

Reading List

Poetry

[Elizabeth Alexander, "Ars Poetica #100: I Believe"](#)

[Maya Angelou, "Alone"](#)

["Phenomenal Woman"](#)

["Still I Rise"](#)

[Countee Cullen, "Thoughts in a Zoo"](#)

["Incident"](#)

[Rita Dove, "Dawn Revisited"](#)

["Flirtation"](#)

["Daystar"](#)

[Paul Laurence Dunbar, "We Wear the Mask"](#)

[Paul Laurence Dunbar, "Sympathy"](#)

[Amanda Gorman, "There's No Power Like Home"](#)

[Langston Hughes, "Dreams"](#)

["Let America Be America Again"](#)

["I, Too"](#)

[Nikki Giovanni, BLK History Month](#)

[Honorée Fanonne Jeffers, "An Issue of Mercy #1"](#)

[Honorée Fannone Jeffers, "The Prophetess Sojourner Truth Discusses the Two Different Versions of Her Most Well-Known Speech, One Nearly Unknown and One Very Beloved Yet Mostly Untrue"](#)

[Ashley M. Jones, "Are Y'all Really From Alabama"](#)

["Friendly Skies, or, Black Woman Speaks Herself Into God"](#)

[Mwende “FreeQuency” Katwiwa, “Yo Masculinity So Fragile”](#)

[Audre Lorde, "A Litany of Survival,"](#)

[Claudine Rankin, *Citizen* excerpt](#)

[Jean Toomer, “November Cotton Flower”](#)

[Natasha Trethewey, “White Lies”](#)

[Natasha Trethewey, “Flounder”](#)

[Kevin Young, “Eddie Priest’s Barbershop & Notary”](#)

Speeches and Short Stories

[Jamaica Kincaid, “Girl”](#)

[Toni Morrison, “Recitatif”](#)

[Ralph Ellison, "On Bird, Bird-Watching, and Jazz,"](#)

[Kiese Laymon, “What I Pledge Allegiance To”](#)

[MLK, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"](#)

[Malcolm X, "The Ballot or the Bullet"](#)

[Sojourner Truth; "Ain't I a Woman,"](#)

[Frederick Douglass; "“WHAT, TO THE SLAVE, IS THE FOURTH OF JULY,”](#)

[Charles Chesnutt, *The Conjure Woman*](#)

[Zora Neale Hurston, “How it Feels to be Colored Me”](#)

[Zora Neale Hurston, “Sweat”](#)

[Audre Lorde, "The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House" \(from *Sister Outsider*\);](#)

[Audre Lorde, “The Transformation of Silence into Language and Action”](#)

[The Combahee River Collective, "Black Feminist Statement"](#)

[Stokely Carmichael, “Black Power”](#)

[Alice Walker, “Everyday Use”](#)

[*Alice Walker In Search Of Our Mothers Gardens.pdf \(google.com\)*](#)

Lupita Nyong'o, *Sulwe*

[*Sulwe* - Google Books](#)

Longer Works

[Ralph Ellison, "Prologue," from *Invisible Man*](#)

[Richard Wright, "Book One: Fear," from *Native Son*](#)

[August Wilson, *Fences*](#)

Patricia Hill Collins, *Black Feminist Thought: Knowledge, Consciousness, and the Politics of Empowerment*

[*Black Feminist Thought* - Google Books](#)

bell hooks, *feminism is for everybody*

[eCopy, Inc. \(wordpress.com\)](#)

Carter G. Woodson, *The Miseducation of the Negro*

[*The Mis-education of the Negro* - Carter Godwin Woodson - Google Books](#)

Octavia Butler, "Earthseed" from *Parable of the Sower*

[*Parable of the Sower* - Google Books](#)

Octavia Butler, *Bloodchild*

[*Bloodchild and Other Stories* - Octavia E. Butler - Google Books](#)

Daniel Black, *The Coming*

[*The Coming: A Novel* - Daniel Black - Google Books](#)

Alice Walker, *The Color Purple*

[The Color Purple - Alice Walker - Google Books](#)

Toni Morrison, Beloved

[Beloved - Toni Morrison - Google Books](#)

Toni Morrison, *Sula*

[Sula - Google Books](#)

Ben Carson, *Gifted Hands*

[Gifted Hands - Google Books](#)

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