consultation with your examiner)

Mary Elizabeth Braddon

► Lady Audley's Secret (1862)

Margaret Oliphant

► Miss Marjoribanks (1866) or Hester (1883)

Matthew Arnold

► *Culture and Anarchy*, Norton selection (1867-68)

Thomas Hardy

► Far from the Madding Crowd (1874)

► Tess of the d'Urbervilles (1891) or Jude the Obscure (1895)

Robert Louis Stevenson

► Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1886)

H. Rider Haggard

► *She* (1887)

Oscar Wilde

► The Picture of Dorian Gray (1890/91)

Arthur Conan Doyle

► 1 Sherlock Holmes novel <u>or</u> 4 Sherlock Holmes stories

H. G. Wells

► The Time Machine (1895) or The Island of Doctor Moreau (1896)

Bram Stoker

► Dracula (1897)

Robert Browning

► "My Last Duchess" (1842) and 2 other poems from the Norton selection

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

► Norton selection from *Aurora Leigh* (1856)

Christina Rossetti

► "Goblin Market" (written 1859) or 4 shorter poems

Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-89)

▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection

Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-92)

▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection

William Butler Yeats (1865-1939)

► 4 poems from the Norton selection

Issanh Causad	
Joseph Conrad	
► Heart of Darkness (1899/1902)	
Any other novel (to be selected in consul-	
tation with your examiner)	
Rudyard Kipling	
► Kim (1901)	
E. M. Forster	
► Howards End (1910); see also "Modern-	
ism and After" section	
Ford Madox Ford	
► The Good Soldier (1915)	

	NORTH AMERICAN LITERATUR	E
(3.) Long Nineteenth Century (Romanticism, Realism and Naturalism)		
Washington Irving  ► "Rip Van Winkle" (1819) and "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" (1920)	James Nelson Barker  ► The Indian Princess; or, La Belle Sauvage (1808)*	Lydia Howard Huntley Sigourney (1791-1865)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection
James Fenimore Cooper  ► The Last of the Mohicans (1826)  Catharine Maria Sedgwick	John August Stone ► Metamora; or, The Last of the Wampanoags (1829)	George Moses Horton (c. 1797-1883)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton Anthology of African American Literature selection
► Hope Leslie; or, Early Times in the Massachusetts (1827)	Anna Cora Mowatt ► Fashion (1845)*	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-82)  ► "The Indian Hunter" (1825) and 3 other poems (Norton selection or other)
Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-82)  ▶ 3 essays  Edgar Allan Poe	George L. Aiken  ► Uncle Tom's Cabin (1852; stage adaptation of Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel)*	Edgar Allan Poe (1809-49)  The Raven" (1845) and "Annabel Lee" (1849)
► 4 short stories  Margaret Fuller  ► "The Great Lawsuit" (1843) aka Woman in the Nineteenth Century (1845)	William Wells Brown  ► The Escape; or, A Leap for Freedom (1858)	Herman Melville (1819-91)  ▶ 4 poems from Battle Pieces and Aspects of War (1866): Norton selection
Frederick Douglass  ► Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave (1845)	Dion Boucicault  ► The Octoroon; or, Life in Louisiana (1859)*	Walt Whitman (1819-92)  ► From Leaves of Grass: "Song of Myself" (first published, without title, 1855)
Henry David Thoreau  ► Resistance to Civil Government (1849) or Walden, or Life in the Woods (1854)	Sarah Anne Curzon (Canada)  ► Laura Secord, the Heroine of 1812 (1887)	Frances Ellen Watkins Harper (1825-1911)  ▶ 4 poems form the Norton selection  Emily Dickinson (1830-86)
Nathaniel Hawthorne  ► The Scarlet Letter (1850)  ► 4 short stories	[* included in the Penguin anthology  Early American Drama, edited by Jeffrey H. Richards]	<ul> <li>▶ 4 poems form the Norton selection</li> <li>Stephen Crane (1871-1900)</li> <li>▶ 4 poems from the Norton Selection</li> </ul>
Herman Melville  ► Moby-Dick (1851)  ► "Bartleby, the Scrivener" (1853) and "Benito Cereno" (1855)		
Harriet Beecher Stowe  ► Uncle Tom's Cabin (1852)		
William Wells Brown ► Clotel; or, the President's Daughter (1853)		
Mark Twain  ► Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884/85)		
Charlotte Perkins Gilman  ► "The Yellow Wall-paper" (1892) and 2 other stories		

