



Foundation Year Program Book List, 2026-2027

The following is a list of the books to be read for the Foundation Year Program 2026-2027. **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 (Penguin) 9780452006478

Virgil, *Aeneid*, trans. S. Ruden (Yale University Press) 9780300240108

**Bhagavad Gita*, trans. L. Patton (Penguin) 9780140447903

Section II THE MIDDLE AGES

The Holy Bible (Penguin) 9780452006478 [Note: Same text used in Section I]

Augustine, *The Confessions*, trans. H. Chadwick (Oxford World's Classics) 9780199537822

*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

Dante, *The Divine Comedy*, trans. M. Palma (WW Norton & Co) 9781324098522

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

Christopher Marlowe, *Doctor Faustus* (Penguin) 9780451531612

*Michel de Montaigne, *The Essays: A Selection*, trans. M.A. Screech (Penguin Classics)
9780140446029

William Shakespeare, *Hamlet*, ed. A.R. Braunmuller (Pelican Shakespeare) 9780143128540

Wu Cheng'en, *Monkey King – Journey to the West*, trans. J. Lovell (Penguin Classics) 9780143136309

Thomas Dekker, *The Shoemaker's Holiday* (Bloomsbury) 9780713673784

Section IV THE AGE OF REASON

René Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, trans. I. Johnston (Broadview) 9781554811526

Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*, Parts 1 and 2, ed. A.P. Martinich and B. Battiste (Broadview)
9781554810406

Baruch Spinoza, *Theologico-Political Treatise*, trans. S. Shirley (Hackett) 9780872206076

*Molière, *The Misanthrope, Tartuffe, and Other Plays*, trans. M. Slater (Oxford University Press)
9780199540181

John Locke, *The Second Treatise of Civil Government* (Broadview Press) 9781554811564

Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *The Fundamental Political Writings*, trans. I. Johnston (Broadview)
9781554812974

Quobna Ottobah Cugoana, *Thoughts and Sentiments on the Evil of Slavery* (Penguin Classics)
9780140447507

Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*, trans. T. K. Abbott (Broadview)
9781551115399

Jane Austen, *Persuasion*, ed. G. Beer (Penguin) 9780141439686

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

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*, trans. L.M. Findlay (Broadview)
9781551113333

*Georg Büchner, *Complete Plays, Lenz, and Other Writings* (Penguin), 9780140445862

J.S. Mill, *On Liberty*, ed. L. Kahn (Broadview) 9781554810444

Richard Wagner, *Tristan und Isolde* (Schirmer), 9780793514366

Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals and Ecce Homo*, trans. W. Kaufmann (Vintage)
9780679724629

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

Nella Larsen, *Passing* (Penguin Classics) 9780142437278

Primo Levi, *The Drowned and the Saved* (Simon & Schuster) 9781501167638

M. K. Gandhi, *An Autobiography: The Story of My Experiments with Truth* (Penguin) 9788172343118

Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, trans. C. Borde (Vintage) 9780307277787

Frantz Fanon, *The Wretched of the Earth*, trans. R. Philcox (Grove Press) 9780802158635

*N. Scott Momaday, *House Made of Dawn* (Harper Perennial) 9780062909954

R. C. Lewontin, *Biology as Ideology: The Doctrine of DNA* (Anansi) 9780887845185