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Shirley Jackson, The Lottery

Langston Hughes, Salvation

Margaret Mead, A Day in Samoa

Martin Luther King, Jr., I Have a Dream

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Francis Bacon, Of Studies

Frederick Douglass, Learning to Read and Write

Ralph Ellison, Living with Music

NEW! **Maria Montessori**, The Montessori Method

Plato, The Allegory of the Cave

Camille Paglia, The North American Intellectual Tradition

William Stafford, Traveling Through the Dark

Nature and the Environment

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Albert Einstein, What is the Theory of Relativity?

Stephen Hawking, Our Picture of the Universe

Edward Hoagland, Earth's Eye

May Swenson, The Universe

Lewis Thomas, On Natural Death

Charles Darwin, Understanding Natural Selection

Rachel Carson, A Fable for Tomorrow

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Susan B. Anthony, Women's Right to Vote
Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions
Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Address to Seneca Falls Conference
Virginia Woolf, Professions for Women
Mary Wollstonecraft, A Vindication of the Rights of Woman

Politics and Society

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Malcolm Gladwell, The Tipping Point
Thomas Jefferson, The Declaration of Independence
NEW! **The Koran**, Muhammad's Night Journey
Niccolo Machiavelli, Of the Things for Which Men, and Especially Princes, are Praised or Blamed
Thomas Paine, Rights of Man (excerpt)
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Edward Said, Stereotyping of Arabs by the U.S. Ensures Years of Turmoil
Henry David Thoreau, Civil Disobedience

Ethics and Values

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ACLU, Editing the Bill of Rights, An American Civil Liberties Advertisement
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Clarence Darrow, Address to the Prisoners in the Cook County Jail
W.E.B. DuBois, The Immediate Program of the American Negro
Martin Luther King, Jr., Letter from Birmingham Jail
Abraham Lincoln, The Gettysburg Address
George Orwell, Shooting an Elephant
Earl Warren, Brown et al v. Board of Education of Topeka et al.
William Butler Yeats, The Second Coming
Francisco de Zurburan, The Crucifixion