**COMMUNICATION 415 Interp Ideas /Hest**

**Dramatic Interpretation:** (Cuttings from Plays/Usually Serious)  
Total Abandon by Larry Atlas   
Cincinnati by Don Nigro   
The Insanity of Mary Girard by Lanie Robertson   
The Exonerated by Jessica Blank & Eric Jensen   
Unnecessary Targets   
Pretty Fire by Charlayne Woodard   
A Shayna Maidel by Barbara Lebow   
The Belle of Amherst by William Luce   
Confessions of a Nightingale by Charlotte Chandler &Rey Stricklyn   
Tea at Five by Matthew Lombardo   
Rose by Martin Sherman   
The Children’s Hour by Lillian Hellman

\*Talk to Me: Monologue Plays edited by Eric Lane & Nina Shengold (ISBN 1-4000-7615-3)

\*Take Ten: Ten-Minute Plays (serious and humorous short plays) edited by Eric Lane and Nina Shengold Various editions/versions. Available through the library and inexpensively through Amazon.  
  
**Humorous Prose Interpretation:** (Short stories or cuttings from Novels)  
Politically Correct Bedtime Stories by Garner  
Oh Romeo, Like Whatever   
I Hate You Wallace B. Portgrass   
The Nanny Diaries   
Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris   
Naked by David Sedaris   
Pounding Nails in the Floor with My Forehead by Eric Bogosian   
Raincheck

Tina Fey, Nora Ephron, Robin Williams, Chelsea Handler,

Amy Sedaris, Jon Stewart, Dave Barry, Ellen Degeneres

**Poetry:**   
On the Brink of by Suheir Hammad   
The Spoon River Anthology   
Somedays by Joan A. Fury   
The Ballad of East & West by Rudyard Kipling   
Blood of My People by Nan Hatch   
The Cremation of Sam McGee by Robert Service   
Faces of Me by Verne Becker   
Odgen Nash, Carl Sandburg, Robert Frost,   
Maya Angelou, Anne Sexton, Taylor Mali   
Amy Lowell, Gwendolyn Brooks, Elisabeth Bishop

\*Can do more than one shorter poem by the same author or on the same theme

**Serious Prose:** (a short story or cutting from a novel)  
If I Should Die Before I Wake by Ann Rinaldi   
The Scarlet Ibis by James Hurst   
Fat Girl by Judith Moore   
Freedom Writers by Erin Gruwell   
River Cross My Heart by Breen Clarke   
A Northern Light by Jennifer Donnelly   
White Oleander by Janet Fitch   
Ellen Foster by Kate Gibbons   
Me & Emma by Elizabeth Flock   
Memoirs of a Geisha by Arthur Golden   
Snow Falling Cedars by David Guterson   
She’s Come Undone by Wally Lamb   
The Color Purple by Alice Walker

The Flood Girls by Richard Fifield  
House on Mango Street by Sandra Ciceros   
The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan   
The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien

Burn Town by Jennifer McMahon

**Short Story (prose) websites**:

***www.english-for-students.com/Short-Fiction-Stories.html***

***https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/fiction***

***https://medium.com/fictionhub/tagged/short-story***

***www.readshortfiction.com***

[***https://www.worldliteraturetoday.org/section/very-short-fiction***](https://www.worldliteraturetoday.org/section/very-short-fiction)

\*Stories that you read in magazines (not Cosmo) can be great.

**Duos:** (Can be serious or humorous)  
A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking by John Ford Noonan (F/F)   
Open to Interpretation by Ken Bradbury (M/F)   
Sid and Elsie by Benari Poulten (M/F)   
Stop Kiss   
Whiter Oleander by Janet Fitch (M/F)   
In Her Shoes   
My Apology by Woody Allen   
God by Kathy Ngume & Mo Gaffney   
Prom Terrified