



Classic Western Literature & Works

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Classic Western Literature

(Here are the books we choose from when we are putting together a Western Literature or History course)

(Advanced Middle School/High School/College/Adult)

Though Western literature includes American and British literature and works, these writings are not included—because they are in other lists (Classic American Literature & Works and Classic British Literature & Works)

Classic Western Literature is not necessarily Christian. The background of this collection of books is Jewish (Old Testament and Jewish writings), Christian (Old and New Testament and Christian writings) and Pagan (Ancient Roman & Ancient Greek).

- Aesop's Fables* by Aesop (Greek circa 600 B.C.)
- Collection of Fairy Tales by Hans Christian Anderson (Danish 1838)
- City of God* by St. Augustine (Latin 426)
- Confessions* by St. Augustine
- Don Quixote* by Miquel de Cervantes
- Diary of Christopher Columbus* by Christopher Columbus
- D'Aulaires' Book of Norse Myths* by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire
- Epic of Gilgamesh* (Mesopotamia 2100 B.C.) or *Gilgamesh the Hero* by Geraldine McCaughrean
- The Divine Comedy* (Ciardi translation) by Dante
- Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- The Brothers Karamoxov* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- The Three Musketeers* by Alexandre Dumas
- Twenty Years After* by Alexandre Dumas
- La Reine Margot* by Alexandre Dumas
- The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas
- Ecclesiastical History (The History of the Church: From Christ to Constantine)* by Eusebius
- The Holy Bible: Old Testament* inspired by Almighty God
- The Holy Bible: New Testament* inspired by Almighty God
- "Faust" by Wolfgang Goethe
- Pastoral Care* by Pope Gregory the Great
- Grimm's Fairy Tales* by Jacob & Wilhelm Grimm (German collected centuries old stories 1812)
- Histories* by Herodotus

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- Iliad* by Homer (Greek written circa 800 B.C., setting circa 1200 B.C.) or *The Iliad for Boys & Girls* by A.J. Church (we choose the second due to sexual content in *The Iliad*)
- Odyssey* by Homer (Greek written circa 800 B.C., setting circa 1200 B.C.) or *The Odyssey for Boys & Girls* by A.J. Church (we choose the second due to sexual content in *The Odyssey*)
- Hunchback of Notre Dame* by Victor Hugo
- Les Miserable* by Victor Hugo
- "A Doll's House" by Henrik Ibsen
- The Antiquities of the Jews* by Josephus
- The Great Roman-Jewish War* by Josephus
- "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka
- "The Necklace" by Guy de Maupassant
- Epic of Gilgamesh* (Mesopotamia 2100 B.C.) or *Gilgamesh the Hero* by Geraldine McCaughrean (we choose the second due to sexual content in *Epic of Gilgamesh*)
- "The Misanthrope" by Moliere
- The Arabian Nights* (Persian Middle Ages 700-1200)
- The Last Days of Socrates* by Plato
- "The Destruction of Pompeii" by Pliny the Younger
- Plutarch's Lives* by Plutarch (Latin circa A.D. 100)
- The Travels of Marco Polo* by Marco Polo
- "Cyrano de Bergerac" by Edmond Rostand
- Quo Vadis* by Henryk Sienkiewicz
- War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy
- Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy
- The Art of War* by Sun Tzu (Chinese circa 513 B.C.)
- Around the World in 80 Days* by Jules Verne
- Journey to the Center of the Earth* by Jules Verne
- Five Weeks in a Balloon* by Jules Verne
- The Mysterious Island* by Jules Verne
- In Search of the Castaways* by Jules Verne
- 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* by Jules Verne
- The Adventures of Captain Hatterus* by Jules Verne
- The Aeneid* by Virgil (Latin circa 20 B.C., setting circa 1200 B.C.) or *The Aeneid for Boys & Girls* by A.J. Church (we choose the second due to sexual content in *The Aeneid*)

WRITINGS:

- Complete Works* by Aristotle
- Complete Works* by Augustine
- Complete Works* by Thomas Aquinas
- Complete Works* by Martin Luther
- Complete Works* by John Calvin
- Complete Works* by John Huss

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- Writings* by Early Church Fathers

Poetry:

- "Song of Roland" by unknown, an epic poem about Battle of Roncevaux in 788 (French circa AD 1000)

Hymns:

- St. Francis of Assisi
- Pope Gregory
- Martin Luther

Sermons:

- Martin Luther
- John Calvin



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