

Sunday News

Reading Lists Special

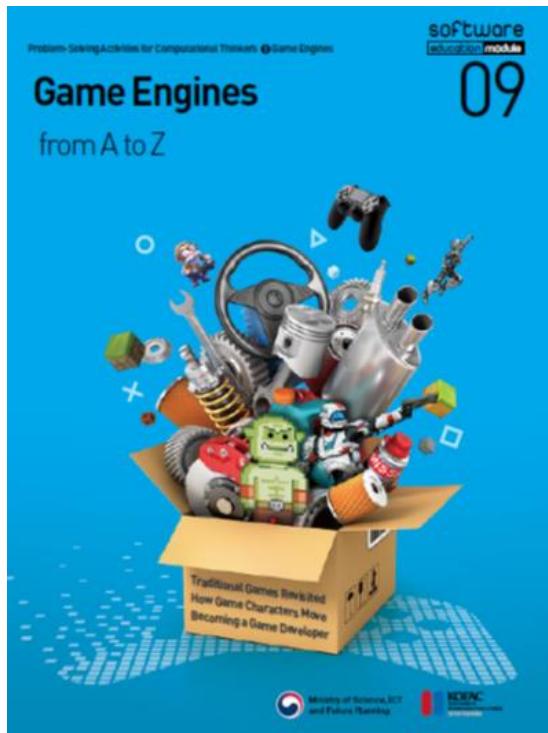
Recommendations for reading lists:

- Pre-University recommended readings;
- Examples of reading lists for University students;
- Personal recommendations.

Pre- University recommended readings

[Readings for K-12 at Brookline, MA](#)

[Tech literacy and DIY projects for K-9 in South Korea](#) (must read)



[Teaching Portuguese in Portugal's high school system](#)

[Portugal's National Reading Plan](#)

Examples of recommended readings for University students

[Queens College, Oxford University](#)

[Kings College, Cambridge University](#)

[Opens Syllabus project \(readings for thousands of courses around the World\)](#)

Harvard Reading List Top 10

Rank	Count	Score	Text
1	60	97.8	Letter From the Birmingham Jail King, Martin Luther, Jr., 1929-1968
2	50	100.0	The Elements of Style Strunk, William, 1869-1946
3	49	33.9	Leadership Without Easy Answers Heifetz, Ronald A. (Ronald Abadian), 1951
4	45	97.2	The Clash of Civilizations Huntington, Samuel P.
5	44	24.3	Thinking, Fast and Slow Kahneman, Daniel, 1934
6	43	99.1	The Prince Machiavelli, Niccolò, 1469-1527
7	43	17.3	A Primer for Policy Analysis Stokey, Edith
8	43	92.7	A Theory of Justice Rawls, John, 1921-2002
9	39	81.9	Principles of Corporate Finance Brealey, Richard A.
10	39	6.0	Thank You for Arguing : What Aristotle, Lincoln, and Homer Simpson Can Teach Us About the Art of Persuasion Heinrichs, Jay

MIT courses reading lists are available at [Open Courseware](#)

Personal recommendations

Tiago Carita asked for five books. I stopped at twenty.

Fundamentals

James Newman, Editor, “The World of Mathematics”, 1988 **available at YDreams building**
<https://www.amazon.com/World-Mathematics-Volumes-Set/dp/1556151489>

Ralph Waldo Emerson, “Self-Reliance”, 1841 **text fully available**
<http://transcendentalism-legacy.tamu.edu/authors/emerson/essays/selfreliance.html>

Richard Feynman, “The Feynman Lectures on Physics”, 1966 **text fully available**
<http://www.feynmanlectures.caltech.edu/>

William Strunk, “Elements of Style”, 1918 **text fully available**
<http://www.jlakes.org/ch/web/The-elements-of-style.pdf>

On quality

Robert Pirsig, “Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance”, 1974 **text fully available**
<https://www.bartneck.de/projects/research/pirsig/zen.pdf>

Richard Sennett, “The Craftsman”, 2008 **available at YDreams building**
<https://www.amazon.com/Craftsman-Richard-Sennett/dp/0300151195>
<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2008/feb/09/society>

Random stimulation

Douglas Hofstadter, "Godel, Escher, Bach", 1979 **text fully available**
<https://www.physixfan.com/wp-content/files/GEBen.pdf>

Neil Gershenfeld, "When Things Start to Think", 1998 **text fully available**
<https://archive.org/details/whenthingsstartt00neil>

Stewart Brand, "Whole Earth Catalog", 1968 **available at YDreams building**
<http://www.wholeearth.com/index.php>

Innovations

Chris Kraft, "Flight: My Life in Mission Control", 2002 **available at YDreams building**
<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/141498.Flight>

Spencer Ante, "Creative Capital: Georges Doriot and the Birth of Venture Capital", 2008
available at YDreams building
<https://creativecapital.wordpress.com/about/>

Revolutions

Abbie Hoffman, "Steal this Book", 1971 **text fully available**
https://archive.org/stream/pdfy-TNIDHryRlk4DXKAU/Steal%20This%20Book_djvu.txt

