Victorian Reading List

Primary

Arnold, Matthew. Culture and Anarchy

Braddon, Mary Elizabeth. Lady Audley's Secret

Brontë, Charlotte. Jane Eyre

Brontë, Emily. Wuthering Heights

Browning, Elizabeth Barrett. Aurora Leigh

Browning, Robert. "Porphyria's Lover," "Johannes Agricola on God," "My Last Duchess," "Soliloquy of the Spanish Cloister," "Pictor Ignotus," "The Bishop Orders His Tomb at St. Praxed's Church," "Love among the Ruins," "Fra Lippo Lippi," "Andrea del Sarto," "Bishop Blougram's Apology," "Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came," "An Epistle Containing the Strange Medical Experience of Karshish, the Arab Physician," "Cleon," "Caliban upon Setebos," "A Death in the Desert"

Carlyle, Thomas. Sartor Resartus, Past and Present

Collins, Wilkie. The Moonstone

Dickens, Charles. Bleak House, Tale of Two Cities

Eliot, George. Middlemarch

Gaskell, Elizabeth. Mary Barton

Hardy, Thomas. Tess of d'Urbervilles

Hopkins, Gerard Manley. "The Wreck of the Deutschland," "Binsey Poplars," "Carrion Comfort," "The Windhover," "Tom's Garland," "I Wake and Feel the Fell of Dark, Not Day," "No Worst, There Is None," "Pitched Past Pitch of Grief," "As Kingfishers Catch Fire," "Dragonflies Draw Flame," "That Nature Is a Heraclitean Fire and of the Comfort of the Resurrection," "God's Grandeur," "Felix Randal," "Pied Beauty," "Spring and Fall," "Harry Ploughman"

Martineau, Harriet. Deerbrook

Meredith, George. The Egoist

Mill, John Stuart. On Liberty, The Subjection of Women

Pater, Walter. The Renaissance

Pinero, Arthur Wing. The Second Mrs. Tanqueray

Rossetti, Christina. "Goblin Market," "The Prince's Progress," "Song ['When I am dead, my dearest']," "In an Artist's Studio," "Up-Hill," "The Convent Threshold," "Remember," "Winter Rain," "My Dream," "Winter: My Secret," "A Better Resurrection," "Christian and Jew: A Dialogue," "The Iniquity of the Fathers upon the Children [Under the Rose]," "The Lowest Room," "A Christmas Carol [In the bleak mid-winter]," "A Birthday"

Rossetti, Dante Gabriel. "Jenny," "The Blessed Damozel," "Troy Town," "Sister Helen," "My Sister's Sleep," "Dante at Verona," "The Burden of Nineveh," "Eden Bower"

Ruskin, John. "Of Queens' Gardens," "Of King's Treasuries" (in Sesame and Lilies), "Of Ideas of Beauty," (in Part III in Volume II of Modern Painters), "Of Pathetic Fallacy" (in chapter XII of Part IV in Volume III of Modern Painters)

Schreiner, Olive. The Story of an African Farm.

Stoker, Bram. Dracula.

Swinburne, Algernon Charles. "Faustine," "Dolores," "Hymn to Prosperpine," "Laus Veneris," "The Triumph of Time," "Hermaphroditus," "Anactoria," "Fragoletta," "Sapphics," "Sestina," "Hertha," "Tiresias," "To Walt Whitman in America," "The Higher Pantheism in a Nutshell," "John Jones's Wife," "Ave Atque Vale"

Tennyson, Alfred. "The Lady of Shalott," "Tithonus," "The Palace of Art," "The Lotus-Eaters," "Ulysses," "Godiva," "Aylmer's Field," In Memoriam, Maud: A Monodrama, "Lucretius," "The Ancient Sage," "The Coming of Arthur" (in Idylls of the King)

Thackeray, William Makepeace. Vanity Fair

Trollope, Anthony. The Way We Live Now.

Wilde, Oscar. The Importance of Being Earnest, The Picture of Dorian Gray.

Secondary

- 1. Altick, Richard D. The English Common Reader (1957)
- 2. Armstrong, Isobel. Victorian Poetry: Poetry, Poetics and Politics (1993)
- 3. Armstrong, Nancy. Desire and Domestic Fiction (1987)
- 4. Engels, Friedrich. The Condition of the Working Class in England in 1844 (1845)
- 5. Gallagher, Catherine. The Industrial Reformation of English Fiction (1985)
- 6. Hobsbawm, E. J. The Age of Capital, 1848-1875 (1975)
- 7. Nord, Deborah Epstein. Walking the Victorian Streets: Women, Representation, and the City (1995)

- Poovey, Mary. Genres of the Credit Economy (2008)
 Said, Edward. Culture and Imperialism (1993)
 Williams, Raymond. Culture and Society: 1780-1950 (1958)