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**Ph.D. Comprehensive Exams in Literary and Cultural Studies**  
**Exam #1 Reading List: African American Literature after the Harlem**  
**Renaissance**

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Poetry

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| 1. Baraka, Amiri     | <i>S.O.S.: Poems 1961-2013</i>                                |
| 2. Brooks, Gwendolyn | <i>Annie Allen</i>  |
| 3. Clifton, Lucille  | <i>The Collected Poems of Lucille Clifton 1965-2010</i>       |
| 4. Giovanni, Nikki   | <i>The Collected Poetry of Nikki Giovanni: 1968-1998</i>      |
| 5. Jordan, June      | <i>Directed by Desire: The Collected Poems of June Jordan</i> |
| 6. Lorde, Audre      | <i>The Collected Poems of Audre Lorde</i>                     |
| 7. Mullen, Harryette | <i>Muse &amp; Drudge</i>                                      |
| 8. Rankine, Claudia  | <i>Citizen: An American Lyric</i>                             |
| 9. Sanchez, Sonia    | <i>Collected Poems</i>  |

Non-Fiction

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| 10. Coates, Ta-Nehisi | <i>Between the World and Me</i> |
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Fiction

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| 11. Baldwin, James         | <i>Another Country</i>             |
| 12. Bambara, Toni Cade     | <i>Gorilla, My Love</i>            |
| 13. Beatty, Paul.          | <i>The White Boy Shuffle</i>       |
| 14. Butler, Octavia        | <i>Kindred</i>                     |
| 15. Ellison, Ralph         | <i>Invisible Man</i>               |
| 16. Gaines, Ernest         | <i>A Lesson Before Dying</i>       |
| 17. Jones, Tayari          | <i>An American Marriage</i>        |
| 18. Kelley, William Melvin | <i>A Different Drummer</i>         |
| 19. Marshall, Paule        | <i>Praisesong for the Widow</i>    |
| 20. Himes, Chester         | <i>If He Hollers Let Him Go</i>    |
| 21. Morrison, Toni         | <i>Sula</i>                        |
| 22.                        | <i>Song of Solomon</i>             |
| 23.                        | <i>Beloved</i>                     |
| 24. Mosley, Walter         | <i>Devil in a Blue Dress</i>       |
| 25. Naylor, Gloria         | <i>The Women of Brewster Place</i> |
| 26. Petry, Ann             | <i>The Street</i>                  |
| 27. Reed, Ishmael          | <i>Flight to Canada</i>            |
| 28. Senna, Danzy           | <i>Caucasia</i>                    |
| 29. Souljah, Sister        | <i>The Coldest Winter Ever</i>     |
| 30. Thomas, Angie          | <i>The Hate U Give</i>             |
| 31. Walker, Alice          | <i>Meridian</i>                    |

32. *The Color Purple*  
33. Ward, Jesmyn *Sing, Unburied, Sing*  
34. Whitehead, Colson *The Intuitionist*  
35. Wright, Richard *Native Son*

### Autobiography

36. Angelou, Maya *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*  
37. Brown, Elaine *A Taste of Power: A Black Woman's Story*  
38. Harris, E. Lynn *What Becomes of the Brokenhearted*  
39. Lorde, Audre *Zami: A New Spelling of My Name*  
40. Malcolm X *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*

### Drama

41. Fuller, Charles *A Soldier's Play*  
42. Hall, Katori *The Mountaintop*  
43. Hansberry, Lorraine *A Raisin in the Sun*  
44. Jones, LeRoi *Dutchman and the Slave*  
45. Kennedy, Adrienne *Funnyhouse of a Negro*  
46. Parks, Suzan-Lori *Topdog/Underdog*  
47. Shange, Ntozake *for colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is enuf*  
48. Wilson, August *Joe Turner's Come and Gone*  
49. Wolfe, George C. *The Colored Museum*

### Collections

50. Baraka, Amiri and  
Larry Neal, eds. *Black Fire: An Anthology of Afro-American Writing*