

Connecticut College – Department of Slavic Studies
Recommended Reading for Slavic Studies Majors and Minors

Old Russian Literature

The Primary Chronicle (excerpts)
The Lay of Igor's Campaign (The Igor Tale)
The Life of Archpriest Avvakum
Russian folk tales (selections)

Nineteenth-Century Russian Literature

Aleksandr Pushkin

selected lyrics
Eugene Onegin
The Queen of Spades
“The Bronze Horseman”

Nikolai Gogol

Petersburg Tales (esp. “The Nose,” “The Overcoat,” and “Nevsky Prospect”)
The Inspector General
Dead Souls

Mikhail Lermontov

selected lyrics
A Hero of Our Time

Ivan Turgenev

Notes from a Hunter's Album
Fathers and Children

Ivan Goncharov, *Oblomov*

Fyodor Dostoevsky

Notes from the Underground
Crime and Punishment
The Idiot
The Devils (a.k.a. *The Possessed*)
The Brothers Karamazov

Lev Tolstoy

Childhood
War and Peace
Anna Karenina
Death of Ivan Ilych
Hadji Murat

Anton Chekhov

“Man in a Case”
“A Dull Story”
“Lady with a Dog”
“Ward Number 6”
Uncle Vanya
Three Sisters
The Cherry Orchard

Twentieth-Century Russian Literature

Aleksandr Blok, selected poems; “The Twelve”

Andrei Bely, *Peterburg*

Anna Akhmatova, selected poetry, “Requiem,” “Poem without a Hero”

Osip Mandelstam, selected poetry

Vladimir Mayakovsky, selected poetry, “A Cloud in Trousers”

Boris Pasternak, selected poetry; *Doctor Zhivago*

Marina Tsvetaeva, selected poetry

Mikhail Bulgakov, *Master and Margarita*, *Heart of a Dog*

Isaac Babel', *Red Cavalry*

Yuri Olesha, *Envy*

Evgeny Zamyatin, *We*

Mikhail Zoshchenko, selected stories

Daniil Kharms, selected stories

Andrei Platonov, *The Foundation Pit*

Solzhenitsyn, *A Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*

Voynovich, *The Life and Extraordinary Adventures of Private Chonkin*

Central and East European Authors

Gombrowicz, *Ferdydurke*, *Cosmos*, *Pornografia*

Milosz, selected poetry

Szyborska, selected poetry

Kundera, *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*

Hrabal, *I Served the King of England*

Secondary Sources

Berdyaev, Nikolai, *The Russian Idea*

Raeff, Marc, *Russian Intellectual History*

Terras, Victor, *A History of Russian Literature; Handbook of Russian Literature*

Tolstaya, Tatiana, *Pushkin's Children*

Walicki, Andrzej, *A History of Russian Thought from the Enlightenment to Marxism*