**READING FOR EDUCATION (COMMITTEE) 9th Edition May 27, 2023**

**Listen to this Cliff High pod cast:** [**https://clifhigh.substack.com/p/dwapara-virtue#details**](https://clifhigh.substack.com/p/dwapara-virtue#details)

**Teach yourself and your children to learn how to learn and most Importantly learn how you learn and how your children learn.**

**How you learn changes over time and as you grow. This is a very important concept because it is different for all people and our schools most recently have had the philosophy that everyone learns the same way at the same time and the same age. Thus children and students are taught has if they are all the same when they are NOT.**

**Cliff thinks schools should abandon the teaching of subjects because our societies have so very much information to absorb and much that has been very important has been hidden.**

This list is NOT final and I request any of you to send recommendations for it. I am putting in bold highly recommended books and videos.

I am a firm believer of learning history through autobiography and biography. Much should be taught that way in school and it is far more interesting and compelling for young minds. I bought very easy biographies for my students and they thoroughly enjoyed them.

There is a tremendous amount of reading and work to be done. This may take a couple of

years and steady work. But it will pay off. My personal library is HUGE. It would take me

a year or more to list all of the books I own – many rooms full.

Anna Von Reitz’ posts on her website Annavonreitz.com – read from the last posts back

\*Read book: **You Know Something is Wrong When…an American Affidavit of Probable Cause.**

Suggest you read more than once and take notes. The content is actually dense

America… Some Assembly Required

**Anna Von Reitz post: “Blow by Blow from the Informer” – be sure to click on MORE and read. It will shock you if you are paying attention to what is said.**

Go to RonPaulCurriculum.com for an excellent home-schooling program.

You can even watch - for FREE - a 40 lesson Study Skills Course: [http://RPCStudySkills.com](https://www.youtube.com/redirect?event=video_description&redir_token=QUFFLUhqbnhsT21Ic2IxSlhPeG5vMGtOSDlZOGFpNW54UXxBQ3Jtc0tucG5MYzAtLTJERGhzOVp5SDRneHBSSlFib0ktVnBzMVNFUjZCb25CV3gwUGhpaWdENENzWVlrQ1I2UC1mOUEwLUJseFhUVWFMRnhGcm9SNVNFdTZwQnl4c2dIN0ZsYm5raEJKTUhyVXJhVHl6eDVwVQ&q=http%3A%2F%2FRPCStudySkills.com%2F&v=YzVFzdSumaQ) Success stories? We have great success stories! Secret to Homeschool Success [https://youtu.be/mmDfeVsO0cY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmDfeVsO0cY&t=0s) Homeschool For Success - One Student's Amazing Journey [https://youtu.be/FcKiLIwxxoE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FcKiLIwxxoE&t=0s)

**LAW**

\*The Constitution of 1787

\*The Northwest Ordinance

Treaty with the Iroquois

Treaty of Ghent

**STATUTORY LAW: Jurisdictions – ADMIRALTY, MARITINE, LAND AND SOIL**

[**https://www.bitchute.com/video/c04ffAiftyS0**](https://www.bitchute.com/video/c04ffAiftyS0) **SGT Report Interviews Dr. K.L. on law - Powerful!**

David E. Robinson: The UCC Connection: How to Free Yourself From Legal Tyranny – November 6, 2013

David E. Robinson: Meet Your Strawman: And Whatever You Want to Know

David E. Robinson, Do a search on Amazon.com. David has written too many books to list here.

Richard W. Stevens**:** The Six Things Americans Should Know About the Second Amendment.   
 <http://jpfo.org/filegen-n-z/six-about-2nd.htm>

**COMMON LAW**

\***The Excellence of the Common Law** by Brent Winters; work through the accompanying workbook

**The Juror Handbook** by Brent Winters

**They Own It All (Including You)!: By Means of Toxic Currency -** Ronald MacDonald Excellent summary

Natural Law – Anna Von Reitz, Sacha Stone, Dr. David Martin, Renette Senum:

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/grPlJfnZ9oTQ/>

**Magna Carta**

**Charter of the Forest** – Foundation of the Land and Soil Law

Thomas E. Woods, Jr. – Who Killed the Constitution?

Rollback: Killing Big Government Before the Coming Fiscal Collapse –

(Fat chance – it is here already).

\*Sign up and take “**The Sovereign Man.com**” course on line ($497.00 –reduced to $297 for a group of at

least 12 people) a great investment to know how to deal with the courts and to manage

yourself) -They do not deal with American Law i.e. statues; IRS, American Taxes, etc.

You can listen to each video many times –

Lesson 2.2 is an ongoing self-analysis You will need to visit it regularly as what you enter one day will lead to layers of memories to be uncovered.

You may want to start some journals.

Do set up a book to take notes as you go through the course

**I asked a question regarding allodial title and was told “we don’t do American Law.”**

Richard’s course is free, but you have to downlead his old videos. Their organization is not

clear and there are a huge amount of attachments to download and read.

[Thomas Kabis](https://www.amazon.com/Thomas-Kabis/e/B00J1O9NZY/ref=dp_byline_cont_ebooks_1), **Land Patents: The Ultimate Protection of Your Land** Kindle Edition

Ron Gibson, **Bringing Your Land Patent Claire Forward**

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TASA Website: Plot your Course.

This website is up dated frequently. We need to return to it a read it.

They should notify us when they do updates that pertain to people who have already corrected their political status.

