World Literature Book List

There are lots of options for acquiring these books. You can order them from an online retailer, or you can check them out of the library. For most of them, you can get e-book versions or access them online and read them on your computer screen.

Pay attention to the notes below. In some cases, the particular edition or translation of a work is important.

These are the only books you are required to obtain. We will be providing online versions of most of the shorter works we will be reading.

Mythology, by Edith Hamilton

The Odyssey, by Homer

For this class, we will be reading the translation by Robert Fitzgerald. Note: this is a different translation than the one I use for Lit 1: The Ancient World.

Antigone, by Sophocles

Any translation will do. This play is available online in several places.

The Aeneid, by Virgil

Please obtain the translation by Allen Mandelbaum.

The Inferno, by Dante Alighieri

Please obtain the translation by John Ciardi

Crime and Punishment, by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Be sure to get the translation by Richard Pevear and Larissa Volokhonsky

Things Fall Apart, by Chinua Achebe

Cry, the Beloved Country, by Alan Paton

The Epic of Gilgamesh

Any of several translations will do. Several are available for free online.

Don Quixote, by Cervantes

IMPORTANT: Get the *abridged* translation by Walter Starkie. Any other version will cause confusion.

The Joy Luck Club, by Amy Tan