

Philosophy and Ethics A Level Reading List

Original texts

The Republic, Plato

Meditations, Descartes

On Liberty, Mill

Beyond good and evil, Nietzsche

Language, Truth and Logic, Ayer

An enquiry concerning human understanding, Hume

A history of western philosophy, Russell

Why I am not a Christian, Russell

Philosophical Investigations, Wittgenstein

Philosophy of Religion

The Essential Study Guide, Nigel Warburton

The Classics, Nigel Warburton

What Does it All Mean?, Thomas Nagel

Think, Simon Blackburn

The Problems of Philosophy, Bertrand Russell

The God Delusion, Richard Dawkins

Philosophy Files, Stephen Law

Philosophy Gym, Stephen Law

Philosophy, a guide through the subject, Grayling

Philosophy key themes, Baginni

Atheism: A very short introduction, Baginni (2003)

Philosophy: Key Themes, Baginni (2002)

The Philosophy of Religion: A Critical Introduction (2nd Ed.), Clack, B. & Clack, B. (2008)

Philosophy of Religion: A guide and anthology, Davies B. (2000)

Philosophy of Religion: A Guide to the subject, Davies, B. (1998)

An introduction to the philosophy of religion, Davies. B, (1993)

Philosophy of Religion, Hick, J. (1990)

The God of Philosophy, Jackson R. (2001)

The Philosophy of Religion, Mitchell B. (1971)

The coherence of Theism, Swinburne, R. (1993)

The puzzle of God, Vardy, P. (1999)

Ethics

Ethics made simple, Thompson

Being Good, Simon Blackburn

Practical Ethics, Peter Singer

Morality, Bernard Williams

Can Ethics provide answers, Rachels, J. (1996)

The elements of moral philosophy, Rachels, J. (2006)

A companion to ethics, Singer, P. (1991)

Practical Ethics, Singer, P. (1993)

Political Philosophy

Philosophy: Key themes, Baggini, J. (2002)

Ideology: A very short introduction, Freedman, M. (2003)

Key concepts in Politics, Heywood, A. (2000)

Political Philosophy, Knowles, D. (2001)

Law and Morals: Warnock, Gillick and Beyond, Lee, S. (1986)

Political Philosophy: A very short introduction, Miller, D. (2003)

Politics: A very short introduction, Minogue, K. (1995)

Problems of Political Philosophy, Raphael, D.D. (1990)

Political Philosophy: A beginner's guide for students and politicians, Swift, A. (2006)

Introduction to Political Philosophy, Thomas, G. (2000)

An introduction to political philosophy, Wolff, J. (1996)

Literature with a Philosophical Theme

Sophie's World, Jostein Gaarder

The Cider House Rules, John Irving (abortion)

Birdsong, Sebastian Faulks (war)

2184, Martin Parish (Genetic engineering)

Nineteen Eighty-Four, George Orwell

Film

Rope (directed by Alfred Hitchcock; starring James Stewart)

Minority Report (starring Tom Cruise)

I heart Huckabees

Total Recall (the Colin Farrell version ideally)

The Matrix (the first one, not the sequels)

The Truman Show

The Seventh Seal (directed by Ingmar Bergman)

The Baader-Meinhof Complex

Ex Machina or I, Robot or A.I. Artificial Intelligence

Doctor Atomic or The Death of Klinghoffer (operas composed by John Adams)

The Bicentennial Man

The Lawnmower Man

Waking Life

2001: A Space Odyssey

Blade Runner

Wall-E

Existenz

Short Circuit

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Being John Malkovich

Vanilla Sky

Surrogates

Avatar

Inception

Groundhog Day

TV

Hitch hikers guide to the galaxy

Radio

In our time Radio 4

Various topics – see link on VLE or go to Radio 4 website

Listen especially to

Kierkegaard

Hume

Logical positivists

Ontological argument

Scepticism

Wittgenstein

Relativism

Socrates

Journals & Magazines

[Think](#)

The Philosopher's Magazine

Philosophy Now

Richmond Journal of Philosophy

A practical guide to studying philosophy is Saunders, C. et al, *Doing Philosophy: a Practical Guide for Students*, Continuum 2008

Even more comprehensive guide

<http://www.alevelphilosophy.co.uk/resources/recommended-reading/#religion>