**HISTORY:**

**AMERICAN All of these books are important but I can’t highlight all of them.**

Benjamin Franklin - **Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin (unfinished)**

Noah Webster -**History of the United States** – Early history of this country in detail

Hamilton, Madison, *et al*. **The Federalist Papers**

Our History - [Founding Fathers of America: George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1987471202/ref=ox_sc_act_title_9?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1)

Madison, Larson - **The Constitutional Convention: A Narrative History from the Notes of James Madison James Madison and the Struggle for the Bill of Rights (Pivotal Moments in American History)**

J. Madison - [**Selected Writings of James Madison** (American Heritage Series)](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0872206955/ref=ox_sc_act_title_13?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1)

Lynne Cheney - James Madison: a Life Reconsidered

Thomas Jefferson – On Line - Notes on the State of Virginia: (Description of the state and its assets) https://docsouth.unc.edu/southlit/jefferson/jefferson.html

Thomas Jefferson - [**Thomas Jefferson: Writings: Autobiography / Notes on the State of Virginia / Public and Private Papers / Addresses / Letters (Library of America)**](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/094045016X/ref=ox_sc_act_title_6?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1)

John B. Boles [Jefferson: Architect of American Liberty](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0465094686/ref=ox_sc_act_title_4?smid=A3KP3XLKQCJA4J&psc=1)

Thomas Jefferson – The Jefferson Bible

W. Isaacson – Benjamin Franklin, an American Life

Abigail Adams – My Dearest Friend: The Letters of Abigail and John Adams

John Adams - [**The Political Writings of John Adams** (The American Heritage Series)](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0872206998/ref=ox_sc_act_title_17?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1)

[The Portable John Adams (Penguin Classics)](https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/0142437786/ref=ox_sc_act_title_14?smid=ATVPDKIKX0DER&psc=1)

Kaplan – John Quincy Adams: American Visionary

Hill – The Influence of the Bible on the Founding Fathers

W. Cleon Skousen **– A Miracle That Changed the World - The 5000 Year Leap** - Over 2500 people have given this book a five- star rating on Amazon.com. Includes the 26 principals of liberty.

George Washington: **Farewell Address, 1796**

**Truth behind the Titanic:** <https://www.bitchute.com/video/GkNGNKjRqnxK/> Insurance fraud and passing of the Federal Reserve Act.

Scott, **Attack on the Liberty** and many more books published on this 1967 event by survivors or sons of survivors

Bollyn, Christopher – **Solving 9-11** and accompanying book, **The War on Terror**

Veterans Today on the 9-11 attack; Photos and explanation of how the buildings were bombed by Israelis; This is hard evidence. I lived right there.  **h**[**ttps://www.veteranstoday.com/2022/02/19/the-secret-history-of-9-1**](ttps://www.veteranstoday.com/2022/02/19/the-secret-history-of-9-1)**1**/The Website is frequently taken down.

<https://www.veteranstoday.com/> for inside news of current events; Must put this in the URL line or you

will not find it.

<https://www.veteranstoday.com/category/history/>

<https://www.veteranstodayarchives.com/2015/03/08/the-hidden-history-of-the-incredibly-evil-khazarian-mafia/>

Sutton – **Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution**

Nicola Tesla – My Inventions: Autobiography of Nicola Tesla; My Inventions;

The Inventions, Researches and Writings of Nicola Tesla

O’Neill – Prodigal Genius: The Biography of Nicola Tesla; His Life, Legacy, and Journals

Clark - **The Biography of Nicola Tesla** – America’s deeply wronged and greatest scientist possibly other

than Benjamin Franklin who discovered electricity and researched the Gulf Current.

Douglas Reed – **The Controversy of Zion** - Posthumous – Thoroughly researched and controversial, a new historical perspective by one of Britain’s great, honest reporters. Bottom line is in the Bible: the Jews broke the Covenant to be God’s Chosen People i.e. they broke and are breaking the Ten Commandments; This is what the Kazarian Mafia want and how they justify their claim because they are Jews. They are Talmudic Jews. The Talmud promotes high crimes and misdemeanors.

**EUROPEAN:**

The Oera Linda Book, Jan Ott translation; originally translated by Dr. Ottema

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z2tdmgQVXhM&t=2514s> Catherine Austin Fitz interviews Jan Ott who recently translated the Codex Oera Linda

**Asha Logos:** [**https://www.bitchute.com/video/XabVBNdZkINy/**](https://www.bitchute.com/video/XabVBNdZkINy/) “The Bolshevik Revolution: Darkness

Decends” Follow his other videos on Bitchute Very informative on untold early history

**https://stolenhistory.net/threads/our-subverted-history-by-asha-logos-video** -series 9 videos approx.

8 hours: set aside the time to watch it in stages OUTSTANDING!

also: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU7JpgUNUdapn8d8b0zMg3g> (Asha Logos L.S)

and also <https://www.bitchute.com/channel/i8ntgnj3grjn/> (Asha Logos)

# Asha Logos has a channel on YouTube

# Conspiracy? Our Subverted History, Part 6 - From Holy Men to Dark Magicians We need to listen to the video because it pertains very obviously to what is happening to our country.

# <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R46zJYUbMdE>

**Oman, Charles, The Dark Ages, Books I, II, and III**

**I fear we may face conditions that were faced by Europeans during the dark ages but**

**hopefully not. Learn about this period after the Rome of Italy fell.**

**GREEK and ROMAN:**

<https://constitutioncenter.org/interactive-constitution/podcast/what-the-founders-learned-from-the-greeks-and-romans> (on line transcript of the meeting)

Carl Richards: [Greeks and Romans Bearing Gifts: How the Ancients Inspired the Founding Fathers](https://rowman.com/ISBN/9780742556249/Greeks-and-Romans-Bearing-Gifts-How-the-Ancients-Inspired-the-Founding-Fathers);

[The Founders and the Bible](https://rowman.com/ISBN/9780810896284/The-Founders-and-the-Bible)

Thomas Ricks- First Principles: What the Founders Learned from the Greek and Romans,

And How that Shaped Our Country

Edward Gibbon - **History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire 1776** (seen in

Madison’s library)

Homer, Herodotus, Thucydides, Cassius Dio, Livy, Plutarch, Tacitus, Cicero, Virgil - The Aeneid

Edith Hamilton - Greek Myths

**GREAT BRITAIN:**

Winston Churchill - History of the English Speaking Peoples – includes American History

Edward Rutherford - Any and all of the Books which give you a panorama of well researched historical fiction; his books cover Ireland in two novels (in two different titles each), England in three novels (Sarum, London, The Forest), Russia, Paris, New York City, and now China.

