

Grade 12: Students must choose ONE of the following 6 title choices.

<u>Author</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Summary</u>
Austen, Jane	<i>Emma</i>	<p>Emma is busy arranging the lives of those around her as she pairs up her poor friend with a series of unsuspecting, and, at times, unwilling bachelors. She appears unaware of her own feelings in the middle of all the activity. How does this story serve as satire?</p> <p>Lexile Level: 1070 L</p>
Christie, Agatha	<i>Death on the Nile</i>	<p>Hercule Poirot is ready to solve another mystery. The setting offers an exotic background for the murder investigation. Did a nearly penniless woman cause the death of “the richest girl in England?”</p> <p>Lexile : 660L</p>
Haggard, H. Rider	<i>King Solomon’s Mines</i>	<p>This tale was originally published in 1885 and is told through the lens of colonialism in South Africa. What events are involved in the search for the “biggest treasure in history?”</p> <p>Lexile: 1230L</p>
Hilton, James	<i>Lost Horizons</i>	<p>The story unfolds in a re-telling to friends at a restaurant. Imagine a search for a missing companion, a crash in the Himalayas, and arrival in a remote, peaceful village. The tale is said to have been inspired by travels in Tibet. What is the secret to the longevity of inhabitants in Shangri-La? How does the central character achieve inner peace, love, and a sense of purpose?</p> <p>Lexile: n/a</p>
Martel, Yann	<i>Life of Pi</i>	<p>Pi is the son of a zookeeper and a native Hindu who also incorporates beliefs from Christianity and Islam into his worldview. When the family and the animals migrate from India to North America, the Japanese cargo ship sinks. Pi is left on a lifeboat with the tiger and a few other animals. How can Pi reach the land before becoming the final meal of the tiger?</p> <p>Lexile: 830L</p>
Rowling, J. K.	<i>(Harry Potter and) The Deathly Hallows</i>	<p>Harry faces his dual nature in this last book in the Potter series. Viewed as a “symbol of hope,” how does the main character deal with the sadness and complexities that accompany life as an adult?</p> <p>Lexile: 980 L</p>