Novel Study Unit

Thematic List of Novels

**Bookstores**

Chapters

Indigo

World’s Biggest Bookstore (Edward Street)

Book City (Bloor east of Bathurst)

Nicholas Hoare (Front Street at Church)

Toronto Women’s Bookstore (Harbord Street)

A Different Booklist (Bathurst south of Bloor)

B.M.V. (Yonge north of Eglinton, Bloor east of Bathurst)

**\* Word Power Made Easy** by Norman Lewis (Pub. Pocket Books)

1. **Native-American/Native-Canadian Fiction**

 Joseph Boyden ● Through Black Spruce

 ● Three Day Road

 Michael Dorris ● A Yellow Raft in Blue Water

 Louise Erdrich ● The Beet Queen

 ● Love Medicine

 ● Tracks

 ● The Antelope-Wife

 Thomas King ● Green Grass, Running Water

 Barbara Kingsolver ● Animal Dreams

 ● The Bean Trees

2. **African**

 Chinua Achebe ● Arrow of God

 ● No Longer at Ease

 Adichie ● Half of a Yellow Sun

 ● Purple Hibiscus

 ● The Thing Around Your Neck

 John Briley ● Cry Freedom

 Andre Brink ● A Chain of Voices

 ● An Instant in the Wind

 ● A Dry, White Season

 J.M. Coetzee ● Disgrace

 ● The Life and Times of Michael K.

 ● Boyhood

 Joseph Conrad ● Heart of Darkness

 Achmat Dangor ● Bitter Fruit

 Lewis De Soto ● A Blade of Grass

 Tsitsi Dangarembga ● Nervous Conditions

 Athol Fugard ● Blood Knot

 ● Tsotsi

 Nadine Gordimer ● Beethoven was a Sixteenth Black

 ● July’s People

 ● Loot

 ● My Son’s Story

 ● The Pickup

 Barbara Kingsolver ● The Poisonwood Bible

 Rian Malan ● My Traitor’s Heart

 V.S. Naipaul ● Guerillas

 Ben Okri ● Famished Road

 Alan Paton ● Cry the Beloved Country

 Shashi Tharoor ● Riot

 Ngugi wa Thiong’o ● River Between

3. **African-American/ African-Canadian**

 James Baldwin ● Go Tell It On the Mountain

 Edward Jones ● The Known World

 Carolivia Herron ● Hereafter Johnny

 Toni Morrison ● Beloved

 ● Jazz

 ● Mercy

 ● Paradise

 ● Sula

 ● Love

 ● Tar Baby

 ● The Bluest Eye

 Gloria Naylor ● The Women of Brewster Place

 ● Mama Day

 Richard Powers ● The Time of our Singing

 Simone Schwarz-Bart ● The Bridge of Beyond

 Susan Straight ● I Been In Sorrow’s Kitchen and Licked Out

 All The Pots

 Alice Walker ● The Colour Purple

 ● By The Light of My Father’s Smile

 ● Possessing the Secret of Joy

 William Styron ● The Confessions of Nat Turner

4. **Slavery**

 Andre Brink ● A Chain of Voices

 Patrick Chamoiseau ● Texaco

 Maryse Conde I ● Tituba

 Nadine Gordimer ● Conservationist

 Lawrence Hill ● The Book of Negroes

 Edward Jones ● The Known World

 Earl Lovelace ● Salt

 Caryl Phillips ● Crossing The River

 William Styron ● The Confessions of Nat Turner

5. **Caribbean**

 Tony Cade Bambara ● The Salt Eaters

 Erna Brodber ● Jane & Louisa Will Soon Come Home

 ed. Margaret Busby ● Daughters of Africa

 Edwidge Danticat ● Breath, Eyes, Memory

 ● Krik Krak!

