



The Great Books Reference Selections

These are works that should be incorporated as references and resources in some fashion. At the very least, the students should become familiar with the contributions of the authors and the importance of these works.

Science:

- J Henri Fabre - Souvenirs Entomologiques
- Galen - On the Natural Faculties
- Harvey - On the Motion of the Heart and Blood in Animals
- Mendel - Plant Hybridization
- Archimedes - On Floating Bodies
- Lavoisier - Elements of Chemistry
- Pascal - Treatise on the Weight of the Mass of Air
- Galileo - Two New Sciences
- Newton - Optics
- Huygens - Treatise on Light
- Faraday - Experimental Researches in Electricity
- Darwin - Origin of the Species
- St Augustine - Literal Interpretation of Genesis

Math:

- Euclid - Elements
- Copernicus - Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres

Literature:

- Sophocles - Oedipus Tyrranus, Antigone
- Aristotle - Poetics, Rhetoric
- Homer - Iliad, Odyssey
- Virgil - Aeneid
- Shakespeare - Julius Caesar, Hamlet, King Lear, Macbeth
- Milton - Paradise Lost
- Swift - Gulliver's Travels
- O'Connor - A Good Man is Hard to Find; The Enduring Chill

Philosophy:

- Pre-Socratic Philosophers
- Plato - Dialogues (Meno, Apology, Crito, Republic)
- Cicero - On Duties
- St. Augustine - On the Teacher
- St. Thomas Aquinas - On the Teacher
- Dante - Inferno
- St. John Paul II - Veritatis Splendor

Latin:

- The Vulgate
- Horace, Cicero selections
- St Thomas Aquinas - selections from Summa Theologiae
- Text of the Mass

Theology:

- The Holy Bible
- St Augustine - On Christian Doctrine, Confessions
- St Athanasius - On the Incarnation
- St John Damascene - Exposition of the Orthodox Faith
- St Thomas Aquinas - Summa Theologiae
- St John Paul II - Veritatis Splendor
- Pius XII - Humani Generis
- Leo XIII - Rerum Novarum, Aeterni Patris
- Sheed - Theology and Sanity, Theology for Beginners