

ATTACHMENT III
Text of Proposed New 19 TAC

Chapter 110. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for English Language Arts and Reading

Subchapter C. High School

§110.70. Literary Works Lists, High School, Adopted 2026.

- (a) This section implements the requirements of Texas Education Code (TEC), §28.002(c-4), and, in conjunction with Chapter 113 of this title (relating to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Social Studies), implements the requirements of TEC, §28.002(a)(2)(G), (h), and (h-1).
- (b) The literary works included in the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(4) of this section shall be included in instruction at the designated grade level. Each required literary work shall be read in its entirety unless otherwise indicated in the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(4) of this section.
- (c) Students shall demonstrate proficiency in the student expectations described in §§110.36-110.39 of this chapter (relating to English Language Arts and Reading, English I (One Credit), Adopted 2017; English Language Arts and Reading, English II (One Credit), Adopted 2017; English Language Arts and Reading, English III (One Credit), Adopted 2017; and English Language Arts and Reading, English IV (One Credit), Adopted 2017) using, at a minimum, the required literary works listed in the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(4) of this section. The literary works required by this section represent the minimum literary works to be read by students in that grade. Additional literary works to be used in instruction may be selected at the local level. When making local selections of additional literary works for instruction in English language arts and reading, school districts and charter schools should prioritize texts with content that reinforces required student expectations of knowledge from other subjects, including social studies.
- (d) It is recommended that students read from printed versions of required literary works as opposed to digital copies on digital devices.
- (e) Literary works listed in the figures for Grades 6-12 are organized by grouping required titles into a set. Each set of literary works identifies an anchor work along with additional shorter works that may be read to support the anchor, with the shorter works denoted in the figures with a set of dashes that points back to each anchor. This approach to grouping is recommended as an option to consider for instruction but is not required.
- (f) The literary works lists to be used by school districts and charter schools are provided in the figures in this subsection.
 - (1) English I list, entitled "Required Literary Works - English I."
Figure: 19 TAC §110.70(f)(1)
 - (2) English II list, entitled "Required Literary Works - English II."
Figure: 19 TAC §110.70(f)(2)
 - (3) English III list, entitled "Required Literary Works - English III."
Figure: 19 TAC §110.70(f)(3)
 - (4) English IV list, entitled "Required Literary Works - English IV."
Figure: 19 TAC §110.70(f)(4)
- (g) For each literary work that has an associated International Standard Book Number (ISBN), the ISBN is included in the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(4) of this section. For literary works without an ISBN, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) shall maintain a website providing information on how to identify the specific version of the literary work. Some literary works are available in multiple versions, and, as such, districts and charter schools shall use a version of each required literary work that includes text that is

identical to the version featured in the ISBN listed in the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(4) of this section or the information maintained on the TEA website.

- (h) In accordance with TEC, §26.010, a parent retains the right to temporarily remove the parent's child from instruction in a required literary work that conflicts with the parent's religious or moral beliefs if the parent presents or delivers to the teacher of the parent's child a written statement authorizing the removal of the child from the instruction. If a graded assignment or local assessment is based solely on the content of a required literary work for which a parent exercised a right under TEC, §26.010, the school district or charter school is encouraged, but not required, to provide an alternative graded assignment or local assessment that is based on an alternative literary work provided for the student who was removed from instruction.
- (i) In the event the commissioner of education determines that a literary work required in any of the figures in subsection (f)(1)-(4) of this section is no longer available at a reasonable cost at the volume required for implementation across the state, the commissioner shall report that finding to the State Board of Education (SBOE), and the SBOE may consider an amendment to remove that specific literary work from the relevant figure, subject to holding two board meetings for a first and second reading without a separate meeting for discussion before first reading.

Figure: 19 TAC §110.70(f)(1) Required Literary Works List – English I

This list of literary works is required as described in administrative rule 19 TAC §110.70.