Frederick Jackson Turner  ► "The Significance of the Frontier in American History" (1893) in <i>The Frontier in American History</i> (1920)	
Stephen Crane ► The Red Badge of Courage (1895)	
Kate Chopin ► The Awakening (1899)	
Frank Norris ► McTeague: A Story of San Francisco (1899)	
Theodore Dreiser ► Sister Carrie (1900)	
W. E. B. Du Bois  ► The Souls of Black Folk (1903)	
Edith Wharton  ► The House of Mirth (1905); see also "Modernism and After" section	
Henry James (1843-1916)  ► Any novel or novella (to be selected in consultation with your examiner)	

BRITISH AND IRISH LITERATURE  (4.) Modernism and After:  Around the Two World Wars		
Prose	Drama	Poetry
D. H. Lawrence  ► Sons and Lovers (1913)  ► Women in Love (1920)  James Joyce  ► 3 stories from Dubliners (1914) or A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man (1916)  ► 3 chapters from Ulysses (1922)  Rebecca West  ► The Return of the Soldier (1918)  Katherine Mansfield  ► 4 stories from The Garden Party (1922) and/or other collections  E. M. Forster  ► A Passage to India (1924)  Virginia Woolf  ► Mrs Dalloway (1925) or To the Lighthouse (1927) or Orlando: A Biography (1928)  ► A Room of One's Own (1929)  Rosamond Lehmann  ► Dusty Answer (1927)  Aldous Huxley  ► Brave New World (1932)  Vera Brittain  ► Testament of Youth (1933)  Evelyn Waugh  ► A Handful of Dust (1934)	John Galsworthy ► Strife (1909)  Stanley Houghton ► Hindle Wakes (written 1910)  Harold Brighouse ► Hobson's Choice (1915)	T. S. Eliot  ▶ "The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock" (1915) and 1 other shorter poem  ▶ The Waste Land (1922)  Siegfried Sassoon (1886-1967)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection  Wilfred Owen (1893-1918)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection  W. H. Auden (1907-73)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection  Dylan Thomas (1914-53)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection

Elizabeth Bowen  ► The Death of the Heart (1938)	
Graham Greene ► The Power and the Glory (1940)	
George Orwell  ► Animal Farm (1945)  ► Nineteen Eighty-Four (1949)	

NORTH AMERICAN LITERATURE  (4.) Modernism and After:  Around the Two World Wars					
			Prose	Drama	Poetry
			Willa Cather	Lillian Hellman	Amy Lowell (1874-1925)
► O Pioneers! (1913) or My Ántonia (1918)	► The Children's Hour (1934) or The Little Foxes (1939); see also "Contempo-	▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection			
Edith Wharton	rary Period" section	Robert Frost (1874-1963)			
► The Age of Innocence (1920)		▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection			
John Dos Passos	Thornton Wilder  ► Our Town (1938) or The Skin of Our	Wallace Stevens (1879-1955)			
► Manhattan Transfer (1925)	Teeth (1942)	► 4 poems from the Norton selection			
Mannatian Transfer (1923)	1eeth (1942)	4 poems from the Norton selection			
F. Scott Fitzgerald	Eugene O'Neill	William Carlos Williams (1883-1963)			
► The Great Gatsby (1925)	► The Ice Man Cometh (1939); see also "Contemporary Period" section	▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection			
Ernest Hemingway	F,	Ezra Pound (1885-1972)			
► The Sun Also Rises (1926)		► 4 poems from the Norton selection			
► A Farewell to Arms (1929)		· · · Peems nem me resten selection			
( ,		H. D. (Hilda Doolittle, 1886-1961)			
Claude McKay		▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection			
► Home to Harlem (1928) or Banjo (1929)		_			
		Marianne Moore (1887-1972)			
William Faulkner		► 4 poems from the Norton selection			
► The Sound and the Fury (1929)					
► As I Lay Dying (1930)		Claude McKay (1889-1948)			
D 11 11 11		► 4 poems from the Norton selection			
Dashiell Hammett		F F G : (1004 1000)			
► The Maltese Falcon (1930)		E. E. Cummings (1894-1962)			
Circle I corie		► 4 poems from the Norton selection			
Sinclair Lewis		Langeton Hugher (1002-67)			
► It Can't Happen Here (1935)		Langston Hughes (1902-67)			
► 4 short stories		▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection			
Zora Neal Hurston					
► Their Eyes Were Watching God (1937)					
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John Steinbeck					
► The Grapes of Wrath (1939)					
► East of Eden (1952)					
Richard Wright					
► <i>Native Son</i> (1940)					

