

During Year 10 and 11, you need to start broadening your reading habits; try something a bit more challenging.....

19th Century

Gulliver's Travels	Jonathan Swift	Unusual peoples, creatures and lands on this great heroic journey
Pride and Prejudice	Jane Austen	Love, romance, handsome men, gossip and (some) happy endings
Frankenstein	Mary Shelley	Original sci-fi about consequences of creating a monster
Ivanhoe	Sir Walter Scott	Historical adventure with knights, castles and witch-burnings
Jane Eyre	Charlotte Bronte	Gothic "autobiographical" drama with fantastic plot revelation!
The Tenant of Wildfell Hall	Anne Bronte	Woman runs away from dark secrets of Victorian marriage
Wuthering Heights	Emily Bronte	Forbidden, everlasting and destructive love in Yorkshire
David Copperfield	Charles Dickens	'Autobiographical' adventures /mistreated orphan 19th C London
The Woman in White	Wilkie Collins	Mystery, love, intrigue, plot twists and melodramatic villains
The Mill on the Floss	George Eliot	Love triangle, family loyalty and a compelling heroine.
Crime and Punishment	Fyodor Dostoevsky	Desperate student resorts to evil, but will he be found out?
The Turn of the Screw	Henry James	Gothic ghost story about a governess left in a 'haunted' house.
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain	Friendship and loyalty in US slave society
Three Men in a Boat	Jerome K. Jerome	Hilarious river-trip of three gentlemen of leisure
The Portrait of Dorian Gray	Oscar Wilde	Lots of 'talk' but one hell of a plot!
Tess of the d'Urbervilles	Thomas Hardy	Idyllic, tragic rural melodrama set in Dorset
The Diary of a Nobody	C. & W. Grossmith	Funny mock diary of a middle-class gent determined to get ahead
Dracula	Bram Stoker	Classic vampire tale told in epistolary style - very creepy
A Study in Scarlet	Arthur Conan-Doyle	Holmes' first outing, with amazing time slip drama midway through
Madame Bovary	Gustave Flaubert	Tragic tale of vain woman frustrated by the constraints of her life

Early - Mid 20TH Century

Heart of Darkness	Joseph Conrad	Tales within tales about a man's journey into undiscovered Africa
A Room with a View	E.M.Forster	Even Edwardian teenagers had love troubles!
Collected Short Stories	Katherine Mansfield	Mansfield wrote beautiful observations of small-town life in NZ
Sons and Lovers	D.H.Lawrence	Family conflict, difficult liaisons, bohemian life and class struggle
Dubliners	James Joyce	Short stories capturing all sides of life in early 20th C Dublin
Metamorphosis	Franz Kafka	Poignant story about a man who changes into a huge insect!
The Return of the Soldier	Rebecca West	Lives change when a traumatised soldier returns from WW1
A Passage to India	E.M.Forster	The English in India and the beginnings of the nationalist uprising
The Trial	Franz Kafka	A man imprisoned struggles to find out what crime he's committed.
Mrs. Dalloway	Virginia Woolf	People detached from society struggle with aftermath of WW1
Clive Constantine	P.G.Wodehouse	Wise butler looks after foolish upper-class gentleman - v. funny
Decline and Fall	Evelyn Waugh	Unfortunate student is victim of forces beyond his control
Frost in May	Antonia White	Horrors of boarding school in early 20th century Convent
Down and Out in Paris and London	George Orwell	Real-life experiences of the author at the edges of society
Tender is the Night	F.Scott Fitzgerald	Epitome of glamorous life in 20s/30s Europe with dark undertones
Murder in Mesopotamia	Agatha Christie	Classic Christie mystery set in archaeological dig in 1920s Iraq
Rebecca	Daphne du Maurier	Mystery set in atmospheric Cornwall mansion with a 'dead' villain
Brighton Rock	Graham Greene	Young boy tries to prove himself in gang / violent culture
The Big Sleep	Raymond Chandler	Detective Marlowe on the seedy side of glamorous L.A. society
Darkness at Noon	Arthur Koestler	Political prison novel set in Stalinist Russia
1984	George Orwell	Bleak, dystopian view of the future, lots of political commentary
Fahrenheit 451	Ray Bradbury	Set in future, hedonistic society which is anti-intellectual
The Old Man and the Sea	Ernest Hemingway	Small/perfectly formed story of perseverance
The Go-Between	L. P. Hartley	Grown-up behaviour /love across the classes from child's perspective
Jules and Jim	Henri-Pierre Roché	Beautifully written and sad love-story set in pre-WW1 Europe
The Lord of the Flies	William Golding	Boys abandoned on an island struggle to maintain a civil society
Lolita	Vladimir Nabokov	Controversial story about a man obsessed with a young girl
Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe	Imperialism and its effects on small village life in Africa
To Kill a Mockingbird	Harper Lee	Racial prejudice and fighting for justice in southern USA