Course	Title	Author	ISBN
English I	Animal Farm	George Orwell	9780451526342
English I	└─ Federalist Papers No. 10	James Madison	
English I	└─ Federalist Papers No. 51	James Madison	
English I	└─ I, Pencil	Leonard E. Read	9781572462090
English I	└─ Ozymandias	Percy Bysshe Shelley	
English I	└─ The Clever Teens' Guide to the Russian Revolution	Felix Rhodes	978-1542689922
English I	Antigone	Sophocles (2005th Publishing Edition)	978-1580493888
English I	└─ Thanatopsis	William Cullen Bryant	
English I	└─ The Monkey's Paw (excerpt from The Monkey's Paw and Other Stories)	W. W. Jacobs	979-8344229072
English I	Great Expectations	Charles Dickens	978-0486415864
English I	└─ Love Is Not All (excerpt from Fatal Interview)	Edna St. Vincent Millay	
English I	└─ A Brief History of Life in Victorian Britain (Chapter 1 "Symbol of an Age", Chapter 2 "The Masses". and Chapter 6 "Religion")	Michael Paterson	978-0762435180
English I	The Odyssey	Homer (translated by Robert Fagles)	978-0140268867
English I	└─ David and Goliath (Book of 1 Samuel, Chapter 17)	Hebrew Bible / Old Testament (trans. NIRV)	978-0310445906
English I	└─ Odysseus	W. S. Merwin	
English I	Night	Elie Wiesel	978-0374500016
English I	└─ Lamentations 3 (Book of Lamentations, Chapter 3)	Hebrew Bible / Old Testament (trans. JPS Tanakh 1917)	
English I	└─ The Perils of Indifference (excerpt from White House Official Transcript of Remarks at Millennium Evening)	Elie Wiesel	
English I	└─ The Survivor	Primo Levi	

Figure: 19 TAC §110.70(f)(2) Required Literary Works List – English II

This list of literary works is required as described in administrative rule 19 TAC §110.70.

Course	Title	Author	ISBN
English II	Beowulf	Unknown Poet (translated by Burton Raffel)	978-0451530967
English II	┆-- The Charge of the Light Brigade	Alfred Lord Tennyson	
English II	┆-- Twelve Angry Men	Reginald Rose	978-0143104407
English II	Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	978-1451673319
English II	┆-- Dear Mr. McCarthy, I Am Very Real (excerpt, Section 1 from Palm Sunday: An Autobiographical Collage)	Kurt Vonnegut	978-0385334266
English II	┆-- What is Capitalism? (excerpt, Section 1 from Capitalism, The Unknown Ideal)	Ayn Rand	
English II	┆-- Flattering Unction (excerpt, Chapter 1 from The Vision of the Anointed)	Thomas Sowell	978-0465089949
English II	┆-- The Veldt (excerpt from The Illustrated Man)	Ray Bradbury	978-0006479222
English II	Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	978-0486282114
English II	┆-- Prometheus	Johann Wolfgang von Goethe	
English II	┆-- The Tower of Babel (Book of Genesis, Chapter 11 Verses 1-9)	Hebrew Bible / Old Testament (trans. NIRV)	978-0310445906
English II	┆-- Why Frankenstein Matters	Audrey Shafer	
English II	A Separate Peace	John Knowles	978-0743253970
English II	┆-- The Necklace	Guy de Maupassant (translated by Johnathan Sturges)	979-8317021467
English II	┆-- The Scarlet Ibis	James Hurst	978-0886820008
English II	┆-- The Soldier	Rupert Brooke	
English II	The Tragedy of Julius Caesar	William Shakespeare	978-0451526892
English II	┆-- Eulogy for President Reagan	Margaret Thatcher	
English II	┆-- Pericles' Funeral Oration (excerpt of Book 2 from Chapters 34 - 46 of History of the Peloponnesian War)	Thucydides (edited by M.I. Finley and translated by Rex Warner)	978-0140440393
English II	┆-- The Raven	Edgar Allen Poe	

Figure: 19 TAC §110.70(f)(3) Required Literary Works List – English III

This list of literary works is required as described in administrative rule 19 TAC §110.70.

