



Foundation Year Program Book List, 2025-2026

The following is a list of the books to be read for the Foundation Year Program 2025-2026. **There will be additional readings from the Foundation Year Handbook**, which will be distributed to students by the FYP Office prior to the first day of classes.

All books will be available through the King's Bookstore, located on the lower level, King's Academic Building (also called the NAB). Any questions for the Bookstore can be directed to manager Paul MacKay at manager@kingsbookstore.ca. Should you plan to purchase second-hand books, please aim to obtain the specified translations.

NOTE FOR SCIENCE STUDENTS (K1101/02): Students enrolled in KING 1101/02 should not purchase any of the books indicated by * as these are required readings for Thursday lectures only.

Any alterations to this list will be posted on the King's website: [Foundation Year Program Book List](#).

Section I: THE ANCIENT WORLD

The Epic of Gilgamesh, trans. N.K. Sandars (Penguin Classics) 9780140441000
Homer, *Iliad*, trans. C. Alexander (Ecco) 9780062046284
Plato, *Republic*, trans. D. Lee, 2nd edition (Penguin) 9780140455113
*Sophocles, *Antigone*, trans. R. Blondell (Focus Classical Library) 9780941051255
The Holy Bible, ESV (Crossway) 9781433558412
Bhagavad Gita, trans. L. Patton (Penguin) 9780140447903
Virgil, *Aeneid*, trans. S. Ruden (Yale University Press) 9780300240108

Section II THE MIDDLE AGES

Augustine, *The Confessions*, trans. H. Chadwick (Oxford World's Classics) 9780199537822
The Holy Bible, ESV (Crossway) 9781433558412 [Note: Same text used in Section I]
*Marie de France, *The Lais of Marie de France* trans. G.S. Burgess and K. Busby (Penguin Classics) 9780140447590
Ibn Tufayl, *Hayy Ibn Yaqzan: A Philosophical Tale*, trans. L.E. Goodman (University of Chicago Press) 9780226303109
Qur'an, trans. M.A.S. Abdel Haleem (Oxford World Classics) 9780199535958
*Christine de Pizan, *The Book of the City of Ladies*, trans. R. Brown-Grant (Penguin Classics) 9780140446890
Dante, *The Divine Comedy: Inferno; Purgatorio; Paradiso*, trans. A. Mandlebaum (Everyman's Library) 9780679433132
*Anonymous, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, trans. K. Harrison (Oxford World's Classics) 9780199540167

Section III THE RENAISSANCE AND THE REFORMATION

Pico della Mirandola, *On the Dignity of Man*, trans. C.G. Wallis, P.J.W. Miller, and D. Carmichael (Hackett Classics) 9780872203969
*Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*, trans. P. Bondanella (Oxford World's Classics) 9780199535699

Wu Cheng'en, *Monkey King – Journey to the West*, trans. J. Lovell (Penguin Classics) 9780143136309
*Michel de Montaigne, *The Essays: A Selection*, trans. M.A. Screech (Penguin Classics)
9780140446029
Francis Bacon, "New Atlantis" from *Three Early Modern Utopias* (Oxford World Classics)
9780199537990
Zara Yaqob, *The Hatata Inquiries*, trans. R. Lee (De Gruyter) 9783112214114
William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, ed. A.R. Braunmuller (Pelican Shakespeare) 9780143128540

Section IV THE AGE OF REASON

René Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, trans. I. Johnston (Broadview) 9781554811526
*Molière, *The Misanthrope, Tartuffe, and Other Plays*, trans. M. Slater (Oxford University Press)
9780199540181
Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, Parts 1 and 2, ed. A.P. Martinich and B. Battiste (Broadview)
9781554810406
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *The Fundamental Political Writings*, trans. I. Johnston (Broadview)
9781554812974
*Gotthold Ephraim Lessing, *Nathan the Wise* (Dover) 9780486796765
Quobna Ottobah Cugoana, *Thoughts and Sentiments on the Evil of Slavery* (Penguin Classics)
9780140447507
Boston King, *The Life of Boston King*, ed. C.A.M. Robertson and R. Holmes Whitehead (Nimbus)
9781551094519
Immanuel Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*, trans. T. K. Abbott (Broadview)
9781551115399
Jane Austen, *Emma*, ed. John Mullan (Oxford University Press) 9780198837756

Section V THE ERA OF REVOLUTIONS

Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein: Or, The Modern Prometheus* (Broadview) 9781554811038
G.W.F. Hegel, *Introduction to the Philosophy of History*, trans. L. Rauch (Hackett), 9780872200562
J.S. Mill, *On Liberty*, ed. L. Kahn (Broadview) 9781554810444
Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*, trans. L.M. Findlay (Broadview)
9781551113333
Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals and Ecce Homo*, trans. W. Kaufmann (Vintage)
9780679724629
*Fyodor Dostoyevsky, *Notes from Underground*, trans. R. Pevear (Vintage) 9780679734529
W.E.B. Du Bois, *Souls of Black Folk* (Dover) 9780486280417

Section VI THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD

T.S. Eliot, *The Waste Land* (Broadview Press) 9781551119687
Primo Levi, *The Drowned and the Saved* (Simon & Schuster) 9781501167638
Aimé Césaire, *The Tragedy of King Christophe* (Northwestern World Classics) 9780810130586
Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, trans. C. Borde (Vintage) 9780307277787
N. Scott Momaday, *House Made of Dawn* (Harper Perennial) 9780062909954
R. C. Lewontin, *Biology as Ideology: The Doctrine of DNA* (Anansi) 9780887845185