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(5.) Contemporary Period: 1950s to Present Day		
Prose	Drama	Poetry
Doris Lessing	Samuel Beckett	Philip Larkin (1922-85)
► The Grass Is Singing (1950) or The Golden Notebook (1962) ► The Good Terrorist (1985)	➤ Waiting for Godot (1953) ➤ Endgame (1957)	► 4 poems from the Norton selection  Ted Hughes (1930-98)
William Golding  ► Lord of the Flies (1954) or Darkness Visible (1979)	John Osborne  ► Look Back in Anger (1956)  Harold Pinter  The Birth day Party (1957) on The	► 4 poems from the Norton selection  Seamus Heaney (1939-2013)  ► 2 poems from the Norton selection
Sybille Bedford ► A Legacy (1956)	► The Birthday Party (1957) or The Homecoming (1964)	Derek Mahon (b. 1941)  ▶ 4 poems
Muriel Spark  ► The Ballad of Pekham Rye (1960) or The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (1961)	Tom Stoppard  ► Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead (1966)  ► Travesties (1974) or Arcadia (1993)	Eavan Boland (b. 1944)  ▶ 4 poems
Anthony Burgess ► A Clockwork Orange (1962)	Brian Friel ► Translations (1980)	Wendy Cope (b. 1945)  ▶ 4 poems
John Fowles ► The French Lieutenant's Woman (1969)	Caryl Churchill ► Top Girls (1982)	Paul Muldoon (b. 1951)  ▶ 4 poems
J. G. Ballard  ► Crash (1973) or High-Rise (1975)  ► Engine of the Second 1984)	Sarah Kane ► Blasted (1995)	Linton Kwesi Johnson (b. 1952)  ▶ 4 poems/songs
► Empire of the Sun (1984)  Malcolm Bradbury  ► The History Man (1975)		Carol Anne Duffy (b. 1955)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection  Patience Agbabi (b. 1965)
Angela Carter  ► The Bloody Chamber (1979) or Nights at the Circus (1984)		► 4 poems  Daljit Nagra (b. 1966)  ► 4 poems
Kazuo Ishiguro  ► The Remains of the Day (1989)  ► Never Let Me Go (2005)		
Hanif Kureishi ► The Buddha of Suburbia (1990)		
A. S. Byatt ► Possession (1990)		
Pat Barker ► Regeneration (1991)		
Graham Swift ► Waterland (1992) or Last Orders (1996)		
Irvine Welsh ► Trainspotting (1993)		
Julian Barnes  ► England, England (1996) or The Sense of an Ending (2011)		
Leila Aboulela ► The Translator (1999)		
Zadie Smith  ► White Teeth (2000) or NW: A Novel (2012)		
Ian McEwan ► Atonement (2001)		
Monica Ali ► Brick Lane (2003)		

Colm Tóibín  ► The Master (2004)  ► Brooklyn (2009)	
Ali Smith ► How to Be Both (2014)	