Ken Follet – Pillars of the Earth and World Without End; on England; Winter of the World – A well-

researched novel on Hitler’s Germany. I did not particularly like his other books – some

people may. I own them but haven’t completed reading them.

**WORLD:**

Will and Ariel Durant - The Story of Civilization in 11 Volumes; Read their summary book: **The Lessons of History**

Robert K. Massie – Dreadnought: Britain, Germany and the Coming Great War; Castles of Steal: Britain, Germany and the Winning of the Great War at Sea; Never did I think I would enjoy books about the ships and war, but Massie is a wonderful writer and I loved these books.

**RUSSIA:**

Philip Longworth: Russian; The Once and Future Empire from Pre-History to Putin A reasonably good

textbook on Russian History. By reading this, it becomes clear that if Russia, at its size and

with its varied cultural population, is very difficult to manage. This is most likely why Putin

said in one of his speeches- we do not need any more territory; we are big enough.

The Bolshevik Revolution and the Holodomor:

<https://www.bitchute.com/video/XabVBNdZkINy/> See also the movie, “Mr. Jones:” available on Amazon.com., a true story about an America reporter who went to Moscow and then Ukraine and witnessed the famine. Stalin ordered all of Ukraine’s wheat be sent to the north – thus the Holodomor.

Robert K. Massie – Peter the Great; Catherine the Great; Nicholas and Alexandra; The Romanovs, the

Final Chapter - Wonderful biographies which read like good novels. Peter the Great is fascinating**.**

[Solzhenitsyn, Alexander -The Gulag Archipelago 1918-1956. An experiment in literary investigation 111-1V](https://www.abebooks.com/servlet/BookDetailsPL?bi=31044665035&cm_sp=det-_-bsk-_-bdp)

**ASIAN: (Needs recommendations)**

Will and Ariel Durant: Our Oriental Heritage

Edward Rutherford – China; historical novel on China

**MIDDLE EASTERN: (Needs recommendations)**

Will and Ariel Durant: Our Oriental Heritage

Ken Follet – On Wings of Eagles (true Story about Ross Perot’s Rescue of his executives caught

in Iran);

Ken Follet - Triple – How Isreal steals uranium for bombs. I don’t know how well researched

this is.

**CIVILIZTION:**

**Dave Montgomery - Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQACN-XiqHU> Important explanation of how ancient civilizations were destroyed by the destruction of soil and the ability to grow food through the use of the **plow** and its impact on soil erosion. Plowing the soil without replacing it with nutrients led to its destruction.

**RELIGION:**

**Value of the Bible and Excellence of the Christian Religion** – for the Use of Families and Schools

By Noah Webster; Almost all early Americans read the Bible – this was their book and they

were raised on it. It was their education – it should be ours; The Bible was slowly removed

from our schools after WWII. I was brought up on it when I went to school in the 1950-60’s.

Begin reading the Bible – New Testament/ The Ten Commandments (Old Testament – Exodus)

**The following are covered by textbooks available on Amazon.com (Needs recommendations)**

**GEOGRAPHY**

**EARTH SCIENCE/GEOLOGY**

**BIOLOGY**

# THE VIRAL DELUSION: PART 1 "THE TRAGIC PSEUDOSCIENCE OF SARS-COV-2" - MAR 23 2022 -Modern virology is a hoax, no virus has never been isolated: https://www.bitchute.com/video/YYOsNZw1cjDq/

**CHEMESTRY**

**PHYSICS**

Vernadsky - 150 Years of Vernadsky – The Noosphere

Vernadsky – The Biosphere

Vernadsky – The Study of Life and the New Physics

Boscovich – The Theory of Natural Philosophy: Points, Distances, Determinations

**COMPUTER**

**MONEY- FINANCE, ACCOUNTING, ECONOMICS, BANKING**

Galizio has created an excellent metaphor for an economy.  Listen to him as he explains how the FED has predictably destroyed our economy.  Brilliant!

[**https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cm5mfj4IOTo**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cm5mfj4IOTo)

Our’s is NOT a capitalist society – capitalism requires FREE markets including the price of money; when money is priced by the FED, we are a managed society. Central Banks are the central requirement for communism/socialism and it is why these systems DO NOT WORK. They ultimately mismanage money they are maladaptive. They are authoritarian systems and impoverish the people who are the source of the society/the economy’s money.

This system was not taught in colleges and universities; I was fortunate because at Bradford Junior College, which I attended before I went to Smith College, I took a course in comparative government with Dean Louis Menand. He included that teaching of communism along with capitalism in his government class. So, I read **The Communist Manifesto** and that is how I have known about communism/socialism and capitalism ever since I graduated from Bradford second in my class. I attended N.Y.U.’s business school where I took economics and the professor could not explain how the system he was teaching (Keynes) worked in real life. (I had asked him to explain it.)

This is because it doesn’t work because it does not follow human/government/democratic psychology. Our current government is a corporation and corporations are democratic. Democracy as the Greeks called it is “mob rule.” This is why our forefathers rejected the idea of making our government a democracy and made us a republic instead.

For more information:

# focused-capital.com.  Chris Galizio “The $340 trillion dollar problem”

<https://focused-capital.com/the-%24340-trillion-problem>: Picture of the $340 trillion dollar problem

Adam Smith – The Wealth of Nations

Eustace Mullins – The Secrets of the Federal Reserve - Original research which led to **The Creature from**

**Jekyll Island** by G. E. Griffin which updated Mullins’ work

Rothbard, Murray N.- What have they done to our money?