 Zee Edgell ● Beka Lamb

 Ramabai Espinet ● The Swinging Bridge

 Dwado Agymah Kaman ● Flickering Shadows

 Jamaica Kincaid ● Annie John

 Earl Lovelace ● The Dragon Can’t Dance

 ● The Wine of Astonishment

 Paule Marshall ● Praise Song for the Widow

 N. Nigel Thomas ● Spirits in the Dark

 Yvonne Vera ● Nehanda

6. **Latin-American/Hispanic**

 Isabel Allende ● Paula

 ● Daughter of Fortune

 ● Portrait in Sepia

 Julie Alvarez ● How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents

 Arenas ● The Singing from the Well

 Sandra Cisneros ● The House on Mango Street

 Christina Garcia ● Dreaming in Cuban

 Gabriel Garcia Marquez ● One Hundred Years of Solitude

 ● The General in his Labyrinth

 Carlos Ruiz Zafón ● The Shadow of the Wind

7. **Canadian**

 David Adams Richard ● Mercy Among the Children

 Margaret Atwood ● The Handmaid’s Tale

 ● Cat’s Eye

 ● The Blind Assassin

 ● Alias Grace

 Michael Crummey ● River Thieves

 ● Wreckage

 Gail Anderson-Dargatz ● Cure for Death By Lightning

 ● Recipe for Bees

 Robertson Davies ● Fifth Business

 ● The Manticore

 ● World of Wonders

 Elizabeth Hay ● Late nights on Air

 ● A Student of Weather

 Lori Lansens ● The Girls

 Margaret Laurence ● The Stone Angel

 ● The Diviners

 ● A Bird in the House

 ● A Jest of God

 Anne-Marie MacDonald ● Fall on Your Knees

 Alistair McLeod ● The Lost Salt Gift of Blood

 ● No Great Mischief

 ● The Island

 Donna Morrissey ● Kit’s Law

 ● Downhill Chance

 ● Sylvanus Now

 ● What they Wanted

 Alice Munro ● Hateship, Courtship, Love, and Marriage

 Beth Powning ● Hatbox Letters

 ● Shadow Child

 Anne Proulx ● Shipping News

 Mordecai Richler ● The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz

 ● St. Urbain’s Horseman

 Carol Shields ● Stone Diaries

 ● Unless

 Jane Urquhart ● Away

 ● Changing Heaven

 ● Stonecarvers

 Richard Wright ● Clara Callan

8. **Irish**

 Sebastian Barry ● The Secret Scripture

 Mary Becket ● Give Them Stones

 Mickey Clement ● The Irish Princess

 Ann Enright ● The Gathering

 Charles Foran ● The Last House of Ulster

 Dermot Healey ● Goatsong

 Neil Jordan ● Shade

 Frank McCourt ● Angela’s Ashes

 M. McDonagh ● Beauty Queen of Leenan

 ● The Wild West

 John McGahern ● Amongst Women

 ● All Will Be Well

 Nuala O’Faolin ● Are You Somebody?

 ● My Dream of You

 ● Almost There

 Jamie O’Neill ● At Swim Two Boys

 John Synge ● Playboy of the Western World

 Deborah Tall ● The Island of the White Cow

 Colm Toibin ● Brooklyn

 ● The Heather Blazing

9. **Indian**

 Anita Rau Badami ● Tamarind Mem

 ● Can you Hear the Nightbird Call?

 Rupa Bajwa ● The Sari Shop

 Shauna Singh Baldwin ● What the Body Remembers

 Anita Desai ● Baumgartner’s Bombay

 ● Village By The Sea

 ● Fire on the Mountain

 ● Fasting, Feasting

 ● Peacock Garden

 ● Clear Light of Day

 ● The Sari Shop

 Kiran Desai ● The Inheritance of Loss

 ● Hullaballoo in the Gwava Orchard

 Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni ● Arranged Marriage

 Jhumpa Lahiri ● Interpreter of Maladies

 ● The Namesake

 ● Unaccustomed Earth

 Kamala Markandaya ● Nectar in a Sieve

 Rohinton Mistry ● A Fine Balance

 ● Family Matters

 ● Such a Long Journey

 ● Tales from Firozsha Baag

 Bharati Mukherjee ● Desirable Daughters

 ● The Tree Bride

 Arundhati Roy ● The God of Small Things

 Manil Sur ● Arresting God in Kathmandu(short stories)

 Thrity Umrigar ● The Space Between Us

 ● If Today Be Sweet

10. **Muslim Culture**

 Diana Abu-Jaber ● The Swallows of Kabul

 Lorraine Adams ● Harbor

 Aravind Adiga ● Between the Assassinations

 ● White Tiger

 Alaa Al Aswany ● The Yacoubian Building

 Monica Ali ● Brick Lane

 Nadeem Aslam ● Maps for Lost Lovers

 Tahar ben Jellown ● The Sand Child

 ● Shabana

 Neil Bissoondath ● The Unyielding Clamour of the Night

 Geraldine Brooks ● Nine Parts of Desire

 Mohsin Hamid ● The Reluctant Fundamentalist

 ● Moth Smoke

 Khaled Hosseini ● The Kite Runner

 ● A Thousand Splendid Suns

 Orhan Pamuk ● Snow

 Nelofer Pazira ● A Bed of Red Roses

 Nahid Rachin ● Jumping Over Fire

 Salman Rushdie ● Shalimar The Clown

 Saira Shah ● The Storyteller’s Daughter

 Bapsi Sidhwa ● The Crow-Eaters

 ● The Pakistani Bride

 ● Ice Candy Man (Cracking India)