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(5.) Contemporary Period: 1950s to Present Day			
Prose	Drama	Poetry	
Ralph Ellison ► Invisible Man (1952)	Tennessee Williams  ► The Glass Menagerie (1944) or A Streetcar Named Desire (1947)	Elizabeth Bishop (1911-79)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection	
James Baldwin ► Go Tell It on the Mountain (1953)	Arthur Miller  ▶ Death of a Salesman (1949)	Allen Ginsberg (1926-97)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection	
Saul Bellow  ► The Adventures of Augie March (1953) or Herzog (1964)	► The Crucible (1953)  Eugene O'Neill	Anne Sexton (1928-74)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection	
Ray Bradbury ► Fahrenheit 451 (1953)	► A Long Day's Journey into Night (1956)	Maya Angelou (1928-2014)  ▶ 4 poems	
Flannery O'Connor  ▶ 4 stories from A Good Man Is Hard to	Lillian Hellman  ► Toys in the Attic (1960)	Adrienne Rich (1929-2012)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection	
Find and Other Stories (1955) and/or Every- thing That Rises Must Converge (1965)	Edward Albee  Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?  (1962)	Sylvia Plath (1932-69)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection	
Vladimir Nabokov ► Lolita (1955) ► Pale Fire (1962)	David Mamet  ► American Buffalo (1975) or Glengarry	Audre Lourde (1934-92) ► Norton selection of poems	
Jack Kerouac  ► On the Road (1957)	Glen Ross (1984) Sam Shepard	Amiri Baraka aka LeRoi Jones (1934-2014)  ▶ Norton selection of poems	
John Updike ► Rabbit, Run (1960)	► True West (1980)  Tomson Highway (Canada)	Yusef Komunyakaa (b. 1941)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection	
Joseph Heller ► Catch-22 (1961)	► The Rez Sisters (1986)	Li-Young Lee (b. 1957)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection	
Sylvia Plath ► The Bell Jar (1963)	Djanet Sears (Canada)  ► Afrika Solo (1990) or Harlem Duet (1997)	Claudia Rankine (b. 1963)  ▶ 1 chapter from <i>Citizen: An American Lyric</i> (2014)	
Truman Capote ► In Cold Blood (1966)	Tony Kushner  ► Angels in America: Millennium Approaches (1991) and Angels in America:  Perestroika (1992)	Sherman Alexie (b. 1966)  ▶ 4 poems from the Norton selection	
Thomas Pynchon  ► The Crying of Lot 49 (1966)  ► Any other novel (to be selected in consultation with your examiner)	Suzan Lori-Parks  ► Topdog/Underdog (2001)	Tracy K. Smith (b. 1972)  ▶ 1 section from <i>Wade in the Water</i> (2018)	
N. Scott Momaday  ► House Made of Dawn (1968)	Tracy Letts ► August: Osage County (2007)		
Philipp K. Dick  ► Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep? (1968)	Lynn Nottage ► Ruined (2008) or Sweat (2015)		
Kurt Vonnegut ► Slaughterhouse-Five (1969)	Ayad Akhtar ► Disgraced (2012)		
Ursula K. Le Guin  ► The Left Hand of Darkness (1969) or The Dispossessed (1974)			
Alice Munro (Canada)  ► Lives of Girls and Women (1971)			

Alice Walker ► Meridian (1979) or The Color Purple (1982)	
Maxine Hong Kingston ► China Men (1980) or Tripmaster Mon- key: His Fake Book (1989)	
Raymond Carver ► Cathedral (1983)	
William Gibson ► Neuromancer (1984)	
Don DeLillo  ► White Noise (1985)  ► Cosmopolis (2003)	
Margaret Atwood (Canada)  ► The Handmaid's Tale (1985)  ► Alicias Grace (1996) or The Blind Assassin (2000)	
Paul Auster ► The New York Trilogy (1985-86)	
Toni Morrison  ► Beloved (1987)  ► Any other novel (to be selected in consultation with your examiner)	
Cormac McCarthy  ► Blood Meridian (1989)  ► The Road (2006)	
Bret Easton Ellis ► American Psycho (1991)	
Siri Hustvedt ► The Blindfold (1992)	
Carol Shields (Canada) ► The Stone Diaries (1993)	
Jeffrey Eugenides ► The Virgin Suicides (1993) or Middlesex (2002)	
Philip Roth  ► American Pastoral (1997) or The Plot Against America (2004)  ► The Human Stain (2000)	
E. Annie Proulx  ► "Brokeback Mountain" <u>and</u> 2 other stories from <i>Close Range: Wyoming Stories</i> (1999)	
Lawrence Hill (Canada) ► The Book of Negroes aka Someone Knows My Name (2007)	

