

2025-2026 READING LIST

# LITERARY CRITICISM

*Please note* that the contest will be using the *annually-updated* lists of Pulitzer Prize (Fiction, Poetry, and Drama) recipients and the annually-updated list of Nobel Prize for Literature recipients.

—links below—

## HANDBOOK TO LITERATURE

Authority for Part I  
of the contest:  
Literary History,  
and Literary Terms:

*A Handbook to  
Literature*,  
12th edition  
William Harmon, ed.  
ISBN 0205024017  
ISBN 9780205024018  
Available from  
TEP, Inc.  
800-443-2078  
<https://tepbooks.com:4443>  
List price: \$99.98  
plus shipping

### Nota bene

Contestants are responsible for knowing the recipients associated with the years listed under specific contests (Invitational, District, etc.) in the chart to the right. →  
In contrast, contestants are responsible for knowing the *entire* 1901-2024 Nobel Prize for Literature catalog for every contest.

## FICTION

Harper Lee. *To Kill a Mockingbird*.  
<https://tepbooks.com:4443>  
\$12.74 plus 8% shipping (\$10.00 minimum)  
HarperPerennial ISBN 978-0-06-093546-7

Any unabridged edition of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* is suitable for the competition.

## POETRY

William Shakespeare. *Shakespeare's Sonnets and Poems*.  
Barbara A. Mowat and Paul Werstine, eds.  
<https://tepbooks.com:4443>  
\$11.25 plus 8% shipping (\$10.00 minimum)  
Folger Library—Simon & Schuster Paperbacks ISBN 978-0-7432-7328-2

Any unabridged edition of the sonnets is appropriate for the competition, though the notes that accompany each sonnet in the Folger Library edition might, indeed, prove very helpful.

1 From fairest of creatures we desire increase	80 O, how I faint when I of you do write
3 Look in thy glass and tell the face thou . . .	104 To me, fair friend, you never can be old
19 Devouring Time, blunt thou the lion's paw	106 When in the chronicle of wasted time
20 A woman's face with nature's own hand . . .	116 Let me not to the marriage of true minds
27 Weary with toil, I haste me to my bed	121 'Tis better to be vile than vile esteemed
53 What is your substance, whereof you . . .	129 Th' expense of spirit in a waste of shame
75 So are you to my thoughts as food to life	130 My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun

## DRAMA

Eugene O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh*  
<https://tepbooks.com:4443>  
\$10.46 plus 8% shipping (\$10.00 minimum)  
W. W. Norton ISBN 978-0-3001-1743-1

Any unabridged edition of Eugene O'Neill's *The Iceman Cometh* is appropriate for the competition.

	PULITZER:	FICTION	POETRY	DRAMA	NOBEL PRIZE
Invitational A:		1918 - 1940	1922 - 1942	1918 - 1938	1901 - 2025
Invitational B:		1941 - 1967	1943 - 1963	1939 - 1961	1901 - 2025
District:		1968 - 1991	1964 - 1983	1962 - 1985	1901 - 2025
Region:		1992 - 2012	1984 - 2001	1987 - 2006	1901 - 2025
State:		2013 - 2025	2002 - 2025	2007 - 2025	1901 - 2025

[www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/219](http://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/219)  
[www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/224](http://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/224)  
[www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/218](http://www.pulitzer.org/prize-winners-by-category/218)  
[www.nobelprize.org/prizes/lists/all-nobel-prizes-in-literature/?sess=fff344a2de36ad15513392a114f5cdb7](http://www.nobelprize.org/prizes/lists/all-nobel-prizes-in-literature/?sess=fff344a2de36ad15513392a114f5cdb7)

PULITZER AND NOBEL RECIPIENTS THROUGH 2025