The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie

	Muriel Spark	Schoolgirls, loyalty, betrayal and jealousy in 1930s Edinburgh
A Clockwork Orange	Anthony Burgess	Disturbing vision of future Britain - very violent and unpleasant!
The Bell Jar	Sylvia Plath	Girl becomes increasingly depressed and trapped in New York
A Kestrel for a Knave (Kes)	Barry Hines	Boy finds unusual friendship and an escape from a cruel environment
I'm The King of the Castle	Susan Hill	Psychological, disturbing thriller - two boys who hate each other
Roll of Thunder Hear my Cry	Mildred Taylor	Life for black family during The Depression in southern states US

Late 20TH Century - 2011

The Colour Purple	Alice Walker	Horrific but ultimately uplifting life of young woman in 1930s USA
The Woman in Black	Susan Hill	Atmospheric ghost story with great plot twist
Perfume	Patrick Suskind	The evil deeds of a man born with amazing sense of smell
The Handmaid's Tale	Margaret Atwood	Futuristic tale set in monotheistic society - an absorbing read
Beloved	Toni Morrison	Harrowing and supernatural story set just after the end of slavery
Northern Lights	Phillip Pullman	Exciting adventure which explores BIG issues - why are we here?
The Wind-up Bird Chronicle	Haruki Murakami	Chain of events about man whose life is not as boring as it seems
Hideous Kinky	Esther Freud	Childhood of 2 sisters dragged around 1960s Morocco by mother
Life of Pi	Yann Martel	Boy adrift in the Pacific with a tiger on board desperate to survive
The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseni	Moving story about Afghanistan refugee haunted by his past
Small Island	Andrea Levy	Drama/mystery about Jamaican immigrants' experiences in UK
Never Let me Go	Kazuo Ishiguro	Bleak outlook for young people raised in mysterious institution
The Historian	Elizabeth Kostova	Very scary time slip adventure exploring the Dracula myth
Arthur and George	Julian Barnes	Amazingly detailed biography, crime story, and search for justice

Fantasy and Science-Fiction

The Time Machine	H.G.Wells	Classic time-travel adventurer travels into the future
The War of the Worlds	H.G.Wells	Aliens invade a very English way of life at end of 19th century
Brave New World	Aldous Huxley	A vision of the future where life seems to be all about pleasure!
The Hobbit	J. R. R. Tolkien	Tolkien's first long story set in 'Middle Earth'
Titus Groan	Mervyn Peake	Fantasy set within the walls of the strange castle of Gormenghast
The Lord of the Rings	J. R. R. Tolkien	Middle Earth quest / adventure with Frodo and his followers
The Day of the Triffids	John Wyndham	Interfering with nature means post-apocalyptic survival struggle
I am legend	Richard Matheson	One man's struggle to stay alive amidst zombie/vampire onslaught
The Colour of Magic	Terry Pratchett	Fantasy and humour combined set in the famous 'Discworld'
The Hitch-hikers guide to the galaxy	Douglas Adams	Two quirky adventurers travel across the Universe for 'research'
Neverwhere	Neil Gaiman	City worker falls into alternative world beneath modern London
The Road	Cormac McCarthy	Truly bleak post-apocalyptic vision of the break-up of society
Thirteen	Sebastian Beaumont	Mysterious, strange, and unexplained events going on in Brighton

