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“...in this irregular manner I had looked into a great many books which were not commonly known at the Universities, where they seldom read any books but what are put into their hands by their tutors; so that when I came to Oxford, Dr. Adams, now Master of Pembroke College, told me, I was the best qualified for the University that he had ever known come there.”

Samuel Johnson

The Free Academy of Foundations has been established to meet a basic need in higher education. True education cannot exist without an acquaintance with some of the great books of history.

All too often, students come to know historical figures through a filter of textbooks. Whether in philosophy, theology, or history, the student is kept away from the primary sources. The thoughts of those who have gone before are reduced to pablum (edited, annotated, and abridged). We then wonder at the student’s loss of appetite.

The Free Academy is dedicated to enhancing one's liberal arts education by the reading of great books. The Academy believes that it is possible to receive a good education without being submerged in an educational bureaucracy. We only provide a list for a student’s reading.

The assigned books are by no means comprehensive. We do, however, believe them to be representative. A student who reads through these lists will find his understanding greatly broadened. Even better, he will find that his education is not second hand.

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THE GENERAL READING LIST

☐ The Bible
☐ Macbeth ................................................................. Shakespeare
☐ Hamlet ................................................................. Shakespeare
☐ Midsummer Night's Dream .................................... Shakespeare
☐ As You Like It ......................................................... Shakespeare
☐ Iliad/Odyssey ......................................................... Homer
☐ Pilgrim's Progress .................................................. Bunyan
☐ The Federalist Papers
☐ Communist Manifesto .............................................. Marx
☐ Constitution of United States
☐ Declaration of Independence
☐ Magna Carta
☐ Dialogues (minus “Republic” and “Laws”) ............... Plato
☐ Peloponnesian War .................................................. Thucydides
☐ Histories ............................................................... Tacitus
☐ The Aeneid ............................................................. Virgil
☐ The Koran ............................................................... Mohammed
☐ Apocrypha
☐ City of God ............................................................. Augustine
☐ Ecclesiastical History ............................................ Eusebius
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RELIGIONS

- Enuma Elish
- Egyptian Book of the Dead
- The Gathas ................................................................. Zoroaster
- The Analects of Confucius ......................................... Kung Fu Tze
- Metamorphoses ......................................................... Ovid
- Gospel of Thomas

HISTORY

- Gilgamesh Epic
- Histories ........................................................................ Herodotus
- The War with Hannibal ................................................... Livy
- Lives of the Caesars ......................................................... Suetonius
- Histories ........................................................................... Polybius
- Parallel Lives ................................................................. Plutarch
- Wars of the Jews ............................................................ Josephus
- War Commentaries ......................................................... Julius Caesar
- Ecclesiastical History of the English ............................. Bede
- History of the Franks ..................................................... Gregory of Tours
- Life of the Emperor Charles .......................................... Einhard
- The Conquest of Constantinople ................................ Villehardouin
- Annals ............................................................................ Tacitus
- Anglo-Saxon Chronicle
POLITICAL SCIENCE

- Lex Rex ................................................................. Rutherford
- Code of Justinian
- The Prince .......................................................... Machiavelli
- Code of Hammurabi ........................................ Hammurabi
- Mein Kampf ....................................................... Hitler
- Das Kapital ......................................................... Marx
- Concerning Civil Government ........................... Locke
- Social Contract .................................................. Rousseau
- Reflections on the Revolution in France .............. Burke
- Leviathan ............................................................ Hobbes
- Essays on Politics and Culture ......................... J.S. Mill
- Intro. to Prin. and Morals in Legislation ............... Bentham
- Politics .............................................................. Aristotle
- Utopia ................................................................. More
- Socialism ............................................................ Von Mises
- The Road to Serfdom ......................................... Von Hayek
- Letters and Treatises of Cicero ............................ Cicero
- Republic ............................................................. Plato
- Laws ................................................................. Plato
PHILOSOPHY

- On Nature of Things .......................................................... Lucretius
- Nichomachean Ethics ......................................................... Aristotle
- Advancement of Learning ................................................... Bacon
- Principia .............................................................................. Newton
- Concerning Human Understanding ................................. Locke
- Prin. of Human Knowledge ............................................... Berkeley
- Critique of Pure Reason .................................................... Kant
- Philosophy of Right .......................................................... Hegel
- Origin of Species ............................................................... Darwin
- Thus Spake Zarasthustra ................................................... Nietzsche
- Geometry .............................................................................. Euclid
- No Exit .................................................................................. Sarte
- The Plague ........................................................................... Camus
- Pros Logium ......................................................................... Anselm
- Discourse on Methphysics ................................................ Liebniz
- General Relativity .............................................................. Einstein
- Ethics .................................................................................... Spinoza
- Interpretation of Dreams ................................................... Freud
- Concluding Unscientific Postscript ............................... Kierkegaard
- Ecclesiastes .......................................................................... Solomon
- Pilgrim's Regress ............................................................... C. S. Lewis
- Enchiridion ........................................................................ Epictetus
LITERATURE

☐ Beowulf
☐ Song of Roland
☐ Canterbury Tales ................................................................. Chaucer
☐ Morte D'Arthur ................................................................. Mallory
☐ Divine Comedy ............................................................... Dante
☐ Greek Plays .......... Aescylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Aristophanes
☐ Paradise Lost ................................................................. Milton
☐ Complete Works ......................................................... Shakespeare (minus Gen. Req.)
☐ Gulliver's Travels ............................................................ Swift
☐ Don Quixote ................................................................. Cervantes
☐ Life of Samuel Johnson ................................................... Boswell
☐ Pride and Prejudice ........................................................ Austen
☐ Tale of Two Cities .......................................................... Dickens
☐ Ivanhoe ................................................................. Scott
☐ Crime and Punishment ...................................................... Dostoevsky
☐ Code of the Woosters ....................................................... Wodehouse
☐ Huckleberry Finn .......................................................... Twain
☐ Treasure Island ............................................................... Stevenson
☐ Fall of the House of Usher ................................................ Poe
☐ Fairie Queene ............................................................... Spenser
☐ Jungle Books ............................................................... Kipling
☐ Robinson Crusoe ............................................................. Defoe
☐ Alice's Adventures in Wonderland/Through the Looking Glass ... Carroll