

2020/21 Great Books Readings

- 9/8/2020 *Pensées*, Blaise Pascal (Great Conversations I)
- 9/22/2020 Poetry Comparison
Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking, Walt Whitman (Great Conversations I)
I started Early and Because I could not stop for Death, Emily Dickinson
- 10/13/2020 *Introduction to the Second Sex*, Simone de Beauvoir (Great Conversations III)
- 10/27/2020 *In the Penal Colony*, Franz Kafka (52 pages), PDF available on-line
- 11/10/2020 *Henry IV, Part II*, William Shakespeare (Independent selection)
- 12/8/2020 On Justice, Power, and Human Nature, Thucydides (216 pages), PDF available on-line
- 1/12/2021 *The Plague*, Albert Camus (308 pages), readers need to purchase/borrow the book)
- 1/26/2021 *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, Frederick Douglass (154 pages), readers need to purchase/borrow the book; Discussion Guide in Great Conversations I)
- 2/9/2021 *Tell Me A Riddle*, Tillie Olesen (Great Conversations I)
- 2/23/2021 *Boys and Girls*, Alice Munro (Great Conversations I)
- 3/9/2021 *The Value of Science*, Henri Poincare (Great Conversations I)
- 3/23/2021 *The Fall of the House of Usher*, Edger Allen Poe (Great Conversations II)
- 4/13/2021 *Theory of the Leisure Class**, Thorstein Veblen (Great Conversations I)
- 4/27/2021 *The Secret Sharer*, Joseph Conrad (Great Conversations I)
- 5/11/2021 *Six Characters in Search of an Author*, Luigi Pirandello (Great Conversations III)
- 5/25/2021 *The Matter of Seggri*, Ursula Le Guin (A short story in *The Birthday of the World: and Other Stories*, readers need to purchase/borrow the book)

- 6/8/2021 *Bartleby the Scrivener: A Story of Wall Street*, Herman Melville (Great Conversations II)
- 6/22/2021 *A Good Man Is Hard to Find*, Flannery O'Connor (15 pages) PDF available on-line
- 7/13/2021 *Born A Crime*, Trevor Noah (288 pages), (readers need to purchase/borrow the book)
- 7/27/2021 *The Pardoners Tale, Canterbury Tales*, Geoffrey Chaucer (Great Conversations III)
- 8/10/2021 *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding**, David Hume (Great Conversations III)
- 8/24/2021 *A Defense of Poetry*, Percy Bysshe Shelley (Great Conversations III)

*Indicates a selection from a longer work.

Note: Great Conversations I, Great Conversations II and Great Conversations III are compendia published by the Great Books Foundation and available from their website.