



GREAT BOOKS

LIST OF AUTHORS AND WORKS

Preface

This document contains a list of *great books* from the western canon. It is not complete and reflects personal tastes (obviously). It is based on the list proposed by Mortimer Adler and Charles Van Doren in the past century.

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1 Homer

Ancient Greek poet. Homeric Greek.

1. Iliad

Reference ISBN: 978-0-374-52905-5

2. Odyssey

Reference ISBN: 978-0-374-52574-3

2 Israel

Ancient Hebrew people. Hebrew.

1. Pentateuch (5)

Also known as the Torah.

2. Historical Books (16)

3. Wisdom Books (7)

4. Major Prophets (6)

5. Minor Prophets (12)

3 Aeschylus

Ancient Greek tragedian.

1. Tragedies (6)

Reference ISBN: 978-0-226-31144-9, 978-0-226-31147-0

4 Sophocles

Ancient Greek tragedian.

1. Tragedies (8)

Reference ISBN: 978-0-226-31151-7, 978-0-226-31155-5

5 Herodotus

1. The Histories

Reference ISBN: 978-0-19-953566-8

6 Euripides

Ancient Greek tragedian.

1. Tragedies (8)

Ancient Greek tragedian. Reference ISBN: 978-0-226-30880-7, 978-0-226-30878-4

7 Thucydides

Ancient Greek historian.

1. History of the Peloponnesian War (1)

Reference: Benjamin Jowett's translation, Oxford University Press.

8 Hippocrates

Ancient Greek medical school.

1. Medical Writings

Reference ISBN: 978-0-14-044451-3

9 Aristophanes

Ancient Greek comedian.

1. Comedies (3)

Reference ISBN: 978-0-14-044814-6, 978-0-140-44951-8, 978- 0-140-44969-3

10 Plato

Ancient Greek philosopher.

1. Euthyphro
2. Apology
3. Crito
4. Phaedo
5. Meno
6. Theatetus
7. Sophist
8. Symposium
9. Phaedrus
10. Protagoras
11. Gorgias

12. Republic (7)

Reference ISBN: 978-0-87220-349-5

11 Aristotle

Ancient Greek philosopher.

1. Organon (6)

Works on logic.

2. Physics

3. Metaphysics (1)

4. On the Soul

5. Nichomachean Ethics

6. Politics

7. Rhetoric

8. Poetics

Reference ISBN: 978-0691016504, 978-0691016511

12 Epicurus

Ancient Greek philosopher.

1. Letter to Herodotus

2. Letter to Menoeceus

13 Euclid

Ancient Greek mathematical school.

1. Elements of Geometry (1)

14 Archimedes

Ancient Greek.

1. On the Equilibrium of Planes
2. On Floating Bodies
3. Sand Reckoner

15 Apollonius

Apollonius of Perga.

1. On Conic Sections

16 Cicero

Ancient Roman statesman, lawyer, scholar.

1. Orations
2. On Friendship
3. On Old Age

17 Lucretius

Ancient Roman poet, philosopher.

1. On the Nature of Things

18 Virgil

Ancient Roman poet.

1. Eclogues
2. Georgicon
3. Aeneid

19 Horace

Ancient Roman poet.

20 Livy

1. History of Rome

21 Ovid

Ancient Roman poet.

1. Metamorphoses

22 Plutarch

Middle Greek philosopher.

1. Lives
2. Moralia (2)

23 Tacitus

Ancient Roman historian, politician.

1. Histories
2. Annals
3. Agricola
4. Germania

24 Nichomachus of Gerasa

1. Introduction to Arithmetic

25 Epictetus

1. Discourses
2. Handbook

26 Ptolemy

1. Almagest

27 Lucian

1. Way to Write History
2. True History
3. Sale of Creeds

28 Marcus Aurelius

1. Meditations

29 Galen

1. On the Natural Faculties

30 Apostles

1. Gospels (4)
2. Acts of the Apostles
3. Pauline Epistles to Churches (9)
4. Pauline Epistles to People (4)
5. Hebrews
6. Catholic Epistles (7)
7. Revelation

