- 1. **1984** by George Orwell A dystopian novel set in a super-state controlled by the Party and its leader, Big Brother.
- 2. **Animal Farm** by George Orwell A satirical tale about a group of animals who rebel against their human farmer and attempt to create a utopian society.
- 3. **Beloved** by Toni Morrison A novel that tells the story of a former slave who is haunted by the ghost of her dead child.
- 4. **Brave New World** by Aldous Huxley A vision of a dystopian future where society is controlled by advanced technology and genetic engineering.
- 5. **Catch-22** by Joseph Heller A satirical novel about the absurdity of war and the bureaucracy of the military.
- 6. **Don Quixote** by Miguel de Cervantes The tale of a man who reads so many chivalric novels that he decides to become a knight-errant and sets out to right the wrongs of the world.
- 7. **Dubliners** by James Joyce A collection of 15 short stories by Joyce, capturing Irish middle class life in and around Dublin in the early 20th century.
- 8. **Emma** by Jane Austen A novel about a young woman who interferes in the love lives of others, often with disastrous results.
- 9. **Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury A dystopian novel set in a future where books are banned and "firemen" are tasked with burning them.
- 10. **For Whom the Bell Tolls** by Ernest Hemingway A novel about the Spanish Civil War, following a group of Republican guerrillas.
- 11. **The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald A tragic tale of love, wealth, and the American Dream during the Jazz Age.
- 12. **Heart of Darkness** by Joseph Conrad A novella about a journey into the Congo by a young man who is corrupted by the darkness he encounters.
- 13. **Invisible Man** by Ralph Ellison A novel about an unnamed black man who is invisible to white society.
- 14. **Jane Eyre** by Charlotte Brontë A Gothic novel about a young orphan girl who becomes a governess at a mysterious mansion.
- 15. **Moby Dick** by Herman Melville A novel about the obsessive quest of Captain Ahab to hunt down the white whale, Moby Dick.
- 16. **Mrs. Dalloway** by Virginia Woolf A stream-of-consciousness novel that follows the thoughts of Clarissa Dalloway on a single day in London.
- 17. **One Hundred Years of Solitude** by Gabriel García Márquez A multi-generational saga of the Buendía family in the town of Macondo.
- 18. **Pride and Prejudice** by Jane Austen A novel about the relationship between Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy, a wealthy landowner.
- 19. **The Catcher in the Rye** by J.D. Salinger A novel about a teenage boy named Holden Caulfield who runs away from school and explores New York City.
- 20. **The Color Purple** by Alice Walker A novel about the life of Celie, a black woman in the rural South in the 1930s.
- 21. **The Grapes of Wrath** by John Steinbeck A novel about a family of farmers who are forced to leave their home during the Dust Bowl.

- 22. **The Lord of the Rings** by J.R.R. Tolkien An epic fantasy novel about the quest to destroy the One Ring.
- 23. **The Short Stories** by Jorge Luis Borges A collection of short stories by Borges, exploring themes of time, infinity, and the nature of reality.
- 24. **To Kill a Mockingbird** by Harper Lee A novel about a young girl who witnesses the trial of a black man accused of raping a white woman.
- 25. **Ulysses** by James Joyce A modernist novel that follows the events of a single day in Dublin.
- 26. **Wuthering Heights** by Emily Brontë A Gothic novel about the passionate and destructive love between Heathcliff and Catherine Earnshaw.
- 27. **Mansfield Park** by Jane Austen A novel about a young girl named Fanny Price who is sent to live with her wealthy relatives.
- 28. **Middlemarch** by George Eliot A novel about the lives of several interconnected characters in the fictional town of Middlemarch.
- 29. **North and South** by Elizabeth Gaskell A novel about the relationship between Margaret Hale, a minister's daughter from the South, and John Thornton, a mill owner from the North.
- 30. **Persuasion** by Jane Austen A novel about a second chance at love for Anne Elliot, a woman who was persuaded to break off her engagement to Captain Wentworth