



SAT Reading List to Build Comprehension

A guide on reading materials to boost your reading/writing score on the SAT.

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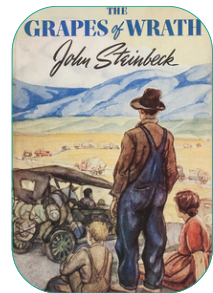
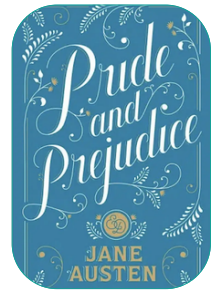
Introduction

It has long been taught that reading more is the only way to improve your SAT reading/writing score. While this may or may not be true, larger gaps in scoring can be resolved by putting in the effort to read. However, certain books/reading materials undeniably boost comprehension and fluency more than others. Look no further than this guide for the best reading recommendations!

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Books

- Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
- Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens
- Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain
- The Call of the Wild by Jack London
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- The Color Purple by Alice Walker
- The Great Gatsby by M. Scott Fitzgerald



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Poetry

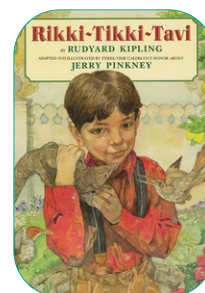
- A Psalm of Life by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- The Raven by Edgar Allen Poe
- Charge of the Light Brigade by Alfred Tennyson
- O Captain! My Captain! by Walt Whitman
- Ozymandias by Percy Bysshe Shelley
- The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock by T. S. Eliot
- The Road Not Taken by Robert Frost
- Invictus by William Ernest Henley
- Still I Rise by Maya Angelou



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Short Stories

- The Cask of Amontillado by Edgar Allan Poe
- The Gift of the Magi by O. Henry
- My Lady Love, My Dove by Roald Dahl
- Harrison Bergeron by Kurt Vonnegut
- Little Girls Wiser than Men by Leo Tolstoy
- The Necklace by Guy de Maupassant
- Rikki-Tikki-Tavi by Rudyard Kipling
- Taste by Roald Dahl
- A Lamb to the Slaughter by Roald Dahl
- The Man and the Snake by Ambrose Bierce



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Newspapers/Articles

- The Economist
- The New York Times
- The Wall Street Journal
- South China Morning Post
- The Awful German Language by Mark Twain
- A Modest Proposal by Jonathan Swift
- Advice to the Youth by Mark Twain



Conclusion

While your SAT score might not improve in an hour or two, reading from the right materials can indeed greatly boost your score. As opposed to math or writing, reading is a skill that can't be crammed: you must build it over time. Try implementing 30 minutes – 1 hour of outside reading to your SAT practice daily! Sooner or later you will see your SAT score increase dramatically. Best of luck and keep pushing yourself with your SAT studying; you got this!