31 Plotinus

1. Enneads

32 Augustine of Hippo

1. On the Teacher
2. Confessions
3. City of God
4. Christian Doctrine

33 Song of Roland

34 Nibelungenlied

35 Saga of Burnt Njal

36 Thomas Aquinas

1. Summa Theologica

37 Dante Alighieri

1. New Life
2. On Monarch
3. Divine Comedy

38 Geoffrey Chaucer

1. Troilus and Criseyde
2. Canterbury Tales

39 Leonardo of Vinci

1. Notebooks

40 Niccolo Machiavelli

1. Prince
2. Discourses on the First Ten Books of Livy

41 Desiderius Erasmus

1. In Praise of Folly

42 Nicolaus Copernicus

1. On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres

43 Thomas More

1. Utopia

44 Martin Luther

1. Three Treatises
2. Table Talk

45 Francois Rabelais

1. Gargantua and Pantagruel

46 John Calvin

1. Institutes of the Christian Religion

47 Michel of Montaigne

1. Essays

48 William Gilbert

1. On the Loadstone and Magnetic Bodies

49 Miguel of Cervantes

1. Don Quixote

50 Edmund Spenser

1. Prothalamion

2. Faerie Queene

51 Francis Bacon

1. Essays
2. Advancement of Learning
3. Novum Organum
4. New Atlantis

52 William Shakespeare

53 Galileo Galilei

1. Starry Messenger
2. Dialogues Concerning Two New Sciences

54 Johannes Kepler

1. Epitome of Copernica Astronomy
2. Concerning the Harmonies of the World

55 William Harvey

1. On the Motion of the Heart and Bloody in Animals
2. On the Circulation of the Blood
3. On the Generation of Animals

56 Thomas Hobbes

1. Leviathon

57 Rene Descartes

1. Rules For the Direction of the Mind
2. Discourse on Method
3. Geometry
4. Meditations on First Philosophy

58 John Milton

1. Minor Poems
2. Areopagitica
3. Paradise Lost (1)
4. Samson Agonistes

59 Moliere

1. Miser
2. School For Wives
3. Misanthrope
4. Doctor in Spite of Himself
5. Tartuffe

60 Blaise Pascal

1. Provincial Letters
2. Pensees
3. Scientific Treatises

61 Christiaan Huygens

1. Treatise on Light

62 Benedict of Spinoza

1. Ethics

63 John Locke

1. Letter Concerning Toleration
2. Of Civil Government
3. Essay Concerning Human Understanding
4. Some Thoughts Concerning Education

64 Jean Baptiste Racine

1. Andromache
2. Phaedra

65 Isaac Newton

1. Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy
2. Optics

66 Gottfried Wilhelm Von Leibniz

1. Discourse on Metaphysics
2. New Essays Concerning Human Understanding
3. Monadology

67 Daniel Defoe

1. Robinson Crusoe

68 Jonathan Swift

1. Tale of Tub
2. Journal to Stella
3. Gullivers Travels
4. A Modest Proposal

69 William Congreve

1. Way of the World

70 George Berkeley

1. Principles of Human Knowledge

71 Alexander Pope

1. Essay on Criticism
2. Rape of the Lock
3. Essay on Man

72 Charles of Montesquieu

1. Persian Letters
2. Spirit of Laws

73 Voltaire

1. Letters on the English
2. Candide
3. Philosophical Dictionary

74 Henry Fielding

1. Joseph Andrews
2. Tom Jones

75 Samuel Johnson

1. The Vanity of Human Wishes
2. Rasselas
3. Lives of the Poets
4. Idler (1)

76 David Hume

1. Treatise of Human Nature
2. Essays Moral and Political
3. Inquiry Concerning Human Understanding

77 Jean Jacques Rousseau

1. On the Origin of Inequality
2. On Political Economy
3. Emile
4. Social Contract

78 Laurence Stern

1. Tristram Shandy
2. Sentimental Journey Through France and Italy

79 Adam Smith

1. Theory of Moral Sentiments
2. Inquiry Into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations (3)

80 Immanuel Kant

1. Critique of Pure Reason
2. Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysics of Morals
3. Critique of Practical Reason
4. Science of Right
5. Critique of Judgment
6. Perpetual Peace

81 Edward Gibbon

1. Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire
2. Autobiography

82 James Boswell

1. Journal
2. Life of Samuel Johnson

83 Antoine Laurent Lavoisier

1. Elements of Chemistry

84 American Founders

1. Federalist Papers (1)
2. Articles of Confederation
3. Declaration of Independence
4. Constitution (2)

85 Jeremy Bentham

1. Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation
2. Theory of Fictions