Rothbard, Murray N.- A History of Money and Banking in the United States

Adam Fergusson - **When Money Dies** –- How the German People dealt with the collapse of their money

This might help you plan for what is going to happen in this country when OUR money dies

Which is going to happen – just don’t know how soon.

William Strauss and Neil Howe - The Fourth Turning

Michael A. Alexander - The Kondratiev Cycle (Explains the Fourth Turning)

Michael Maloney – Guide to Investing in Gold and Silver -This book may be too late for many now, but its lesson about the importance of a Gold-Standard are undeniable. I recommend Mike’s 10 videos

on You Tube – “**Hidden Secrets of Money**”. Profoundly dyslexic, he is an excellent teacher with clear visualizations.

Bill Still – “**The Money Masters**” - You Tube Documentary

“Money as Debt – You Tube Documentary

“The Secret Rulers of the World – David Icke video – YouTube

John Titus – a whole series of important videos on his You Tube channel, “**Best Evidence**,” and a new channel, “John Titus.” Old videos which do not appear on his Channel can be accessed by looking at their titles which come up in the side bar. These were “wake up” videos. Sign up for his substack to get notified of his new videos. John is a lawyer who creates investigative videos on the Crimes of the Federal Reserve and the Bankers. He is outstanding!

Aaron Russo - **“From Freedom to Fascism**” – You tube

Read the Truth about the IRS **-** The course above will help to deal with it but Anna Von Reitz does too.

Go to Anna Von Reitz webinar of July 4, 2022 on <https://tasa.americanstatenationals.org/> webinars

Ronald MacDonald: **They Own It All (Including You)!: By Means of Toxic Currency**

Laura Sanger, Ph.D.:  The Roots of the Federal Reserve: Tracing the Nephilim from Noah to the US Dollar

Tyler Forster – 28 Trillion Later: How One Bank and a Lobbying Firm Destroyed the Global Economy

Anna von Reitz – “**Blow by Blow from The Informer**” - The Emergency Proclamations beginning in 1933 by FDR, Subsequent Emergencies, Their legal powers, the monetary debasement, and ensuing communism - Powerful!

Michael Rectenwald – The Great Reset and the Struggle for Liberty: Unraveling the Global Agenda.

Google Archipelago.

**EDUCATION BASICS – READING, WRITING, MATHEMATICS, GEOMETRY (I have a degree in Education):**

Charter Schools and Their Enemies – Thomas Sowell - The secret to their success was the discipline

mandated by the schools. Parents had to be disciplined, too. Rules were to be followed.

How can you learn systems such as language and math without being able to follow rules

because systems are based on rules? The destruction of discipline in our schools in the

1970’s destroyed our schools. Then they switched to a rigid authoritarian system in

the early 21st Century. Authoritarian systems are authoritarian, maladaptive with poor

communication skills.

Personally, I believe schools should not accept students who do not want to attend school

and whose parents do not buy into the school discipline/homework program. These

students should be learning to play games until they can accept the consequences of a

game-playing as good sports with good graces.

Cuisenaire Rods – for learning math - Excellent for learning numbers combinations from 1 -20 and

for ultimately understanding our 10-base counting system and learning to add most number combinations.

GEMEM Wooden Montessori Math Counting Hundred Board Toys, 1-100 Consecutive Numbers

Sproutbrite Educational Math Posters Mathematics on Amazon

Donald Bear – Words Their Way: Word Study for Phonics, Vocabulary and Spelling Instruction

These are words to organized into sorting exercises. Do not teach the sort – the student

Is supposed to discover the sort as a thinking activity. The student can be corrected

after trying to work out the sort. Students with Southern accents must not be held

back in the Letter-Name stage if that is interfering with progress. He or she can be taught

the long-vowel rules to move to the next stage and then make excellent progress. This

system was claimed to be “developmental” but English is not a developmental language;

it is a conglomeration of different languages. The regular phonetic system came from

Latin but the irregular sight words came from Celts and Anglo-Saxons. Students can be taught

this principle. I have written an unpublished Phonics Book, “Phonics Rules to Make Reading Easier,” which I can make available. It includes rules about which most teachers do not know.

\*The Appendices of Words Their Way are extremely useful with word families, sound boards, game boards, Tests, etc.

The New England Primer. 1777 First Textbook published in this country: Letters, syllables, words,

decoding

Noah Webster: The American Spelling Book

Phonics Flash Cards – Learn to Read in 20 Phonic Stages – Digraphs CVC Blends Long Vowel Sounds

(I made my own material s as a teacher because I found these systems were insufficient)

I stored my materials for 10 years but finally had to stop paying for the storage and gave all of the

materials away.

Laminated Educational Posters Sight Words and Word Families Posters on Amazon

Algebra- First and Second Year Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus

Euclidean Geometry- This should be studied by learning how to do the formal proofs as it is training in

analytic and logical thinking and is not being taught in schools today.

Computer Science

**POETRY**

Untermeyer: Modern American Poetry, Modern British Poetry This is a taking off place for poets of whom you might like to read more The list of great poets is huge but the standouts are obvious

## Untermeyer: [The Singing World An Anthology Of Modern Poetry For Young People](https://www.amazon.com/Singing-Anthology-Modern-Poetry-People/dp/0530707705/ref=sr_1_4?crid=2ZWVH061CYZOU&keywords=Poetry+anthology+Untermeyer&qid=1656708391&sprefix=poetry+anthology+untermeyer%2Caps%2C163&sr=8-4)

Untermeyer: The Golden Treasury of Poetry - wonderful book!