Historical interest:

Precious Bane	Mary Webb	Girl lives with facial disability and superstition in 19th C rural UK
All Quiet on the Western Front	Erich Remarque	Experiences of WW1 told by a German soldier in the trenches
I, Claudius	Robert Graves	Roman political intrigue - full of villainy and backstabbing
The Pianist	Władysław Szpilman	Jewish pianist's real-life struggle to stay alive in Warsaw ghetto
The Diary of a Young Girl	Anne Frank	Famous diary of Anne who hid from the Nazis in an attic for 2 yrs
One day in the life of Ivan Denisovitch	Alexander Solzhenitsyn	Fictional account of life in a Siberian concentration camp
As I walked out one midsummer morning	Laurie Lee	Author's experiences of life during the Spanish Civil War
The Siege of Krishnapur	J.G.Farrell	Story set against the background of the Indian Uprising of 1851
The Pillars of the Earth	Ken Follett	Amazing saga set in 12th century Britain during a time of civil war
Wild Swans	Jung Chang	Biography of 3 women living through China's troubled history
Regeneration	Pat Barker	Anti-war story of WW1 combines some real events and characters
Birdsong	Sebastian Faulks	One man's experiences of trench- horror as a tunneler in WW1

Dissolution	C.J.Sansom	Murder-mystery in Sussex monastery during reign of Henry VIII
The Book Thief	Markus Zusak	Life for a young girl in Nazi Germany during WW2
Wolf Hall	Hilary Mantel	Brilliant political intrigue with Cromwell and Henry VIII /Tudors
<u>"Rites of Passage" Fiction</u>		
The Member of the Wedding	Carson McCullers	Troubled adolescent desperate to escape small-town life
I Capture the Castle	Dodi Smith	Young girl with eccentric family experiences first love
The Catcher in the Rye	J. D. Salinger	Classic teenage rebel with a big R runs away to New York
My Family and Other Animals	Gerald Durrell	Madcap adventures of unique family in pre-war Corfu
The Outsiders	S.E.Hinton	Boys on the wrong side of the tracks and gang warfare
The Magic Toyshop	Angela Carter	Disconcerting tale of orphan girl growing up in family of toymakers
True Grit	Charles Portiss	Gutsy teenage girl in Wild West seeks to avenge a family murder
The Rachel Papers	Martin Amis	Trendy know-it-all nearly ruins his chances with girl and University
The Wasp Factory	Iain Banks	Strange and macabre life of isolated Scottish boy
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole	Sue Townsend	Hilarious antics of famous 13 year old and his embarrassing family
Oranges are not the only fruit	Jeanette Winterson	Bizarre and alternative childhood in 1970s Yorkshire
Circle of Friends	Maeve Binchey	Coming of age in 1950s Ireland - heart-warming and funny
(Un)arranged Marriage	Bali Rai	British Asian teenager comes to terms with identity and nationality
The Rotters' Club	Jonathan Coe	Growing up in 70s Birmingham - family tragedy, exams and first love
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time	Mark Haddon	Autistic boy's life who loves Holmes told from unique perspective
Bog Child	Siobhan Dowd	Teenage boy living with conflict in Northern Ireland in the 80s
Submarine	Joe Dunthorne	Funny account of troubled teen's search for answers about his life
Boys Don't Cry	Malorie Blackman	Teenage parenthood from the boy's point of view
<u>Graphic Novels</u>		
Watchmen	Alan Moore	Alternative reality - superheroes fight to prevent nuclear disaster
Maus	Art Spiegelmann	Holocaust survival and life in New York in Graphic Novel form
From Hell	Alan Moore	Gothic overtones and evil machinations in Victorian Britain
Persepolis	Marjane Satrapi	Autobiographical story about growing up in Iran during revolutions
Palestine	Joe Sacco	Tells the story of the author's experiences in Palestine in the 80s
Scott Pilgrim	Bryan Lee O'Malley	The troubled love-life and musical career of the endearing hero
<u>'Grown-up' Novels</u>		
Brother of the More Famous Jack	Barbara Trapido	First love, university and coping with the grown-up world
Illywhacker	Peter Carey	'Biography' of amusing Australian with long and eventful life
The Secret History	Donna Tartt	University students caught up in search for terrifying secrets
Captain Corelli's Mandolin	Louis de Bernieres	Love story set against the harsh reality of war in the Greek islands
Cold Mountain	Charles Frazier	Odyssey of soldier trying to get back to girlfriend after civil war
Ghostwritten	David Mitchell	Modern day global journey told by intertwined narrators
English Passengers	Matthew Kneale	Funny / satirical story about misguided expedition to Tasmania
Atonement	Ian McEwan	WW2 adventure explores writer / character / reader relationship
Fingersmith	Sarah Waters	More twists than a roller-coaster in this Victorian adventure
Everything is Illuminated	Jonathan Safran Foer	Bittersweet journey of discovery into Nazi past in The Ukraine
If Nobody speaks of remarkable things	Jon McGregor	A horrific event occurs in one moment and affects individual lives
Labyrinth	Kate Mosse	A hunt for clues and a timeslip mystery set in southern France
<u>Mostly Men</u>		
Lord Jim	Joseph Conrad	Young Naval captain who seeks to atone for past misdeeds
Catch 22	Joseph Heller	Satirical story of platoon stationed on Mediterranean island/WW2
Dune	Frank Herbert	Sci-fi set in future combines family saga, politics and tribal battles
The Shining	Stephen King	Very creepy psychological ghost story - a gripping read
Master and Commander	Patrick O'Brien	Sea and spy adventures set against background of Napoleonic wars

