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| Common Sense | Convinces Congress to declareindependence from Great Britain |

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| James Thoreau | People must not obey unjust laws |

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| Ralph Waldo Emerson | Champion of the individualistSpirit in America, instead of’conformity |

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| Last of the Mohicans(J. Fennimore Cooper) | Heroism in the frameworkOf the French-Indian War |

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| Uncle Tom’s Cabin(H. Beecher Stowe) | Evils of slavery |

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| A Century of Dishonor(Helen H Jackson) | Plight of Native AmericansIn the 1800s |

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| Progress and Poverty(Henry George) | Rich should be heavily taxedOn land once a certain valueHas been met. |

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| How the Other Half Lives(Jacob Riis) | Poverty in the cities of the Gilded Age/Progressive era. Especially the ethnic neighborhoods of immigrants |

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| Looking Backward(Edward Bellamy | About the U.S. becoming a socialist utopia. Advances belief that all private property should be nationalized. Marxist ideas. |

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| Horatio Alger | The classic “rags to riches” theme |

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| The Influence of Sea Power Upon History(Alfred Thayer Mahan) | Said US must increase size of navy in order to be and remain a world power. Led to government creation of the Great White Fleet (Adm. Perry in Japan/worldwide tour to display US sea power) |

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| The Jungle(Upton Sinclair) | Exposed unsanitary conditions in meat packing industry. Led to passing of the Pure Food and Drug Act. Progressive Era. Author was a muckraker. |

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| The Lost Generation | Authors of the 20s like Hemingway and Fitzgerald who felt US society had become too materialistic. Moved to Europe and wrote from there, believing US society did not value their work. |

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| Grapes of Wrath(Steinbeck) | Depression-era novel of struggle |

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| On the Road(Jack Kerouac) | Beginning of “Beat” Movement, which spawned counter-culture of the 60s. Tale of young, penniless people crossing the country, avoiding conformity. |

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| Feminine Mystique(Betty Friedan) | Helped launch Feminist Movement. Women who seemingly had perfect life as housewives/mothers aren’t necessarily “happy”. Exposes unfulfillment of many women in that situation. |

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| The Silent Spring(Rachel Carson) | 1962. Helps launch the Green (environmental) Movement |