The Bible

Shakespeare, Wordsworth, Shelley, Keats, Browning, Donne, Blake, Burns, Marlowe, Herrick

Stevenson, Kipling, Carroll, Chaucer, Cummings, Angelou, Yeats, Auden, De la Mare, Milne

Milton, Lord Byron, Tennyson, Dickinson, Whitman, Emerson, Whitman, Frost, Poe, Hughes

Sandburg, W.C. Williams, Pound, Eliot, Millay, Nash, Benet, Lowell, D. McCord

Jean de La Fontaine - Poetry and fables

[**http://famouspoetsandpoems.com/country/america/american\_poets.html**](http://famouspoetsandpoems.com/country/america/american_poets.html)

**http://www.famouspoetsandpoems.com/country/England/English\_poets.html**

**DRAMA:**

Greek Tragedies - Sophocles and more

Greek Comedies - Aristophanes and more

Shakespeare, Ben Johnson, Moliere, Shaw, A. Miller, T. Williams,

**Edith Hamilton: Greek Myths**

**Aesop’s Fables**

**NOVELISTS: Writers**

[**https://medium.com/world-literature/creating-the-ultimate-list-100-books-to-read-before-you-die-45f1b722b2e5**](https://medium.com/world-literature/creating-the-ultimate-list-100-books-to-read-before-you-die-45f1b722b2e5)

**This is a summary and culling of 8 lists:**

The Guardian’s [The 100 greatest novels of all time](http://www.theguardian.com/books/2003/oct/12/features.fiction).

The BBC’s [Big Read Top 100](http://www.bbc.co.uk/arts/bigread/top100.shtml).

Amazon’s [100 Books to Read in a Lifetime](http://www.amazon.com/l/ref=mh_rd_l?node=8192263011)

Harvard’s [Book store top 100](http://www.harvard.com/shelves/top100/).

Modern Library’s [100 Best Novels](http://www.modernlibrary.com/top-100/100-best-novels/).

Time’s [All-Time 100 Novels](http://entertainment.time.com/2005/10/16/all-time-100-novels/slide/all/).

The Telegraph’s [100 Novels Everyone Should Read](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/culture/books/4248401/100-novels-everyone-should-read.html).

The Art of Manliness’ [100 Must-Read Books: The Essential Man’s Library](http://www.artofmanliness.com/2008/05/14/100-must-read-books-the-essential-mans-library/).

Personally, I find the lists to be Current Academic, Politically Correct, and not classic in many ways. But pick out those you think you would like. BBC’s list includes children’s classics.

[**https://www.imdb.com/list/ls005774742/**](https://www.imdb.com/list/ls005774742/) The following list is very long:

**American:**

Edgar Allan Poe, H. Adams, Henry James, H. Melville, William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway, Mark Twain, John Steinbeck, J. D. Salinger, Maya Angelou, Hawthorne, Herman Melville, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Isaac Asimov, John Fante, Harper Lee, Ralph Ellison, F. Scott Fitzgerald, J. Heller, **Vladimir Nabokov, John Updike, Kurt Vonnegut,** Diana Gabaldon – Outlander Series, Ursula K. Le Guin

**English:**

Geoffrey Chaucer, J.R.R. Tolkien, George Orwell, Oscar Wilde, Charles Dickens, Jane Austin,

Lord Byron, James Joyce, George Barnard Shaw, Arthur Conan Doyle, Virginia Woolf, Anthony Trollope, Anne Bronte, Charlotte Bronte, Emily Bronte, Thomas Hardy, E. M. Forster – A Passage to India and more; Samuel Richardson – Clarissa, Winston Graham - Poldark Novels and numerous other novels

W.M Thackeray – Vanity Fair; R. F. Delderfield – A Horseman Riding By (series) and more series

Daniel Defoe - Robinson Crusoe; Jonathan Swift - Gulliver’s Travels; John Bunyan - Pilgrims Progress

Henry Fielding - Tom Jones; Mary Shelley – Frankenstein;

M. M. Kaye - Writes about 19th C. India Sepoy Rebellion. She wrote an excellent, incomplete autobiography about her childhood in Northern India, Deli, England, and with the Raj in India

Elizabeth Gaskell – Cranford, Wives and Daughters, and other novels

Michelle Magorian – Good Night, Mr. Tom;

**Rudyard Kipling Prolific writer of prose and poetry**. **His children’s books, and stories** are a benefit to adults, too.

Robert Lewis Stevenson - Prolific writer of prose and poetry

Beatrix Potter – Peter Rabbit and other unforgettable stories for children;

Aldous Huxley, T.S. Eliot, Neil Galman,

Edward Rutherfurd – Has written many historical novels about countries and locations.

Ken Follett – Has written many historical novels about English/American history.

Leo Tolstoy, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Anton Chekhov, Alexander Pushkin, Ivan Turgenev, Maxim Gorky, Nikolay Gogol, Boris Pasternak, Nazim Hikmet (Turkish/Polish/Russian), Mikhail Sholokhov,

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Chinghiz Aitmatov (Kyrgyzstan, very poetic)

Victor Hugo, Alexandre Dumas, Charles Daudelaire, Honore de Balzac, Beaumarchais, Francois Rabelais

Albert Camus, Jean Racine, Jean-Paul Sartre, Guy de Maupassant, Jules Verne, Alphonse Daudet,

Antoine de Saint-Exupery, Stendal, Louis-Ferdinand Celine, Julio Cortazar, Louis Aragon

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Thomas Mann, Franz Kafka, Marcel Proust, Erich Maria Remarque,

Bertoit Brecht, Hermann Hesse,

Rainer Maria Rilke (Austria), Stefan Zweig

Milan Kundera (Czechoslovakia)

Publius Vergilius Maro (Virgil), Dante Alighieri, Giovanni Boccaccio

Miguel de Cervantes (Madrid, Spain), Federico Garcia Lorca, Jose Saramago (Portugal/Spain)

Hans Christian Andersen (Denmark)

Yasar Kemal (Turkey)

Najeeb Mahfouz (Egypt)

Gabriel Garcia Marquez (Columbia,, S.A.)

