**AP Lit Exam Reading List Buchholz**

The following titles have appeared the most frequently on the AP Exam from 1970 – 2015. They are arranged from the highest number of times the title has appeared to the lowest. This list may serve as a study guide for the exam. Highlight the novels that you have read. Make notes to help you in the future! Read novels from this list to increase your comfort on the exam!

Times Title and Author

28 *Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison  
22 *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte  
19 *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens

18 *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad

17 *King Lear* by William Shakespeare  
17 *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevski  
17 *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
15 *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville  
15 *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

14 *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne

14 *Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* by James Joyce

14 *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller

13 *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zorah Neale Hurston  
13 *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald  
13 *The Awakening* by Kate Chopin  
12 *Billy Budd* by Herman Melville

12 *Beloved* by Toni Morrison  
11 *Light in August* by William Faulkner  
11 *Othello* by William Shakespeare

11 *Ceremony* by Leslie Marmon Silko

11  *The Color Purple* by Alice Walker

10 *As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner  
10 *Antigone* by Sophocles  
10 *Native Son* by Richard Wright  
10 *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison

10 *The Glass Menagerie* by Tennessee Williams  
10 *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams

10 *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller

9 *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller

9 *A Raisin in the Sun* by Lorraine Hansberry  
9 *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy

9 *Jude the Obscure* by Thomas Hardy

9 *Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James

8 *Bless Me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya  
8 *Candide* by Voltaire  
8 *The Jungle* by Upton Sinclair  
8 *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* by Tom Stoppard

8 *Sula* by Toni Morrison

8 *A Passage to India* by E. M. Forster

8 *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy

8 *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

8 *Waiting for Godot* by Samuel Becket

8 *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert

8 *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

8 *Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* By Edward Albee

7 *Cry, The Beloved Country* by Alan Paton  
7 *Lord Jim* by Joseph Conrad  
7 *All the King’s Men* by Robert Penn Warren

7 *The Tempest* by William Shakespeare

7 *The Mayor of Casterbridg*e by Thomas Hardy

7 *Ethan Frome* by Edith Wharton

7 *Oedipus Rex* by Sophocles

7 *Sound and the Fury* by William Faulkner

7 *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway

7 *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe

7 *Medea* by Euripides

7 *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare

7 *Tess of the D’Urbervilles* by Thomas Hardy

7 *A Doll’s House* by Henrik Ibsen

6 *Gulliver’s Travels* by Jonathan Swift

6 *The Cherry Orchard* by Anton Chekov

6 *Moll Flanders* by Daniel Dafoe

6 *The Piano Lesson* by August Wilson

6 *Murder in the Cathedral* by T. C. Elliot

6 *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf

6 *Hedda Gabler* by Henrik Ibsen

6 *Major Barbera* by George Bernard Shaw

6 *Equus* by Peter Shaffer

6 *Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen

6 *The Age of Innocence* by Edith Wharton

6 *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley

6 *Sister Carrie* by Theodore Dreiser

6 *Hamlet* by William Shakespeare

5 *Doctor Faustus* by Christopher Marlowe

5 *Mr. Warren’s Profession* by George Bernard Shaw

5 *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare

5 *Middlemarch* by George Eliot

5 *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys

5 *Wise Blood* by Flannery O’Connor

5 *The Stranger* by Albert Camus

5 *Bleak House* by Charles Dickens

5 *Fences* by August Wilson

5 *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens

5 *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin

5 *Cat’s Eye* by Margaret Atwood

5 *As You Like It* by William Shakespeare

5 *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

5 *The Women of Brewster Place* by Gloria Naylor

4 *Julius Caesar* by William Shakespeare

4 *Winter’s Tale* by William Shakespeare

4 *The Trial* by Franz Kafka

4 *1984* by George Orwell

4 *The Turn of the Screw* by Henry James

4 *Tom Jones* by Henry Fielding

4 *Don Quixote* by Miguel Cervantes

4 *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

4 *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare

4 *To the Lighthouse* by Virginia Woolfe

4 *An American Tragedy* by Theodore Dreiser

4 *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver

4 *The Odyssey* by Homer

4 *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

4 *The Bonesetter’s Daughter* by Amy Tan

4 *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare

4 *Atonement* by Ian McEwan

4 *Madame Butterfly* by John Luther Long

3 *Persuasion* by Jane Austen

3 *Absalom, Absalom* by William Faulkner

3 *My Antonia* by Willa Cather

3 *The Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger

3 *David Copperfield* by Charles Dickens

3 *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw

3 *Hard Times* by Charles Dickens

3 *The Mill on the Floss* by George Eliot

3 *Paradise Lost* by John Milton

3 *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison

3 *The Littlest Foxes* by Lillian Hellman

3 *Emma* by Jane Austen

3 *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

3 *A Gesture Life* by Chang-Rae Lee

3 *Mansfield Park* by Jane Austen

3 *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* by Ken Kesey

3 *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde

3 *The Memory Keeper’s Daughter* by Kim Edwards