 Alison Wearing ● Honeymoon in Purdah

10. **Multicultural England**

 Andrea Levy ● Small Island

 Zaide Smith ● White Teeth

 ● On Beauty

 Gautam Malkani ● Londonstani

11. **Holocaust**

 Alicia Appleman-Jurman ● Alicia: My Story

 Dennis Bok ● The Ash Garden

 Ursula Hegi ● Stones From the River

 Jerzy Koszinski ● The Painted Bird

 Anne Michaels ● Fugitive Pieces

 Irene Nemirovsky ● Suite Française

 Thomas Powers ● In The Memory of The Forest

 Bernard Schlink ● The Reader

 Rachel Seiffert ● The Dark Room

 William Styron ● Sophie’s Choice

 Elie Wiesel ● Night

 Arnold Zable ● Jewels and Ashes

12. **Family**

 Jhumpa Lahiri ● The Namesake

 ● Unaccustomed Earth

 Mary Lawson ● Crow Lake

 ● The Other Side of the Bridge

 Ian McEwan ● Atonement

 ● Black Dogs

 ● Saturday

 ● Chesil Beach

 Gloria Naylor ● Mama Day

 Carol Shields ● Stone Diaries

13. **Asian**

 Arthur Golden ● Memoirs of a Geisha

 Maxine Hong Kingston ● The Woman Warrior

 Joy Kogawa ● Obasan

 Alan Paton ● Cry, The Beloved Country

 Lisa See ● Snowflower and the Secret Fan

 Amy Tan ● The Joy Luck Club

 ● The Kitchen God’s Wife

 ● Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress

14. **Scandanavian**

 Knut Hamsun ● Pan

 ● Victoria

 Sigrid Undset ● The Axe

 ● Kristen Lavransdatter

1. 15. **Russian**

 Dostoevsky ● The Brothers Karamazov

 ● The Idiot

 Leo Tolstoy ● War & Peace

 ● Anna Karenina

1. 16. **American**

 James Agee ● A Death in the Family

 Michael Cunningham ● The Hours

 William Faulkner ● As I Lay Dying

● The Sound and The Fury

 ● Absalom, Absalom

 Arthur Miller ● The Crucible

 ● All My Sons

 ● Death of a Salesman

 Eugene O’Neil ● Long Day’s Journey into Night

 Richard Powers ● The Time of our Singing

 John Steinbeck ● Of Mice and Men

 ● The Grapes of Wrath

 Tennessee Williams ● The Glass Menagerie

 ● Cat on a Hot Tin Roof

 ● Summer and Smoke

 ● Suddenly Last Summer

17. **Mythology**

 Margaret Atwood ● The Penelopiad

 Marion Bradley-Zimmer ● Lady of Avalon

 ● The Forest House

 ● The Mists of Avalon

 Joseph Campbell ● Hero With a Thousand Faces

 Robertson Davies ● Fifth Business

 ● The Manticore

 ● World of Wonders

 J.G. Frazer ● The Golden Bough

 Seamus Heaney ● Boewulf

 Kerr-Bennett ● Myth

 Fay Sampson ● Wise Woman’s Telling

 Dr. Jean Shinoda-Bolen ● Goddesses in Every Woman

 ● Gods in Every Man

 Mary Stewart ● The Crystal Cave

 ● The Hollow Hills

 ● The Last Enchantment

 Barbara Walker ● Woman’s Encyclopedia of Myths and Secrets

 T.H. White ● The Once and Future King

 Crista Wolf ● Cassandra

18. **Myth-Related Drama**

 Aeschylus ● Agamemnon

 ● Electra

 Euripedes ● The Birds

 ● Trojan Women

 Girodaux ● Electra

 Racine ● Phèdre

 Sartre ● The Flies

 Sophocles ● Antigone

 ● Oedipus

19. **Victorian/Romanticism**

 Charlotte Bronte ● Jane Eyre

 Emily Bronte ● Wuthering Heights

 John Fowles ● The French Lieutenant’s Woman

 ● The Magus

 Thomas Hardy ● Far from the Madding Crowd

 ● Jude the Obscure

 ● Return of the Native

 ● The Mayor of Casterbridge

 ● Tess of the D’Urbervilles

 D.H. Lawrence ● Sons and Lovers

 ● The Rainbow

20. **Rite of Passage/Childhood**

 Dorothy Allison ● Bastard Out of Carolina

 Julie Alvarez ● How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents

 John Bemrose ● Island Walkers

 Tahar ben Jellown ● The Sand Child

 ● Shabana

 Paulo Coehlo ● The Alchemist

 Jill Ker Conway ● The Road from Coorain

Charles Dickens ● Oliver Twist

 ● A Tale of Two Cities

Emmanuel Donaga ● Little Boys Come From the Stars

Timothy Findley ● The Last of the Crazy People

 Richard Ford ● Wildlife

 Athol Fugard ● Tsotsi

 William Golding ● Lord of the Flies

 Herman Hesse ● Siddhartha

 ● Narcissus and Goldmunde

 Richard Hughes ● A High Wind in Jamaica

 Frances Itani ● Deafening

 Jamaica Kincaid ● Annie John

 Barbara Kingsolver ● Animal Dreams

 ● The Bean Trees

 George Lamming ● In the Castle of My Skin

 Bobbie Ann Mason ● In Country

 Frank McCourt ● Angela’s Ashes

 Ian McEwan ● Atonement

 William McPherson ● Testing the Current

 Yukio Mishima ● The Sailor Who Fell From Grace with the Sea

 Alice Munro ● Lives of Girls and Women

 Nabakov ● Lolita

 Nuala O’Faolin ● Are You Somebody?

