

PCA High School Author Bank (listed by time period)

The following authors and works will be studied by the Rhetoric (high school) students throughout their four years in the Rhetoric Stage. Some of their lectures will be part of their mandatory summer reading lists, to be utilized for the literature classes, while others will be studied mostly as excerpts in other classes like history, Patristics, Law of God, poetry, formal logic, philosophy, metaphysics, science, Latin, or Greek.

The Bible

Ancient

1. *The Epic of Gilgamesh* ca. 18th c. BC
2. Homer 9th c. BC
3. Hesiod, ca. 8th or 7th c. BC
4. Pindar, ca. 518 BC – c. 438 BC
5. Sophocles, 496-406 BC
6. Herodotus, 484-425 BC
7. Thucydides, 460-400 BC
8. Plato, 428-347 BC
9. Aristotle, 382-322 BC
10. Cicero, 106-43 BC
11. Julius Cæsar, 100-44 BC
12. Virgil, 70-19 BC
13. Livy, 59 BC- AD 17
14. Ignatius of Antioch, ca. 30-110
15. St. Dionysius Areopagite 1st c. AD
16. Melito of Sardis, ? - ca. 190
17. Irenaeus, ca. 130-202
18. St. Basil the Great, 330-379
19. St. Gregory the Theologian (Nazianzen), 330-390
20. St. Gregory of Nyssa, 335-395
21. St. John Chrysostom, 347-407
22. St. Augustine of Hippo, 354-430
23. St. Cyril of Alexandria, 376-444
24. *Sayings of the Desert Fathers and Mothers*, ca. 3rd and 4th c.
25. Aphthonius of Antioch, ca. 4th c.

Medieval

1. Boethius, 477-524
2. St. Gregory the Great, 540-604
3. St. Maximus the Confessor, 580-662
4. *Beowulf*, ca. 9th c.
5. *Magna Carta*, 1215
6. Dante Alighieri, 1265-1321

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Renaissance

1. William Shakespeare, 1564-1616
2. John Donne 1572-1631

Early Modern

1. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, 1749-1832
2. Jane Austen, 1775-1817
3. *The Declaration of Independence*, 1776
4. *The Constitution of the United States*, 1789
5. The Federalist Papers, 1787-1788
6. Honoré de Balzac, 1799-1850

Late moderns

1. Victor Hugo, 1802-1885
2. Charles Dickens, 1812-1870
3. Fyodor Dostoevsky, 1821-1881
4. Jerome K. Jerome, 1859-1927
5. G. K. Chesterton, 1874-1936
6. J.R.R. Tolkien, 1892-1961
7. C.S. Lewis, 1898-1981
8. Ernest Hemingway, 1899-1961
9. Harper Lee, 1926-2016
10. John E. Steinbeck, 1902-1968
11. George Orwell, 1903-1950
12. Dumitru Staniloae, 1903-1993
13. William Golding, 1911-1993
14. Isaac Asimov, 1920-1992
15. D.C. Schindler, 1970-