## **Reading List: Twentieth-Century American**

## Poetry:

Ashbery, John selected poems
Bidart, Frank selected poems
Berryman, John selected poems
Bishop, Elizabeth selected poems
Brooks, Gwendolyn selected poems
Brown, Sterling selected poems

Crane, Hart selected poems, including *The Bridge* 

Cullen, Countee selected poems

H. D. selected poems, including *Trilogy* 

Eliot, T. S. selected poems, including *The Waste Land* and *Four* 

Quartets

Frost, Robert selected poems Ginsberg, Allen selected poems Gluck, Louise selected poems Graham, Jorie selected poems Hayden, Robert selected poems Hughes, Langston selected poems Jarrell, Randall selected poems Lowell, Robert selected poems Merrill, James selected poems selected poems Moore, Marianne Niedecker, Lorine selected poems O'Hara, Frank selected poems

Oppen, George selected poems, including Of Being Numerous

Plath, Sylvia selected poems

Pound, Ezra selected shorter poems, including *Hugh Selwyn Mauberly*;

selected Cantos

Ransom, John Crowe selected poems Rich, Adrienne selected poems

Stein, Gertrude Tender Buttons, Lifting Belly

Stevens, Wallace selected poems, including *Notes toward a Supreme Fiction* 

Tate, Allen selected poems
Warren, R.P. selected poems
Wilbur, Richard selected poems

Williams, W. C. selected poems, including *Spring and All* and *Paterson* 

Wright, James selected poems

## Fiction and Drama:

Anderson, Sherwood Winesburg, Ohio

Baldwin, James Go Tell It on the Mountain, Giovanni's Room

Baraka, Amiri Dutchman

Barnes, Djuna Nightwood

Barth, John Lost in the Funhouse

Bellow, Saul Herzog

Cather, Willa My Antonia or The Professor's House

Chestnut, Charles The Conjure Woman or The Marrow of Tradition

Chopin, Kate The Awakening

Crane, Stephen Maggie, The Red Badge of Courage

Delillo, Don White Noise
Dos Passos, John The 42<sup>nd</sup> Parallel
Dreiser, Theodore Sister Carrie

Eliot, T. S. *Murder in the Cathedral, The Family Reunion* 

Ellison, Ralph Invisible Man

Faulkner, William The Sound and the Fury, Light in August,

Absalom, Absalom!

Fitzgerald, F. Scott The Great Gatsby, Tender is the Night, selected stories

Gass, William In the Heart of the Heart of the Country

Gilman, Charlotte Perkins The Yellow Wallpaper

Hawkes, John Second Skin

Hemingway, Ernest The Sun Also Rises, For Whom the Bell Tolls,

selected stories

Hurston, Zora Neale Their Eyes were Watching God

James, Henry Portrait of a Lady, The Ambassadors, selected stories

Jewett, Sarah Orne

The Country of the Pointed Firs

Kushner, Tony

Angels in America, Parts 1 and 2

Jones, Gayl Corregidora
Larson, Nella Passing

Mailer, Norman Armies of the Night
McCarthy, Cormac Blood Meridian

Morrison, Toni The Bluest Eye, Beloved

Nabokov, Vladimir Lolita, Pale Fire Norris, Frank McTeague

O'Neill, Eugene Long Day's Journey into Night

Pynchon, Thomas The Crying of Lot 49

Spiegelman, Art Maus Stein, Gertrude Three Lives

Steinbeck, John The Grapes of Wrath

Toomer, Jean Cane

Wharton, Edith The House of Mirth, The Age of Innocence
Williams, Tennessee Streetcar Named Desire, The Glass Menagerie

Wright, Richard Native Son

## Nonfictional Prose:

Adams, Henry The Education

Anzaldúa, Gloria Borderlands/La Frontera: The New Mestiza

Baldwin, James Notes of a Native Son

Crane, Hart "General Aims and Theories" DuBois, W. E. B. *The Souls of Black Folk* 

Eliot, T. S. The Sacred Wood and selected essays

Frost, Robert "The Figure a poem makes"

James, Henry Prefaces to the New York edition

Jarrell, Randall

Kingston, Maxine Hong

Lorde, Audre

Poetry and the Age
The Woman Warrior
Sister Outsider

Pound, Ezra selected essays, including "A Retrospect" Stein, Gertrude The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas

Washington, Booker T. *Up from Slavery* 

X, Malcolm The Autobiography of Malcolm X