Peter Kropotkin, "Memories of a Revolutionist", 1899 **text fully available**
<https://archive.org/details/memoirsofrevolut02kropuoft/page/n8>

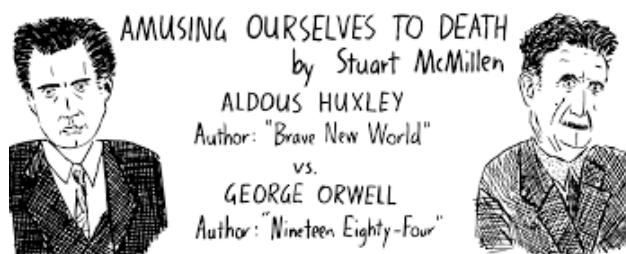
Future visions

Aldous Huxley, "Brave New World", 1932 **text fully available**
<http://idph.com.br/conteudos/ebooks/BraveNewWorld.pdf>

Frank Herbert, "Dune", 1965 **text fully available**
https://archive.org/stream/frank-herbert-dune-1-dune/frank-herbert-dune-1-dune_djvu.txt
Dune by Jodorowski, a documentary about the greatest film never made
<http://www.jodorowskysdune.com/>

George Orwell, "1984", 1949 **text fully available**
<http://home.ufam.edu.br/edsonpenafort/GEORGE%20ORWELL%20-%201984.pdf>

See <https://highexistence.com/amusing-ourselves-to-death-huxley-vs-orwell/>



Storytelling

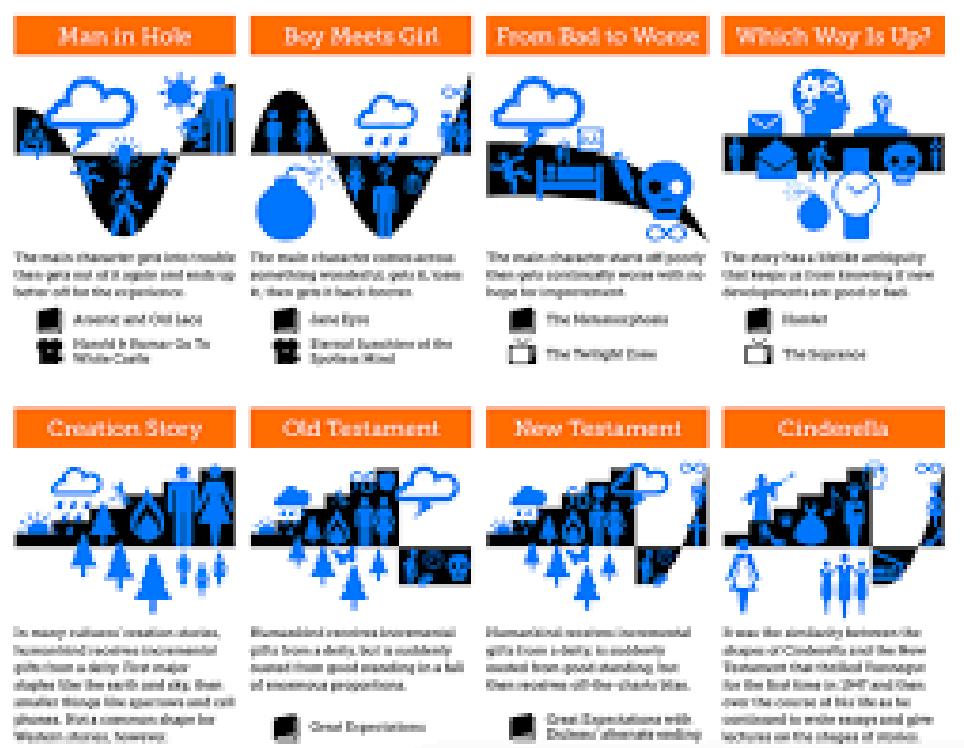
Joseph Conrad, "Heart of Darkness", 1902 **text fully available**
<https://www.planetebook.com/free-ebooks/heart-of-darkness.pdf>

See "Hearts of Darkness", on the making of Apocalypse Now inspired on Conrad's master piece <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfYy36b0URI>

Kurt Vonnegut, "Cat's Cradle", 1963 **text fully available**
https://7chan.org/lit/src/Cat's_Cradle.pdf

"Tiger got to hunt, bird got to fly;
Man got to sit and wonder 'why, why, why?'
Tiger got to sleep, bird got to land;
Man got to tell himself he understands."

See Shapes of Stories by Kurt Vonnegut <https://youtu.be/oP3c1h8v2ZQ>



The tech World today

Elad Gil, "High Growth Handbook", 2019 **text fully available**
<http://growth.eladgil.com/book/introduction/how-to-use-this-book/>

Peter Thiel and Blake Masters, "Zero to One", 2014 **text fully available** at Blake Masters blog
<https://www.amazon.com/Zero-One-Notes-Startups-Future/dp/0804139296>
<http://blakemasters.com/peter-thiels-cs183-startup>