 ● Almost There

 Radojcic ● You Don’t Have to Live Here

 Nino Ricci ● In A Glass House

 ● Where She Has Gone

 Alice Sebold ● The Lovely Bones

 Samuel Selvon ● Brighter Sun

 Mona Simpson ● Anywhere But Here

 John Steinbeck ● Of Mice and Men

 ● Grapes of Wrath

 Ngugi wa Thiongo’o ● Petals in Blood

 Mark Twain ● The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

21. **Allegory**

Paulo Coehlo ● The Alchemist

Herman Hesse ● Siddhartha

 ● Narcissus and Goldmunde

Anosh Irani ● The Cripple and His Talisman

 Ismail Kadar ● Palace of Dreams

22. **War**

1. Sebastian Barry ● A Long Long Way
2. Pierre Boulle ● Bridge over the River Kwai

 Joseph Boyden ● Three Day Road

 Sebastian Faulks ● Birdsong

 Timothy Findley ● The Wars

 Charles Foran ● The Last House of Ulster

 Steven Galloway ● The Cellist of Sarajevo

 Graham Greene ● Quiet American

 T.E. Lawrence ● Revolt in the Desert

 Bobbie Ann Mason ● In Country

 Boris Pasternak ● Dr. Zhivago

 Dalton Trumbo ● Johnny Got His Gun

23. **Science Fiction**

 Kurt Vonnegut ● Cat’s Cradle

24. **Gothic, Horror**

 Mary Shelley ● Frankenstein

 Bram Stoker ● Dracula

25. **Satire, Dystopia**

 Margaret Atwood ● The Handmaid’s Tale

 ● The Penelopiad

 Aldous Huxley ● Brave New World

 Franz Kafka ● The Trial

 ● The Castle

 ● Metamorphosis

 George Orwell ● 1984

 Ian McEwan ● Saturday

 ● Black Dogs

 ● Chesil Beach

26. **The Rebel**

 Chinua Achebe ● No Longer At Ease

 Thea Astley ● Beachmasters

 Anita Desai ● Fire on the Mountain

 Athol Fugard ● Blood Knot

 Nadine Gordimer ● Conservationist

 Ruth Prawer Jhabvala ● Heat and Dust

 Earl Lovelace ● Salt

 R.K. Narayan ● Vendor of Sweets

 Ben Okri ● Landscapes Within

1. 27. **Political Corruption**

 Adichie ● Half of a Yellow Sun

 Ayi Kwei Armah ● Beautyful Ones Are Not Yet Born

 Joseph Conrad ● Heart of Darkness

 A. Djoreto ● Hurricane of Dust

 Rohinton Mistry ● A Fine Balance

 V.S. Naipaul ● A Bend in the River

 Ben Okri ● Flowers and Shadows

 George Orwell ● Burmese Days

 Nayantara Sahgal ● Rich Like Us

 Ngugi wa Thiong’o ● Petals in Blood

1. 28. **Magic Realism**

 George Bowering ● Burning Water

 Bessie Head ● Question of Power

 Gabriel Garcia Marquez ● One Hundred Years of Solitude

 ● Love In The Time of Cholera

 Anosh Irani ● The Cripple and his Talisman

 Ben Okri ● Famished Road

