Priory Reading Canon - KS4

Text	Blurb	Genre and key themes	Accelerated Reader
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley	In a futuristic society, called the World State, that revolves around science and efficiency, emotions and individuality are conditioned out of children at a young age. This novel is a shocking look at a frightening tomorrow.	Science Fiction Dystopia	7.5 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 0397&I=EN&slid= 433885393
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen	This classic story about eighteenth-century England features a glamorous, proud hero and a dashing, prejudiced heroine whose worth is slowly discovered.	History Romance	12.0 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 0126&I=EN&slid= 433885467
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte	In this stormy, intense, introspective novel of the mid-nineteenth century, Jane Eyre is a plain, yet spirited, governess whose virtuous integrity, keen intellect, and perseverance break through class barriers to reach the man she loves.	History Romance	7.9 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 0124&I=EN&slid= 433885504
Catch 22 by Joseph Heller Catch- Joseph Heller	Vulgarly, bitterly, savagely funny. A powerful account of World War II bombing missions.	History WW2	7.1 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 0690&I=EN&slid= 433885549
A Clockwork	Fifteen-year-old Alex likes lashings	Science Fiction	

Orange by Anthony Burgess ANTHONY BURGESS A CLOCKWORK ORANGE	of ultraviolence. He and his gang of friends rob and kill their way through a nightmarish future, until the State puts a stop to his riotous excesses. But what will his re-education mean?	Violence	
The Midwich Cuckoos by John Wyndham	The clutch that was fathered on the quiet little village of Midwich, one night in September, proved to possess a monstrous will of its own. It promised to make the human race look as dated as the dinosaur.	Science Fiction Aliens	7.2 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 2585&l=EN&slid= 433885627
Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury BRADBURY FAHRENHEIT 451	In this futuristic novel, the main character struggles with excessive controls on individual liberty, especially the banning and burning of books.	Science Fiction	5.2 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 0136&l=EN&slid= 433885694
White Teeth by Zadie Smith WHITE TEETH ZADIE SMITH	A book that deals with - among many other things - friendship, love, war, three cultures and three families over three generations, one brown mouse, and the tricky way the past has of coming back and biting you on the ankle.	Love Religion	6.9 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 3778&I=EN&slid= 433885733
Great Expectations by Charles Dickens	A tiny orphan boy named Pip acquires a mysterious benefactor who sponsors him to become a gentleman. Years later, Pip confronts	History Orphans	9.2 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20

GREAT ONS CLAPS SICKES	his past heartaches and illusions that his "great expectations" have brought upon him.		0122&l=EN&slid= 433885885
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley FRANKENSTEIN	A gifted scientist attempts to break new frontiers and create human life from nothing, but has his quest driven him mad? Can he control the monster he has unleashed on the world? The tragic story of Dr Frankenstein is a masterpiece of suspense.	Horror Science Fiction	12.2 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 0572&l=EN&slid= 433885987
The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood	In the futuristic Republic of Gilead, which is being ruled and policed by men, women are divided into classes based on their household functions.	Science Fiction	5.4 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 0360&I=EN&slid= 433886148
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini A Thousand Splendid Suns	This novel is set against the three decades of Afghanistan's history shaped by Soviet occupation, civil war, and the Taliban and tells the stories of two women, Mariam and Laila, who grow close despite the horrors they must endure.	War Friendship	5.4 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=21 2546&l=EN&slid= 433886211
Things Fall Apart by Chinua Achebe Chinua Achebe Things Fall Apart	oot at the time that importance	History Conflict	6.2 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 7947&l=EN&slid= 433886301

The Color Purple by Alice Walker Alice Walker The Color Purple	Celie is a black girl born into poverty and segregation. Abuse, loss, and being forced into marriage consume her young life until she meets Shug Avery, a woman in charge of her own destiny. Slowly Celie discovers her own power, freeing her from her past.	LGBTQ Domestic abuse	4.0 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 2303&l=EN&slid= 433886355
The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald THE GREAT GATSBY	Set in the 1920s, this is the tragic love story of Jay Gatsby, a dashing, enigmatic millionaire, obsessed with an elusive, spoiled young woman, Daisy Buchanan.	History Romance	7.3 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 0123&l=EN&slid= 433886409
The Stranger by Albert Camus French	Meursault is a Frenchman who lives in Algiers and feels detached from everything that happens in his life.	Crime Philosophy	
Bonjour Tristesse Francoise Sagan	Bonjour Tristesse scandalized 1950s France with its portrayal of teenager terrible Cécile, a heroine who rejects conventional notions of love, marriage and responsibility to choose her own sexual freedom.	Relationships	
For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway	Robert Jordan, a young American volunteer on the republican side of the Spanish Civil War, has been sent to handle the dynamiting.	War Romance	5.8 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 2448&l=EN&slid=

hemingway for Whom the Ball Info	There, in the mountains, he finds the dangers and the intense comradeship of war		433886831
Atonement by lan McEwan	The lives of three children are changed forever. Robbie and Cecelia cross a boundary. Briony witnesses mysteries, and commits a crime for which she will spend the rest of her life trying to atone.	War Romance	7.5 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 4756&l=EN&slid= 433894636
Slaughterhouse- Five by Kurt Vonnegut VONNEGUT	From the World War Two firebombing of Dresden to the distant planet called Tralfamadore, the reader follows Billy Pilgrim in his attempt to understand the natures of time and existence.	WW2 Science Fiction	6.0 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=21 6152&l=EN&slid= 433894719
Touching the Void by Joe Simpson	A mountaineering tale that explores the spirit of man and the lifeforce that drives us all.	Adventure Real Life	6.3 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=22 9113&l=EN&slid= 433894781
In Cold Blood by Truman Capote	In Cold Blood is a nonfiction novel by American author Truman Capote, first published in 1966. It details the 1959 murders of four members of the Herbert Clutter family in the small farming community of Holcomb, Kansas.	Crime Real Life	

On the Road by Jack Kerouac	A 1957 novel, based on the travels of writer Jack Kerouac and his friends across the United States, against a backdrop of jazz, poetry, and drug use.	Adventure Autobiographical	
Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela	Autobiography written by South African President Nelson Mandela, detailing his early life, coming of age, education and 27 years in prison.	Real Life Politics	
The Call of the Wild by Jack London We Call to the Wild by Jack London	Rugged outdoor story of the sled dog, Buck, who was mistreated by his master and broke free to roam the Alaskan wilderness.	Animals Adventure	8.0 https://www.arbo okfind.co.uk/book detail.aspx?q=20 0019&l=EN&slid= 433895107
Midnight's Children by Salman Rushdie RUSHDIE	Saleem Sinai is born at the exact moment when India became an independent country. He was born with telepathic powers, as well as an enormous and constantly dripping nose with an extremely sensitive sense of smell.	Magical Realism History	
Oranges are Not the Only Fruit by Jeaneatte Winterson	Coming-of-age story about a lesbian girl growing up in a very religious community.	LGBTQ Relationships	

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Becoming Michelle Obama BECOMING BECOMING BECOMING	An intimate, powerful, and inspiring memoir by the former First Lady of the United States.	Real Life Politics	
Promised Land by Barack Obama	Barack Obama tells the story of his improbable odyssey from young man searching for his identity to leader of the free world, describing in strikingly personal detail both his political education and the landmark moments of the first term of his historic presidency-a time of dramatic transformation and turmoil.	Real Life Politics	