

Contemporary U S American Literature: 1965 to the Present
Reading List (Student should contact graders for the 3-5 required critical texts at least eight weeks before the exam.)

Prose

Joseph Heller, *Catch-22* (1961)

Thomas Pynchon, *Crying Lot 49* (1966)

John Barth, *Lost in The Funhouse* (1968)
"The Literature of Exhaustion" (1967)

N. Scott Momaday, *House Made of Dawn* (1968)

John Cheever, *Bullet Park* (1969)

Tomas Rivera, *And the Earth Did Not Devour Him* (1971)

John Updike, *Rabbit At Rest* (1990)

Ishmael Reed, *Mumbo Jumbo* (1972)

Toni Morrison, *Jazz* (1992)

Kurt Vonnegut, *Slaughterhouse-Five* (1969)

Donald Barthelme, *City Life* (1970)

Mary Gordon, *Final Payments* (1978)

Marge Piercy, *Small Changes* (1973)

Maxine Hong Kingston, *The Woman Warrior* (1976)

Leslie Marmon Silko, *Storyteller* (1981)

Paul Auster, *New York Trilogy* (1985)

Louise Erdrich, *Love Medicine* (1984)

Don DeLillo, *White Noise* (1985)

Alice Walker, *The Color Purple* (1982)

Russell Banks, *Continental Drift* (1985)

Tim O'Brien, *Going After Cacciato* (1978)

William Gibson, *Neuromancer* (1984)

Annie Proulx, *Close Range: Wyoming Stories* (1999)

Gerald Vizenor, *The Heirs of Columbus* (1991)

Philip Roth, *American Pastoral* (1997)

Gloria Anzaldua, *Borderland/La Frontera* (1987)

Kathy Acker, *Blood and Guts in High School* (1978)

Rikki Ducornet, *The Jade Cabinet* (1993)

Carole Maso, *AVA* (1993)

David Foster Wallace, *Brief Interviews with Hideous Men* (1999)

"E Unibus Pluram: Television and U.S. Fiction" in *A Supposedly Fun Thing I'll Never Do Again*

Andrew X Pham, *Catfish and Mandala* (1999)

Sandra Cisneros, *Vintage Cisneros* (2004)

Cormac McCarthy, *The Road* (2006)

George Saunders, *In Persuasion Nation* (2006)

Poetry

Gwendolyn Brooks, *Selected Poems* (1963)

John Berryman, *77 Dream Songs* (1964)

Robert Lowell, *For the Union Dead* (1964)

W. S. Merwin, *The Lice* (1967)

Elizabeth Bishop, *The Complete Poems* (1983)

Anne Sexton, *Live or Die* (1967)

Allen Ginsberg, *The Fall of America: Poems of These States 1965-1971* (1973)

Gary Snyder, *Turtle Island* (1974)

John Ashbery, *Self-Portrait in a Convex Mirror* (1975)

Marilyn Hacker, *Presentation Piece* (1974)

Denise Levertov, *Selected Poems* (2002)

Adrienne Rich, *Diving into the Wreck* (1975)

Audre Lorde, *Coal* (1976)

Richard Wilbur, *New and Collected Poems* (1988)

Mark Strand, *Selected Poems* (1990)

James Wright, *Collected Poems* (1971)

Yusef Komunyakaa, *Neon Vernacular: New and Selected Poems* (1993)

Sharon Olds, *The Dead and The Living* (1983)

Robert Pinsky, *Selected Poems* (2011)