

10th Grade Suggested Additional Reading (Optional)

FICTION

Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman, Ernest J. Gaines

- This fictional autobiography tells the story of a remarkable African American woman born in slavery on a Louisiana plantation who is freed after the Civil War and lives another one hundred years to see the second emancipation.

Daughters of the House, Indrani Aikath-Gyaltsen

- In a novel of contemporary India, eighteen-year-old tomboy Chchanda tells of her household of three generations of self-sufficient women.

Franny and Zooey, J.D. Salinger

- Franny, a young college student, suffers a mental breakdown, her brother Zooey takes her under his somewhat rough and unwilling wing to show her how to cope.

A Gathering of Old Men, Ernest J. Gaines

- More than a dozen aging African American men claim to be the sole murderer of a Southern white farmer and welcome a chance to confound the law after lifetimes of oppression.

Invisible Man, Ralph Ellison

- A young African American seeking identity during his high school and college days, and later in New York's Harlem, relates his terrifying experiences.

Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan

- A young Chinese American woman realizes her mother's early life in China is an important reason for the rift between them.

The Kitchen God's Wife, Amy Tan

- By the author of *The Joy Luck Club*, this is a novel about secrets, class differences (especially in China), and the ways in which male-dominated cultures operate.

The Lying Days, Nadine Gordimer

- Helen Shaw, daughter of white middle-class parents in a small gold-mining town in South Africa, comes of age in the anti-apartheid life that surrounds her.

Native Son, Richard Wright

- For Bigger Thomas, an African American man accused of crime in the white man's world, there could be no extenuating circumstances, no explanations - only death.

Obasan, Joy Kogawa

- Autobiographical novel of Japanese-Canadian Nisei writer Kogawa, the story of what happened to her, her family, and her life in Canada during WW II.

One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich, Alexander Solzhenitsyn

- An inmate lives one day at a time in a Siberian prison camp.

Palace Walk, Najib Mahfouz

- Nobel Prize-winner Mahfouz re-creates the daily life of three generations of a Cairo middle-class family in the first half of the twentieth century. There's a focus on the torments of adolescent love as well as on the banked passions of an established marriage.

Parable of the Sower, Octavia Butler

- Lauren Olamina, who suffers from a hereditary trait called “hyperempathy” that causes her to feel others’ pain physically, journeys north along the dangerous highways of twenty-first century California.

Picture Bride, Yoshiko Uchida

- Taro journeys to America in the early 1900s to marry a man she has never met.

The Tiger's Daughter, Bharati Mukerjee

- Tara returns to India after several years in the West to discover a country quite unlike the one she remembered. Memories of a genteel Brahmin lifestyle are usurped by new impressions of poverty and political unrest.

A Yellow Raft in Blue Water, Michael Dorris

- Three generations of Native American women tell their stories in their search for self-identity.

The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother, James McBride

- The story of a rabbi's daughter, born in Poland and raised in the South, who fled to Harlem, married a black man, founded a Baptist church, and put twelve children through college.

I, Rigoberta Menchu: An Indian Woman in Guatemala, Rigoberta Menchu

- Born in Guatemala into abject poverty marked by violence and lack of education, this Nobel Peace Prize winner has become one of the world’s foremost fighters for human rights.

The Woman Warrior: Memoirs of a Girlhood Among Ghosts, Maxine Hong Kingston

- A remarkable account of growing up female and Chinese-American in California.

NONFICTION

China Men, Maxine Hong Kingston

- A description of the lives of several generations of Chinese males contributes to an understanding of the experiences of Chinese immigration.

Gideon's Trumpet, Anthony Lewis

- One determined convict changes the American legal system.

Living by the Word: Selected Writings 1973-1987, Alice Walker

- Walker's essays on race, politics, women, and life are collected in this volume.

Our House Divided: Seven Japanese American Families in World War II, Tom Kaizawa Knaefler

- The United States is a place of neither shelter nor freedom for Japanese Americans during WW II.

Stephen Hawking's Universe, John Boslough

- Hawking presents his theories on the universe in general, and black holes in particular.

Thinking Out Loud: On the Personal, the Political, the Public, and the Private, Anna Quindlen

- Op-ed pieces from the *New York Times* underscore Quindlen's thoughts on human rights, abortion, and justice.

DRAMA

For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide, When the Rainbow is Enuf, Ntozake Shange

- The inner feelings of young African American women are captured in this passionate feminist spellbinder.

The Taming of the Shrew, William Shakespeare

- The battle of the sexes begins when Petrucchio attempts to woo this shrew.