Borges (Argentina, S.A./Switzerland)

Mario Vargas Liosa (Peru, S.A.)

Pablo Neruda (Chile, S.A.)

**MUSIC (I have a degree in music):**

**HISTORY:** Burkholder, Grout, and Palisca: A History of Western Music 10th Ed**.**

**INSTRUMENTAL**

Great Composers – listen to symphonies, quartets, concertos, piano sonatas,

piano music, Bach, Handel, Vivaldi, Buxtehude, Pachelbel, Corelli, Albinoni, C. P. E. Bach, Teleman, Monteverdi, Mozart, Haydn, Scarlatti, Boccherini, Lully (Ballet music) Beethoven, Schubert, Schumann, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Liszt, Dvorak, Grieg, Sibelius, Rachmaninov, M. Glinka, Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Smetana, Debussy, Faure, Elgar, Holst, Berlioz, Mussorgsky, J. Strauss, von Weber, Mahler, Bruckner, Saint-Saens, Franck, Ravel, Rimsky-Korsakov, Satie, Stravinsky, Paganini, Bartok, Joplin, Copland, Barber, Menotti, Glass,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fu-9frVpssg> Greatest performance of the one of the greatest pieces of music ever written: Bach/Busoni: Bach’s Chaconne from the d minor partita #2 for violin transcribed for the piano and played by Evgeny Kissen. This wonderful piece has been transcribed for many different instruments and for the orchestra.

**VOCAL** Great operas: Handel, Gluck, Rossini, Mozart, Donizetti, Verdi, Puccini, Offenbach, Wagner, Bellini, Gounod, Bizet, R. Strauss, Gershwin, Sullivan (and partner Gilbert) these are actually operatic satires,

Lieder by Schubert and Braham’s,

Musicals by Rogers and Hammerstein, Bernstein. Gershwins, Porter, and other great musical writers.

Early vocal music: von Bingen, Orlande de Lassus, Gabrieli

Early madrigals of William Byrd and Thomas Tallis, and others,

Choral music of Poulenc, Pergolesi, Purcell, Palestrina,

Christmas carols, folksong books, and hymnals are excellent sources

Great performers: recordings available on You Tube

**ART:** Take an art course and learn to draw the human body and a basic landscape. Use photos to help**.**

This will improve your I.Q. which is not set in stone. I taught a mentally retarded twin to read by teaching him to draw the human body. He had to continue practicing this ability to retain what he had learned. Sadly, his identical twin, who did have me did not learn to read.

**ART HISTORY:**

<https://www.history.com/news/prehistoric-cave-paintings-early-humans>

This is a good site but beware one of the pictures and links on this website which states that

prehistoric peoples may have scavenged more than they hunted which is totally speculative

and has a politically correct slant. Humans are not adapted to eating carrion. Be careful of

these academic, politically driven statements.

**PAINTING, SCULPTURE, ARCHITECTURE**

<https://www.oilpaintingfactory.com/famous-painters.html> by country

<https://www.identifythisart.com/timeline-of-art-history/> Use this site to do further art

research

Anthony F. Jansen - History of Art, Sixth Edition Recommend buying used on Amazon.

H. W. Jansen and Anthony F. Jansen – History of Art for Young People - This is

probably very good for adults, too. My parents gave me an Art History book which I devoured

and learned enough to pass a high-level test in the subject.

**HORTICULTURE (I am a Master Gardener):** This is a huge topic and there are thousands of good books available

Piedmont Native Plants; For more Information: Repp Glaettli tglaettli@albemarle.org:

Common Native Trees of Virginia; Virginia Dept of Forestry [www.dof.virginia.gov](http://www.dof.virginia.gov)

Welcome to the Country, Things You Need to Know When Moving to Rural Virginia - Frank Levering

Ira Wallace - Vegetable Gardening in the Southeast: Wallace is of Southern Exposure Seed Exchange

Nicole Apelian, Ph.D. & Claude Davis- The Lost Book of Herbal Remedies - The Healing Power of Plant Medicine

Edible Wild Plants Eastern Central North America - Lee Allen Peterson

**The Hidden Life of Trees** - Peter Wonlleben – You won’t learn any of this in Horticulture books.

Wonderful! About trees in Europe, but it applies to this country. Plants communicate!

HORTUS THIRD -A Concise Dictionary of Plants Cultivated in United States and Canada

Barker Nicolas - Hortus Eystettensis:The Bishop’s Garden and Besler’s Magnificent Book

Amelie des Plantes – Think Like An Ecosystem: An Introduction to Permaculture, Water Systems, Soil Science and Landscape Design

Michael Dirr, Bonnie Dirr, et al **- Manual of Woody Landscape Plants: Their Identification, Ornamental Characteristics, Culture, Propagation and Uses** – Invaluable manual to consult regarding trees and shrubs. I have a Yellowwood Tree which I pruned in winter when it was young. It bled and bled and I thought it was going to die. It did not die, but I learned later, when I became a master gardener, that, unlike most trees, Yellowwoods must be pruned in the summer. Consult this book – Tree men don’t.

**Dave Montgomery - Dirt: The Erosion of Civilizations**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQACN-XiqHU>

**PSYCHOLOGY (I have a Master’s Degree in Psychology):**

**https://www.verywellmind.com/most-influential-psychologists-2795264**

**https://www.explorepsychology.com/famous-psychologists-theories/**

**B. F. Skinner**

B.F. Skinner's staunch [behaviorism](https://www.verywellmind.com/behavioral-psychology-4157183) made him a dominating force in psychology and therapy techniques based on his theories are still used extensively today. Skinner is remembered for his concepts of [operant conditioning](https://www.verywellmind.com/operant-conditioning-a2-2794863) and [schedules of reinforcement](https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-a-schedule-of-reinforcement-2794864).

