



## Recommended Classic Literature for the Middle School Reader Canterbury School English Department

The following works have stood the test of time. While generally suited to students of middle school age, these novels vary in complexity of plot and language, and some touch upon more mature subject matter than others. Several offer children or teens as the main characters (including *Penrod*, *Old Yeller*, *Pollyanna*, *Anne of Green Gables*), while others are about the world of adults (including *Childhood's End*, *The Three Musketeers*, *Rebecca*), yet have strong appeal for many young adult readers. Some traditionally appeal more to male readers, others more to females. The list includes fantasy, science fiction, westerns, romance, realism, mystery, adventure, comedy...

Because no classic is suited to every reader, students and parents are encouraged to *sample* possibilities before making absolute choices; teachers and librarians are happy to be consulted.

Author	Title	Author	Title
Adams,	<i>Watership Down</i>	Porter,	<i>Pollyanna</i>
Alcott,	<i>Little Women</i>	Pyle,	<i>The Story of King Arthur and His Knights</i>
Barrie,	<i>Peter Pan</i>	Rawlings,	<i>The Yearling</i>
Baum,	<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	Rostand,	<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i> (play)
Burnford,	<i>The Incredible Journey</i>	Schaefer,	<i>Shane</i>
Carroll,	<i>Alice's Adventures in Wonderland</i>	Scott,	<i>Ivanhoe</i>
Cather,	<i>My Antonia</i>	Sewell,	<i>Black Beauty</i>
Clarke,	<i>Childhood's End</i>	Smith,	<i>A Tree Grows in Brooklyn</i>
Collodi,	<i>Pinocchio: The Story of a Puppet</i>	Spyri,	<i>Heidi</i>
Crane,	<i>The Red Badge of Courage</i>	Steinbeck,	<i>Of Mice and Men</i>
DeFoe,	<i>Robinson Crusoe</i>	Stevenson,	<i>Kidnapped</i>
Dickens,	<i>Oliver Twist</i>		<i>Treasure Island</i>
Doyle,	<i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i>	Stowe,	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>
Dumas,	<i>The Count of Monte Cristo</i>	Tarkington,	<i>Penrod</i>
	<i>The Three Musketeers</i>	Taylor,	<i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>
DuMaurier,	<i>Rebecca</i>	Tolkien,	<i>The Hobbit</i>
Gipson,	<i>Old Yeller</i>		<i>Lord of the Rings</i>
Graham,	<i>The Wind in the Willows</i>	Travers,	<i>Mary Poppins</i>
Hemingway,	<i>The Old Man and the Sea</i>	Twain,	<i>The Prince and the Pauper</i>
Homer,	<i>The Iliad</i>	Verne,	<i>Around the World in Eighty Days</i>
Keyes,	<i>Flowers for Algernon</i>		<i>20,000 Leagues Under the Sea</i>
Kipling,	<i>The Jungle Book</i>	Wells,	<i>Invisible Man</i>
London,	<i>The Sea Wolf</i>		<i>War of the Worlds</i>
	<i>White Fang</i>	White,	<i>The Once and Future King</i>
Montgomery,	<i>Anne of Green Gables</i>	Wister,	<i>The Virginian</i>
Orczy,	<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i>	Wyss,	<i>The Swiss Family Robinson</i>