 ● Songs of Enchantment

 Salman Rushdie ● The Enchantress of Florence

 ● Midnight’s Children

 ● Shalimar The Clown

 ● The Satanic Verses

 Carlos Ruz Zafon ● The Shadow of the Wind

1. 29. **Marriage**

 Shauna Singh Baldwin ● What the Body Remembers

 Anita Desai ● Fire on the Mountain

 Nadine Gordimer ● My Son’s Story

 ● The Pick Up

 Ruth Prawer Jhabvala ● Heath and Dust

 Somerset Maugham ● Painted Veil

 Bharati Mukherjee ● Desirable Daughters

 R.K. Narayan ● Vendor of Sweets

 Michael Ondaatje ● The English Patient

 Boris Pasternak ● Dr. Zhivago

 A.B. Yehoshua ● Five Seasons

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2. 30. **Poverty**

 Charles Dickens ● Great Expectations

 Earl Lovelace ● Dragon Can’t Dance

 Rohinton Mistry ● Fine Balance

 ● Such A Long Journey

 Ben Okri ● Famished Road

 ● Songs of Enchantment

 Zadie Smith ● White Teeth

1. 31. **Death of an Empire**

 Philippa Blake ● Heat of the Moment

 Elizabeth Cadell ● Lion in the Way

 David Davidar ● House of Blue Mangoes

 Gita Mehta ● Raj

 Paul Mark Scott ● Jewel in the Crown

 ● Day of the Scorpion

 ● Towers of Silence

 ● Division of Spoils

1. 32. **Religion**

 Barbara Kingsolver ●The Poisonwood Bible

 Robertson Davies ● Fifth Business

**Extended Essay Reading List**

**Holocaust**

Fugitive Pieces Anne Michaels

The Reader Bernard Schlinck

The Dark Room Rachel Seiffert

Stones from the River Ursula Hegi

Sophie’s Choice William Styron

The Ash Garden Dennis Bok

Suite Française Irene Nemirovsky

**South Africa/Africa**

Disgrace J.M. Coetzee

My Son’s Story Nadine Gordimer

The Pickup Nadine Gordimer

Loot Nadine Gordimer

Bitter Fruit Achmat Dangor

A Blade of Grass Lewis de Soto

The Poisonwood Bible Barbara Kingsolver

A Chain of Voices Andre Brink

Half of a Yellow Sun Adichie

Purple Hibiscus Adichie

**Slavery**

A Chain of Voices Andre Brink

The Confessions of Nat Turner William Styron

The Known World Edward Jones

The Book of Negroes Lawrence Hill

**The American South**

A Death in the Family James Agee

The Time of our Singing Richard Powers

The Sound and the Fury William Faulkner

**Romanticism**

Wuthering Heights Emily Bronte

Tess of the D’Urbervilles Thomas Hardy

Far From the Madding Crowd Thomas Hardy

The Return of the Native Thomas Hardy

Mme Bovary Flaubert (French)

Anna Karenina Tolstoy (Russian)