**Jean Piaget**

[Piaget's](https://www.verywellmind.com/jean-piaget-biography-1896-1980-2795549) theory of [cognitive development](https://www.verywellmind.com/piagets-stages-of-cognitive-development-2795457) had a profound influence on psychology, especially the understanding of children's intellectual growth. His research contributed to the growth of [developmental psychology](https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-a-developmental-psychologist-2795638), cognitive psychology, genetic epistemology, and education reform.

Albert Einstein described Piaget's discovery as "so simple only a genius could have thought of it."

**Sigmund Freud**

When people think of psychology, many tend to think of [Sigmund Freud](https://www.verywellmind.com/sigmund-freud-his-life-work-and-theories-2795860). His work supported the belief that not all mental illnesses have physiological causes. His work contributed to our understanding of human development, personality, [clinical psychology](https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-clinical-psychology-2795000), and [abnormal psychology](https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-abnormal-psychology-2794775).

**Albert Bandura**

[Albert Bandura's](https://www.verywellmind.com/albert-bandura-biography-1925-2795537) work is considered part of the cognitive revolution in psychology that began in the late 1960s. Bandura's [social learning theory](https://www.verywellmind.com/social-learning-theory-2795074) stresses the importance of [observational learning](https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-observational-learning-2795402), imitation, and modeling.

**Leon Festinger**

Leon Festinger developed the theories of [cognitive dissonance](https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-cognitive-dissonance-2795012) and social comparison to explain the ways in which social conditions influence human behavior. Cognitive dissonance is the state of discomfort you feel when you hold two conflicting beliefs. His [social comparison theory](https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-the-social-comparison-process-2795872) says that you evaluate your ideas by comparing them with what other people believe.

**William James**

Psychologist and philosopher [William James](https://www.verywellmind.com/william-james-biography-1842-1910-2795545) is often referred to as the father of American psychology. His teachings and writings helped establish psychology as a science. Among his many accomplishments was the publication of the 1,200-page text, "The Principles of Psychology," which quickly became a classic in the field.

**Ivan Pavlov**

Ivan Pavlov was a Russian physiologist whose research on conditioned reflexes and [classical conditioning](https://www.verywellmind.com/classical-conditioning-2794859) influenced the rise of behaviorism in psychology. Pavlov's experimental methods helped move psychology away from subjective assessments to the objective measurement of behavior.

**Carl Rogers**

[Rogers](https://www.verywellmind.com/carl-rogers-biography-1902-1987-2795542) placed emphasis on human potential, which had an enormous influence on both psychology and education. He became one of the major humanist thinkers and an eponymous influence in therapy with his [client-centered therapy](https://www.verywellmind.com/client-centered-therapy-2795999).

**Erik Erikson**

Erikson's stage theory of [psychosocial development](https://www.verywellmind.com/erik-eriksons-stages-of-psychosocial-development-2795740) helped create interest and research on human development through the lifespan. An ego psychologist who studied with Anna Freud, Erikson expanded psychoanalytic theory by exploring development throughout life: childhood, adulthood, and old age.

**Lev Vygotsky**

Russian psychologist now influential in developmental psychology and education. His work evolved around Language development and the community. Compatible with communism, his developmental theory of the “Zone of Proximal Development” has greatly influenced teachers’ colleges in this country claiming that the child Is not ready to learn certain material that does not fall into his “zone.” *Rigid adherence has had negative effects on the education of modern children whose development varies.\**

**John Bowlby**

John Bowlby was a British psychologist perhaps best known for developing [attachment theory](https://www.explorepsychology.com/attachment-styles/). His research on attachment and child development left a lasting impression on psychology, education, child care, and parenting. Researchers extended his research to develop clinical treatment techniques and prevention strategies. His work also influenced other eminent psychologists, including his colleague Mary Ainsworth who also made major contributions to attachment theory.

**Harry Harlow**

American psychologist Harry Harlow is known for his infamous social isolation research conducted on rhesus monkeys during the late 1950s and early 1960s. At his primate lab at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Harlow performed a series of [psychological experiments](https://www.explorepsychology.com/classic-psychological-experiments/) in which infant monkeys were raised by surrogate “mothers.”

In variations of the experiments, some of the mother monkeys were made entirely of wire while others were covered in a soft terrycloth. At the time, researchers suggested that feeding was the force behind the mother-child bond, the idea being that infants love their caregivers because they provide food.

What Harlow and his fellow researchers found was that the vital factor underlying an infant’s love for its mother was contact comfort. The infant monkeys in Harlow’s experiments preferred the soft terrycloth mothers over the wire mothers, even when the latter served as the source of food. Harlow’s experiments played an important role in changing our understanding of attachment although some of the later experiments would be considered unethical today.

**Stanley Milgram**

Stanley Milgram’s name is forever associated with his [famous obedience experiment](https://www.explorepsychology.com/milgram-experiment/) that demonstrated just how far people will go to obey an authority figure. During his graduate years, he had spent some time working as a research assistant for psychologist Solomon Asch. As you might remember, Asch conducted a series of experiments that demonstrated how people conform in social groups. The researcher helped spark an interest in the topic of obedience and [conformity](https://www.explorepsychology.com/conformity/), ultimately leading *Milgram’s shocking experimental results. This profoundly influenced thinking on moral development*

*and the importance of the development of independent thinking in a fully developed psyche*.\*

\*Italics mine.