86 Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

1. Faust
2. Poetry and Truth

87 John Baptiste Joseph Fourier

1. Analytical Theory of Heat

88 Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

1. Phenomenology of Spirit
2. Philosophy of Right
3. Lectures on the Philosophy of History

89 William Wordsworth

1. Poems

90 Samuel Taylor Coleridge

1. Poems (2)
2. Biographic Literaria

91 Jane Austen

1. Pride and Prejudice
2. Emma

92 Karl Von Clausewitz

1. On War

93 Stendhal

1. The Red and the Black

2. Charterhouse of Parma

3. On Love

94 George Gordon

1. Don Juan

95 Arthur Schopenhauer

1. Studies in Pessimism

96 Michael Faraday

1. Chemical History of a Candle

2. Experimental Researches in Electricity

97 Charles Lyell

1. Principles of Geology

98 Auguste Comte

1. Positive Philosophy

99 Honore of Balzac

1. Pere Goriot

2. Eugenie Grandet

100 Ralph Waldo Emerson

1. Representative Men
2. Essays
3. Journal
4. The American Scholar (1)

101 Nathaniel Hawthorne

1. Scarlet Letter

102 Alexis of Tocqueville

1. Democracy in America

103 John Stuart Mill

1. System of Logic
2. On Liberty
3. Representative Government
4. Utilitarianism
5. Subjection of Women
6. Autobiography

104 Charles Darwin

1. Origin of Species
2. Descent of Man
3. Autobiography

105 Charles Dickens

1. Pickwick Papers
2. David Copperfield
3. Hard Times

106 Claude Bernard

1. Introduction to the Study of Experimental Medicine

107 Henry David Thoreau

1. Walden (3)
2. Civil Disobedience
3. Letters (1)

108 Karl Marx

1. Capital
2. Communist Manifesto

109 George Eliot

1. Adam Bede
2. Middlemarch

110 Herman Melville

1. Moby-Dick
2. Billy Budd

111 Fyodor Dostoevsky

1. Crime and Punishment
2. Idiot
3. Brothers Karamazov

112 Gustave Flaubert

1. Madame Bovary
2. Three Stories

113 Henrik Ibsen

1. Hedda Gabler
2. Dolls House
3. Wild Duck

114 Leo Tolstoy

1. War and Peace
2. Anna Karenina
3. What Is Art?
4. Twenty-Three Tales

115 Mark Twain

1. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
2. Mysterious Stranger

116 William James

1. Principles of Psychology
2. Varieties of Religious Experience
3. Pragmatism
4. Essays on Radical Empiricism

117 Henry James

1. American
2. Ambassadors

118 Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche

1. Thus Spoke Zarathustra
2. Beyond Good and Evil
3. Genealogy of Morals
4. Will to Power

119 Jules Henri Poincare

1. Science and Hypothesis
2. Science and Method

120 Sigmund Freud

1. Interpretation of Dreams
2. Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis
3. Civilization and Its Discontents
4. New Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis

121 George Bernard Shaw

1. Man and Superman
2. Major Barbara
3. Caesar and Cleopatra
4. Pygmalion
5. Saint John

122 Max Planck

1. Origin and Development of the Quantum Theory
2. Where Is Science Going?
3. Scientific Autobiography
4. Phantom Problems in Science

123 Henri Bergson

1. Time and Free Will
2. Matter and Memory
3. Creative Evolution
4. Two Sources of Morality and Religion

124 John Dewey

1. How We Think
2. Democracy and Education
3. Experience and Nature
4. Logic, the Theory of Inquiry

125 Alfred North Whitehead

1. Introduction to Mathematics
2. Science and the Modern World

3. Aims of Education and Other Essays (4)

4. Adventures of Ideas

126 George Santayana

1. Life of Reason

2. Skepticism and Animal Faith

3. Persons and Places

127 Nikolai Lenin

1. State and Revolution

128 Marcel Proust

1. Remembrance of Things Past

129 Bertrand Russell

1. Problems of Philosophy

2. Analysis of Mind

3. Inquiry Into Meaning and Truth

4. Human Knowledge, Its Scope and Limitations

130 Thomas Mann

1. Magic Mountain
2. Joseph and His Brothers

131 Albert Einstein

1. Meaning of Relativity
2. On the Method of Theoretical Physics
3. Evolution of Physics

132 James Joyce

1. Dubliners (1)
2. Portrait of the Artist As a Young Man
3. Ulysses

133 Jacques Maritain

1. Art and Scholasticism
2. Degrees of Knowledge
3. Rights of Man and Natural Law
4. True Humanism

134 Franz Kafka

1. Trial
2. Castle

135 Arnold Toynbee

1. Study of History
2. Civilization on Trial

136 Jean-Paul Sartre

1. Nausea
2. No Exit
3. Being and Nothingness

137 Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn

1. First Circle
2. Cancer Ward