OTHER LITERATURES IN ENGLISH		
(5.) Contemporary Period: 1950s to Present Day		
Prose	Drama	Poetry
Sam Selvon (Trinidad)	Derek Walcott (Saint Lucia)	A. K. Ramanujan (1929-93, India)
► The Lonely Londoners (1956)	► Henri Christophe: A Chronicle in Seven Scenes (1950)	▶ 4 poems
Chinua Achebe (Nigeria)  ► Things Fall Apart (1958)	► Dream on Monkey Mountain (1967) or Pantomime (1978)*	Derek Walcott (1930-2017, Saint Lucia)  ► Norton selection of poetry or Omeros (complete poem, 1990)
Wilson Harris (Guyana)  ► Palace of the Peacock (1960)	Wole Soyinka (Nigeria)  ► The Strong Breed (1964)* or Death and the King's Horseman (1975)	Kamau Brathwaite (b. 1930, Barbados) ► 4 poems
V.S. Naipaul (Trinidad/UK)  ► A House for Mr Biswas (1961)  ► A Bend in the River (1979)	Athol Fugard, John Kani and Winston Ntshona (South Africa)  The Island (1972)	Wole Soyinka (b. 1934, Nigeria)  ▶ 4 poems
Jean Rhys (Dominica/UK)  ► Wide Sargasso Sea (1966)	Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o and Micere Githae Mugo (Kenya)	Lorna Goodison (b. 1945, Jamaica) ▶ 4 poems
Flora Nwapa (Nigeria) ► Efuru (1966)	► The Trial of Dedan Kimathi (1976)  Femi Osofisan (Nigeria)	M. Nourbese Philip (b. 1947, Trinidad and Tobago/Canada)  ▶ 4 poems
Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o (Kenya)	► Once Upon Four Robbers (1978)*	1
► A Grain of Wheat (1967) or Petals of Blood (1977)	Isaiah Maishe Maponya (South Africa)  ► The Hungry Earth (1979)*	Grace Nichols (b. 1950, Guyana/UK)  ▶ 4 poems
Nadine Gordimer (South Africa)  ► The Conservationist (1974)	Louis Nowra (Australia)  ► Inside the Island (1980)* or	Fred D'Aguiar (b. 1960, Guyana/UK)  ▶ 4 poems from <i>Mama Dot</i> (1985), <i>Airy Hall</i> (1989) and/or <i>British Subjects</i> (1993)
Albert Wendt (Samoa/New Zealand)  ► Leaves of the Banyan Tree (1979)	The Golden Age (1985)  Jack Davis (Australia)	Than (1967) and of Drivin Subjects (1993)
Earl Lovelace (Trinidad)	► No Sugar (1985)	
► The Dragon Can't Dance (1979) or Salt (1996)	Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl (Hawaiʻi)	
J. M. Coetzee (South Africa)  ► Waiting for the Barbarians (1980) or Foe	► The Conversion of Kaʻahumanu (1988)*	
(1986) ► Disgrace (1999)	Briar Grace-Smith (New Zealand)  ► Nga Pou Wahine (1995)* or Purapurawhetu (1997)	
Salman Rushdie (India/UK)  ► Midnight's Children (1981)  ► The Satanic Verses (1988)	Manjula Padmanabhan (India)  ► Harvest (1997)*	
Janet Frame (New Zealand)  ► An Angel at My Table (1984)	[* included in the Routledge anthology Postcolonial Plays, edited by Helen Gilbert]	
Keri Hulme (New Zealand)  ► The Bone People (1984)		
Michelle Cliff (Jamaica)  ► Abeng (1984)		
Jamaica Kincaid (Antigua/USA)  ► Annie John (1985) or Lucy (1990)		
Michael Ondaatje (Sri Lanka/Canada)  ► In the Skin of a Lion (1987)  ► The English Patient (1992)		
M. Nourbese Philip (b. 1947, Trinidad and Tobago/Canada)  ► Harriet's Daughter (1988)		
Amitav Gosh (India)  ► The Shadow Lines (1988) or The Glass Palace (2000)		
Pauline Melville (Guyana/UK)  ▶ 3 stories from <i>Shape-shifter</i> (1990) and/or <i>The Migration of Ghosts</i> (1998)	12	

Ben Okri (Nigeria)  ► The Famished Road (1991)	
David Malouf (Australia)	
► Remembering Babylon (1993)	
Fred D'Aguiar (Guyana/UK)  ► The Longest Memory (1994) or Feeding the Ghosts (1997)	
Zakes Mda (South Africa)  ► Ways of Dying (1995)	
Sia Figiel (Samoa/USA)  ► Where We Once Belonged (1996)	
Arundhati Roy (India)  ► The God of Small Things (1997)	
Witi Ihimaera (New Zealand)  ► "The Whale Rider" (1997) and 2 other stories	
Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie (Nigeria)  ▶ Purple Hibiscus (2003) or Half of a Yellow Sun (2006) or Americanah (2013)	
Kiran Desai (India)  ► The Inheritance of Loss (2006)	
Mohsin Hamid (Pakistan)  ► The Reluctant Fundamentalist (2007) or Exit West (2017)	
Kamila Shamsie (Pakistan) ► Home Fire (2017)	