**Alfred Adler**

Alfred Alder was an Austrian psychiatrist who is often considered one of the most influential thinkers in psychology. He became one of the most prominent members of the Vienna Psychoanalytic Society after Sigmund Freud extended an invitation, but he later became the first major figures to break away from Freud’s ideas. He developed a perspective that he called Individual Psychology. Adler had a major influence on other psychologists including Karen Horney, Carl Rogers, and [Abraham Maslow](https://www.explorepsychology.com/abraham-maslow/).

Silva, Jose and Miele, Philip: The Silva Mind Control Method: Revolutionary, basic memory and creativity control through meditation and other techniques accessing levels of brain waves. Mnemonic devices are taught.

**Watch the PBS Channel, Create.** You will learn a lot about all of the following topics:

**SEWING and KNITTING**: I learned how to sew and make my own clothes out of necessity as I didn’t want to wear my old uniforms when I went to boarding school where the girls were beautifully dressed. I learned to make everything. I had some idea as I had played with paper-dolls and made clothes for them as well as my regular dolls when I was young. Paper-dolls are easy to make for your children. Get a piece of paper, fold it down the middle and cut out half a human. Unfold and voila. The same thing can be done for paper doll clothes. At college, I knit my own sweaters.

**WOODWORKING and BUILDING**

**COOKING and GARDENING**

**CLERICAL SKILLS: Typing, short-hand,**

**COMPUTER SKILLS: Data entry in Word, Excel, Other programs – perhaps computer languages**

**GEOGRAPHY:** through travel programs. Look the places up on a map.

**LANGUAGES**:

**FRENCH**: A very popular language to learn; many great literary geniuses were French and Paris is Paris.

Frances is noted for its great wines, beautiful old castles, and stunning country-side, French Alps, and Mediterranean coast.

**SPANISH**: We have many Spanish immigrants in our country and Spanish-speaking South America is part of our hemisphere. Spain was Moorish for many centuries until they were chased out by Ferdinand and Isabella or during their reign. The Moorish influence is part of Spain’s charm and beauty. The Alhambra is a very famous Moorish castle.

**ITALIAN**: Italy is a beautiful, historic country with its cities, Rome, Florence, Venice, and their great art and architecture, ancient ruins, beautiful country-side, Italian Alps, and Mediterranean coast line; today it is also known for wines, lemons, and great cooking including pasta.

**PORTUGUESE**: The Romance language of Portugal, the dominant economy in the 15th-16th Centuries, is the spoken language Portugal, next to Spain, and of Brazil in South America. The Portuguese Colonial Empire was one of the longest-lived empires in European History. Starting in the beginning of the “Age of Discovery”, with the conquest of Ceuta in 1415, it lasted until 1999 when Macau was transferred to China. With the empire they created, the Portuguese also created an evil that would linger in this world and to which the consequences we still see today: the Transatlantic Slave Trade. Portuguese is a Romance language related to Spanish, although, when spoken, it doesn’t sound as if it is. But when it is written, it definitely is like Spanish. Portuguese is one of the most widely spoken standardized languages today.

**LATIN**: Latin should be learned at the very least for one year. It is behind most of the English multisyllabic words as well as largely the basis of our phonics system, our scientific names, and our vocabulary. In addition, it is basic to the Romance languages listed above.

**GREEK**: Again, a basic, classic language behind much of our scientific vocabulary. Greece is an arid

Country with many ancient artifacts including the famous Parthenon, Greek Temples and Statues,

the city, Athens, and its beautiful Mediterranean coastline and coastal islands all with crystal, clear

Mediterranean water.

The European Union, the E.U. with its currency, the Euro – currently on the verge of collapse.

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union> and <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schengen_Area>

The Union was created in 1993 with citizenship set up by the Maastricht Treaty. Its origins lead back to the European Coal and Steel Community (ESCS) and the European Economic Community which were established in 1951 and 1975 by the Treaty of Paris and the Treaty of Rome respectively. The original states were Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and West Germany. The [eurozone](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eurozone) is a monetary union established in 1999, coming into full force in 2002, that is composed of the 19 EU member states that use the [euro currency](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euro). The EU has often been described as a [*sui generis*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sui_generis) political entity (without precedent or comparison) with the characteristics of either a federation or confederation. Its basic problems are that there are no voting rights; each state is beholden to an unelected group of officials who manage the currency and laws. Many, if not most, of the countries were not economically viable when they joined (Greece is an excellent example) and so they were dominated by Germany and eventually became beholden to Germany.

But the EU has made a disastrous economic decision by joining the U.S. in sanctioning Russia when it took a rightful step to protect its native Russians in Ukraine and to eradicate the dangerous biolabs operating in Ukraine close to Russia border. The fateful mistake was that they thought Russia was economically much weaker than it is. But Russia is very strong economically: quietly, they have been buying gold and diversifying their economy; they are very rich with basic, natural commodities of all sorts especially oil, gas, and coal – an “energy powerhouse.” It is also a producer of agricultural products and a major Research and Developer in the arms industry. Major investors “in the know” have been buying into the Russian Economy as their general debt to equity ratio is very low.

With the sanctions, Putin turned around and told E.U. members, especially Germany, that in order to buy their oil or gas they had to pay in rubles or gold, and he has pegged the ruble to gold! The Federal Reserve Bank and the U.S. have been suppressing the price of gold to demonstrate a strong economy and Putin is now forcing the price up or at least stabilizing it. They have to buy the rubles with gold as the dollar (the reserve currency) is rapidly becoming worthless and Putin isn’t about to accept dollars. In fact, most of the countries of the world are currently refusing the dollar and joining the BRICS bank made up of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa and formed a number of years ago beginning in 2009 in rebellion to the western allies and to the NATO/SWIFT/IMF systems which have been weaponized. (Read **Confessions of an Economic Hit Man** by John Perkins.) More non-European countries are requesting membership in the BRICS bank.