Course	Title	Author	ISBN
English III	The Alchemist	Paulo Coelho	978-0061122415
English III	┆-- To Build a Fire (excerpt from To Build a Fire and Other Stories)	Jack London	978-0553213355
English III	┆-- We Choose to Go to the Moon	John F. Kennedy	
English III	┆— Ithaka	C.P. Cavafy	
English III	Of Mice and Men	John Steinbeck	978-0140177398
English III	┆-- To Everything There is a Season (Book of Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3)	Hebrew Bible / Old Testament (trans. KJV)	978-0718097905
English III	┆-- First Inaugural Address	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	
English III	┆-- I'd Rather Not Be on Relief	Lester Hunter	
English III	┆--The Chrysanthemums (excerpt from the Chrysanthemums and Other Stories)	John Steinbeck	978-0146000980
English III	┆— To a Mouse	Robert Burns	
English III	The Crucible	Arthur Miller	979-8261991502
English III	┆-- Federalist Paper No. 78	Alexander Hamilton	
English III	┆-- Lyceum Address	Abraham Lincoln	
English III	┆--Democracy in America (Chapter XVII: Principal Causes Maintaining the Democratic Republic – Part IV – First & Second Section)	Alexis de Tocqueville	979-8458364546
English III	┆— Young Goodman Brown	Nathaniel Hawthorne	978-1557423627
English III	The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	978-0743273565
English III	┆-- Annual Message (Four Freedoms) to Congress	Franklin Delano Roosevelt	
English III	┆-- Labor Unions in A Free Market	Ernest van den Haag	
English III	┆--Only Yesterday: An Informal History of the 1920s – A Classic Chronicle of Scandal, Prosperity, and the Great Depression (Chapter I “Prelude: May, 1919,” Chapter VII “Coolidge Prosperity,” and Chapter XII “The Big Bull Market”)	Frederick Lewis Allen	978-0060956653
English III	┆— We Wear the Mask	Paul Lawrence Dunbar	

English III	The Scarlet Letter	Nathaniel Hawthorne	978-0486280486
English III	— If	Rudyard Kipling	
English III	— The Minister's Black Veil	Nathaniel Hawthorne	979-8394407857

Figure: 19 TAC §110.70(f)(4) Required Literary Works List – English IV

This list of literary works is required as described in administrative rule 19 TAC §110.70.

Course	Title	Author	ISBN / LCCN
English IV	Hamlet	William Shakespeare	978-0743477123
English IV	└-- Hamlet and His Problems (excerpt from The Sacred Wood: Essays on Poetry and Criticism)	T. S. Eliot	
English IV	└-- The Death of Ivan Ilych	Leo Tolstoy (translated by Robert Nisbet Bain)	979-8319379375
English IV	└-- The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock	T. S. Eliot	
English IV	Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	978-0141439518
English IV	└-- “Hope” is the thing with feathers	Emily Dickinson	
English IV	└-- The Parson’s Daughter of Oxney Colne	Anthony Trollope	978-1482079876
English IV	└-- When I Was One-and-Twenty	A. E. Housman	
English IV	The Divine Comedy	Dante Alighieri	978-1840221664
English IV	└-- The Book of Job (Book of Job, Chapters 1-7, 11, 14, 19, 28, 38-42)	Hebrew Bible / Old Testament (trans. NIRV)	978-0310445906
English IV	└-- I’ve Been to the Mountaintop	Martin Luther King, Jr.	
English IV	└-- The Middle Ages: A Very Short Introduction (Chapter 1 “The ‘Middle’ Ages?,” Chapter 2 “People and Their Lifestyles,” Chapter 3 “The Big Idea: Christian Salvation,” and Chapter 4 “Kingship, Lordship, and Government”)	Miri Rubin	978-0199697298
English IV	Up From Slavery	Booker T. Washington	978-0452264014
English IV	└-- Everyday Use	Alice Walker	978-0813520766
English IV	└--Frederick Douglass	Robert Hayden	
English IV	└-- Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass (Chapter 1)	Frederick Douglass	
English IV	└-- A Psalm of Life	Henry Wadsworth Longfellow	
English IV	Walden	Henry David Thoreau	979-8374732030
English IV	└-- Autobiography (Part One)	Benjamin Franklin	
English IV	└-- The Open Boat	Stephen Crane	978-1493688616