Fever Pitch	Nick Hornby	How one man's obsession with Arsenal football club affects his life
Hi Fidelity	Nick Hornby	Record-store manager driven by love of music and love of girl
Sharpe's Tiger	Bernard Cornwell	Adventures of fearless, down-to-earth hero in Napoleonic wars
Under the Eagle	Simon Scarrow	Tales of bravery and adventure in 1st Cent. Roman Europe/Britain
Imperium	Robert Harris	Political intrigue in ancient Rome based on the life of Cicero
Fight Club	Chuck Palahniuk	Dark and menacing vision of the pitfalls of contemporary life

Mostly Women

Behind the Scenes at the Museum

	Kate Atkinson	Past secrets revealed in this gipping family drama set in York
Possession	A.S.Byatt	Literary detective story/ forbidden love in two different centuries
Divine Secrets of the Ya Ya Sisterhood	Rebecca Wells	Traumatic mother/daughter relationship in this delightful book
The Other Boleyn Girl	Phillipa Gregory	Sisterly rivalry at the court of Henry VIII
Unless	Carol Shields	Story of mother whose daughter has decided to live on the streets
The Time Traveller's Wife	Audrey Niffenegger	Being married to time-traveller presents some interesting problem
Anybody out there?	Marian Keyes	Life-changing event told with humour and realism - gripping read
The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society	Mary Ann Shaffe / Annie Barrows	Experiences of living under under Nazi occupation of Guernsey

Try these websites for more ideas:

<http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk/> - a great site that tells you all about every book ever written by an author.

http://www.amazon.co.uk/ref=gno_logo - you can get lots of ideas if you enter a search into the 'listmania' drop down menu on the top search toolbar.

<http://www.goodreads.com/> - an online reading community where you can get lots of ideas from its huge database of readers' reviews.