The French Lieutenant’s Woman John Fowles

**Irish**

At Swim Two Boys Jamie O’Neill

The Sea John Banville

All Will Be Well John McGahern

**India**

Desirable Daughters Bharati Mukherjee

The Tree Bride Bharati Mukherjee

The God of Small Things Arundhati Roy

A Fine Balance Rohinton Mistry

Family Matters Rohinton Mistry

What The Body Remembers Shauna Singh Baldwin

Interpreter of Maladies Jhumpa Lahiri

The Namesake Jhumpa Lahiri

Can you Hear The Nightbird Call? Anita Rau Badami

Tamarind Men Anita Rau Badami

Vine of Desire Divakaruni

The Space Between Us Thrity Umrigar

If Today Be Sweet Thrity Umrigar

The Sari Shop Rupa Bajwa

The Inheritance of Loss Kiran Desai

**Muslim Culture**

Maps for Lost Lovers Nadeem Aslam

Brick Lane Monica Ali

Shalimar The Clown Salman Rushdie

The Pakistani Bride Bapsi Sidhwa

Ice Candy Man (Cracking India) Bapsi Sidhwa

The Kite Runner Khaled Hosseini

A Thousand Splendid Suns Khaled Hosseini

The Yacoubian Building Alaa Al Aswany

The Unyielding Clamour of the

Night Neil Bissoondath

The Reluctant Fundamentalist Mohsin Hamid

Moth Smoke Mohsin Hamid

The Swallows of Kabul

Crescent Diana Abu-Jaber

Harbor Lorraine Adams

Snow Orhan Pamuk

Jumping Over Fire Nahid Rachin

**Multicultural England**

White Teeth Zaide Smith

On Beauty Zaide Smith

Small Island Andrea Levy

Londonstani Gautam Malkani

**Family**

Stone Diaries Carol Shields

Crow Lake Mary Lawson

Mama Day Gloria Naylor

The Namesake Jhumpa Lahiri

**War**

Dr. Zhivago Boris Pasternak

Birdsong Sebastian Faulks

Three Day Road Joseph Boyden

**Dystopia**

Handmaid’s Tale Margaret Atwood

The Trial Franz Kafka

The Palace of Dreams Ismail Kadare

**Myth**

Hero with A Thousand Faces Joseph Campbell

The Mists of Avalon Marian Bradley- Zimmer

Cassandra Crista Wolf

Fifth Business Robertson Davies

The Manticore Robertson Davies

World of Wonders Robertson Davies

Boewulf Seamus Heaney

The Penelopiad Margaret Atwood

**Magic Realism**

Shalimar The Clown Salman Rushdie

Love In The Time of Cholera Gabriel Garcia Marquez

One Hundred Years of Solitude Gabriel Garcia Marquez

The Cripple and his Talisman Anosh Irani

**Suggested Texts for Comparative Essays**

*This list offers some possibilities for comparative reading, but is by no means exhaustive. Please consult me or the librarian for other possibilities.*

**Victorian/Romantic**

Jane Eyre/The Wide Sargasso Sea

Return of the Native/The French Lieutenant’s Woman

**Gothic**

Frankenstein/Dracula

**War**

A Birdsong/ Three Day Road/The Wars (*WWI*)

Doctor Zhivago/War and Peace (*Russia*)

**Females in Mythology**

The Trojan Women/The Penelopiad

**Letters**

84 Charing Cross Road/Clara Callan

**Childhood**

Angela’s Ashes/Great Expectations

**The Immigrant Experience**

Tamarind Mem/If Today Be Sweet/The Inheritance of Loss/The Namesake/The Thing Around Your Neck/Unaccustomed Earth

**South Asian** *(satire)*

White Tiger/Between the Assassinations/The Crow-Eaters

**Marriage in Indian Culture**

What the Body Remembers/Desirable Daughters

**Wives in Muslim Culture**

Brick Lane/Maps for Lost Lovers/Pakistani Bride

**Female Confessionals**

Alias Grace/The Secret Scripture

**Friendship**

The Kite Runner/Of Mice and Men/The Adventures of Huck Finn

**The Canadian Family**

Crow Lake/Island Walker/The Other Side of the Bridge

**The Holocaust**

The Ash Garden/The Dark Room

**African-American Women**

Then Women of Brewster Place/The Color Purple/I Been In Sorrow’s Kitchen and Licked Out All The Pots

**Female Friendships** *(Race/Class)*

A Blade of Grass/The Space Between Us

**Female Coming of Age**

Annie John/Breath, Eyes, Memory

Crow Lake/The Other Side of the Bridge

**South Africa** *(post Apartheid)*

Disgrace/A Blade of Grass

**Slavery**

The Confessions of Nat Turner/A Chain of Voices/The Book of Negroes/The Known World

**Youth Violence**

Lord of the Flies/A High Wind in Jamaica/Sailor Who Fell From Grace with the Sea/Tsotsi

**The Immigrant Experience**

Londonstani/White Teeth

Brick Lane/Maps for Lost Lovers

Unaccustomed Earth/The Thing Around Your Neck

**Allegory**

Siddhartha/The Cripple and his Talismen/The Alchemist

**Narrative Point of View**

The Sound and the Fury/As I Lay Dying

**Myth/Jung**

Fifth Business/The Manticore/World of Wonders

La Morte d’Arthur/The Mists of Avalon

**Morally Flawed Protagonists-Narrators**

White Tiger/The Reluctant Fundamentalist/Lolita