AP Frequent Fliers

Texts Appearing on AP Literature and Composition Free Response Questions 5 or more times since 1971. ***Updated from an original list by Norma J. Wilkerson.****Please note that only authors were recommended in early years, not specific titles.*.

Note: Texts marked with highlighting are the top ten most frequently-cited works. (Some texts are tied with each other. The top three are Ellison’s *Invisible Man* [29 times], Bronte’s *Wuthering Heights* [20 times] and Dickens’ *Great Expectations* [17 times].)

A

* Twain, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*
* Wharton*, The Age of Innocence*
* Warren*, All the King’s Men*
* McCarthy*, All the Pretty Horses*
* Tolstoy*, Anna Karenina*
* Sophocles*, Antigone*
* Faulkner*, As I Lay Dying*
* Chopin*, The Awakening*

B

* Morrison, *Beloved*
* Melville*, Billy Budd*
* Dickens*, Bleak House*
* Anaya*, Bless Me, Ultima*

*C*

* Voltaire*, Candide*
* Heller*, Catch-22*
* Silko*, Ceremony*
* Chekhov*, The Cherry Orchard*
* Walker*, The Color Purple*
* Paton*, Cry, The Beloved Country*
* Dostoevski*, Crime and Punishment*
* Miller*, The Crucible*

*D*

* Miller*, Death of a Salesman*
* Marlowe*, Doctor Faustus*
* Ibsen*, A Doll’s House*

*E*

* Ibsen*, An Enemy of the People*
* Shaffer*, Equus*
* Wharton*, Ethan Frome*

*F*

* Wilson*, Fences*
* Shelley*, Frankenstein*

*G*

* Williams*, The Glass Menagerie*
* Steinbeck*, The Grapes of Wrath*
* Dickens*, Great Expectations*
* Fitzgerald*, The Great Gatsby*
* Baldwin*, Go Tell It on the Mountain*
* Swift*, Gulliver’s Travels*

*H*

* O’Neill*, The Hairy Ape*
* Shakespeare*, Hamlet*
* Conrad*, Heart of Darkness*
* Ibsen*, Hedda Gabler*

*I*

* Ellison*, Invisible Man*

*J*

* Bronte*, Jane Eyre*
* Hardy*, Jude the Obscure*
* Shakespeare*, Julius Caesar*
* Sinclair*, The Jungle*

*K*

* Shakespeare*, King Lear*

*L*

* Faulkner*, Light in August*
* Conrad*, Lord Jim*

*M*

* Shakespeare*, Macbeth*
* Flaubert*, Madame Bovary*
* Shaw*, Major Barbara*
* Hardy*, The Mayor of Casterbridge*
* Shakespeare*, The Merchant of Venice*
* Melville*, Moby-Dick*
* Shaw*, Mrs. Warren’s Profession*
* Eliot*, Murder in the Cathedral*

*N*

* Wright*, Native Son*
* Lee*, Native Speaker*

*O*

* Kogawa*, Obasan*
* Sophocles*, Oedipus Rex*
* Shakespeare*, Othello*

*P*

* Forster*, A Passage to India*
* Wilson*, The Piano Lesson*
* James*, Portrait of a Lady*
* Joyce*, Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*
* Austen*, Pride and Prejudice*

*R*

* Hansberry*, A Raisin in the Sun*
* Stoppard*, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead*

*S*

* Hawthorne*, The Scarlet Letter*
* Dreiser*, Sister Carrie*
* Morrison*, The Song of Solomon*
* Faulkner*, The Sound and the Fury*
* Williams*, A Streetcar Named Desire*
* Morrison*, Sula*
* Hemingway*, The Sun Also Rises*

*T*

* Shakespeare*, The Tempest*
* Hardy*, Tess of the D’Urbervilles*
* Hurston*, Their Eyes Were Watching God*
* Achebe*, Things Fall Apart*
* James*, The Turn of the Screw*

*W*

* Beckett*, Waiting for Godot*
* Albee*, Who’s Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*
* Bronte*, Wuthering Heights*

**Interesting Notes:**

* *Shakespeare plays have been listed 86 times.*
* *Works from classical Greece and Rome have been listed 29 times.*